

Union Mills

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Save the Date!!



Next Meeting: March 28, 2009 at the Union Mills in Carroll County, MD.

The SPOOM Spring meeting is Saturday, March 28th, but there are two optional Friday events on offer. These start at Union Mills with beverages, pastries and fruit available from 8:00-9:00 a.m. One is a hands-on workshop, "Mill Stone Maintenance," that takes place at Union Mills. It is an all day event and there is a \$20.00 fee which includes lunch on site. Participants will have an opportunity to lift and turn over a runner stone, clean it, practice stone dressing, replace it and check for plumb and level, and test run the stones using wheat. The second option is a driving "History Tour" of the region including tours of at least two mills, passing two additional mills, lunch one one's own in Gettysburg, and a visit to a restored country store. There is no fee for this and car pooling is encouraged. A guide will be provided. If time permits, both options include the possibility of a tour of the Shriver Homestead. Arrangements will be made with a local restaurant for those wishing to gather for supper.

The Saturday meeting will be held on the second floor of the Shriver Mill. The customary \$5.00 donation at Registration will cover lunch costs with any residual going to the Chapter treasury. Beverages, pastries and fruit will be available between 8:00-9:00 a.m. The business meeting begins at 9:00 and after there will be a round-table discussion, led by Judy Grove, on the proposed development of the 2011 bicentennial celebration of Mid-Atlantic milling. After lunch, we will feature a presentation by guest speaker Christopher Gillis, who will discuss his newly published work, *Wind Power*. The day will end with open discussion on any mill-related topic. Participants are encouraged to roam through the mills during free time and stone-ground whole wheat flour will be produced during the day.

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Travel:

Union Mills is located 7 miles north of Westminster on MD Route 97 in Carroll County.

Accommodation:

- Best Western: 410-857-1900
- Day's Inn: 410-857-0500
- The Boston Inn: 410-848-9095

Information:

For more information, contact Marlene & Ivan Lufriu, 717-359-4363 or ivamar@netzero.net. To pre-register, please use the form below.

Mail form to: Ivan Lufriu, 458 Mud College Road, Littlestown, PA 17340.
Please make checks payable to : SPOOM- Mid-Atlantic

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Indicate Events you wish to attend:

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| _____ Friday "Stone Mill Maintenance" Workshop | _____ \$20.00, <u>OR</u> |
| _____ Friday "History Tour" | _____ No Charge |
| _____ Saturday Lunch | _____ \$5.00 |
| _____ Friday Supper | _____ # of individuals |
| Total Remitted \$ _____ | |

The New Administration for the SPOOM-MA Chapter

-- Bob Lundegard

The March 28, 2009 Chapter meeting will celebrate the leadership of Chuck Ives as the founding first President of our Chapter. Chuck laid the foundations and served for two terms as our first President. We all thank Chuck for getting the Chapter underway and establishing the policies and style for our continuing growth. I am pleased to follow his footsteps and to continue the good work that he started and the collegial and steady style in the conduct of his duties as president. I look forward to working with Robert McLaughlin, our new vice-president, and to Judy Grove, our new Secretary. Jane Sewell will continue as Treasurer. A new but familiar Board will be appointed at the March 28, 2009 meeting. I want to personally thank each of these persons for their willingness to serve.

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions of New Officers & Attendees**
- **Election of Board Members: Chuck Ives, Ivan Lufriu, Marlene Lufriu, Nick Yannarell, Charles Yeske**
- **Approval of Minutes of August 2008 Meeting-Judy**
- **Treasurer's Report on Members and Finances-Jane**
- **Summary Report on February 8, 2009 SPOOM Board Meeting-Ivan**
- **Report on "Every Member Gets a Member" SPOOM membership growth initiative-Bob**
- **Report on "Mid-Atlantic Milling Bi-Centennial"-Judy**
- **Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report to *Old Mill News*-Robert**
- **Report on mill preservation activities-Ivan**
- **Plans for Next SPOOM-MA Chapter Meeting (August 15, 2009)-Charles**
- **Roundtable Comments & New Business**

Special and Ongoing Projects:

Our projects: 1. for SPOOM membership growth, 2. for preservation assistance to mill owners, and 3. for spreading the word on the 200 year history of milling in the Mid-Atlantic region will be discussed.

The latter project will assemble and package items of milling history for presentation to the public. The packaging can be in the form of newspaper or web site articles, posters or flyers for display at mill events, audio/video anecdotes or documentaries for the media, or talks at mill meetings. The 2011 SPOOM national meeting at Colvin Run Mill will feature information on the Mid-Atlantic milling history that can draw on our assembled information.

Save the Date!! – May 15-17 Northeast Chapter Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills will take place on the weekend of May 15-17 at the Tidewater Motel in Vinalhaven, Maine. This splendid facility is built right on the site of an historical tide mill. Those of us who attended the recent meeting of the Tidemill Institute met the owner, Phil Crossman there. We will get a first-class tour.

Have a look at the Motel's web page (www.tidewatermotel.com <<http://www.tidewatermotel.com>>). I think you'll agree it's a spectacular site. We've reserved a block of rooms (at a group rate of \$100 per night) for Friday and Saturday May 15 and 16. I'll need to know around April 1 how many will come (and I would appreciate some response now - "yes" or "maybe"). In addition, there will be a reception/supper on Friday evening and a lobster dinner on Saturday (cost TBA).

Please reply to Tom Glick tglick@bu.edu



From the Tidewater web site;
Lower left : Millstream Cottage



Save the Date!!
SPOOM –MA Semi-Annual Meeting – August 15
Stover-Myers Mill - Bucks County

As I begin to plan the one-day meeting, which will include time for business, an informative talk, and a visit to one of the most unusual museums in America, as well as time to explore the host mill site, I am already looking forward to sharing time and history with my fellow members.

The mill was built in 1800, with modifications in 1834 and again circa 1880.

Still containing 3 pair of stones and much original milling machinery and equipment, it has been undergoing an endless restoration process. The most notable site feature is the “up and down” sawmill, also fairly intact. If the schedule for this year’s work can be met, the hurst frame should be in the midst of being dismantled.

The tentative schedule is to meet for morning refreshments beginning at 8:30 and then to launch into a business meeting around 9, followed by a site history talk, a presentation by Earl Brown (The Worldwide Global Flour Trade), box lunch and site exploration, and ending at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown (1/2 hour drive) in the afternoon. As some may know, the Mercer holds America’s best collection of pre-industrial tools and artifacts, including many mill related.

The fee will be modest, I promise. Use internet sites to find the site:
400 Dark Hollow Road, Pipersville, PA 18947 – or give me a call or email.

The possibility of a Friday tour of local mills in Bucks County is under Consideration.

Charles Yeske – cjyeske@co.bucks.pa.us – 215-489-5133



News from The Breneman-Turner Mill
--Ken Weaver, Chair, Breneman-Turner Mill Preservation & SPOOM Member

Progress continues on the restoration of the ca 1800 Breneman-Turner Mill on Linville Creek in Rockingham County VA. It was operated by J Howard Turner until 1988, the year of his death. In the latter years, he kept it going as a way of showing history to school children and other interested persons.



The Breneman-Turner Mill takes a step forward

This mill which survived the 'Burning' of the Shenandoah Valley by Union General Sheridan in 1864, had been attacked by mother nature over several decades. It's three masonry south wall was deteriorating and about to crumble in 2003 when it was donated to the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center. The attached picture shows the fractured wall and the bracing installed to protect it while major fund raising was carried out.



Photos: Ken Weaver



The Restoration of Peirce Mill, Washington, DC

--Richard Abbott

The Friends of Peirce Mill recently reported some key steps in the restoration of the mill, now nearing completion after twelve years of effort. The project began about six years ago with the complex and lengthy task of repairing the internal mill structure, now largely complete. Then last June the first phase of the machinery restoration was begun with the installation of a new main shaft. This interesting task, carried out with the aid of a large truck crane, was recorded and is available for viewing on our web site (www.peircemill-friends.org). Then this past fall a new pit gear was mounted on the shaft. The picture (right) shows the finished gear in place on the shaft.



Photo: Richard Abbott

The remaining work of restoring the wooden milling machinery will be carried out this year and next by our contractors, O'Rourke & Kiorpes, the mill restoration specialists who rebuilt the mill at Mr. Vernon.

It was through the fund-raising efforts of the Friends of Peirce Mill that all this work was made possible. Despite the fact that the mill is the property of the National Park Service, virtually all of the \$1 million raised to date came from foundations, corporations, and individuals -- with a recent assist from the District of Columbia government in the form of a \$100,000 grant. Approximately \$500,000 still must be raised to complete the project by installing a pumped water system to power the water wheel. It is hoped that the National Park Service will finally step in to help by providing at least half of this amount. We have suggested that the funds could from the President's economic stimulus package -- the water system is fully designed and is "shovel ready".



Save the Date!! – March 21 TIMS America



TIMS America ANNUAL General Membership MEETING & Mill Tour

8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 21, 2009

Anselma Mill
1737 Conestoga Rd.
Chester Springs, PA.

"ASK THE MILLWRIGHT"

09:00 - 9:45 AM Jim Kraker of Kendall Woodworking, Inc. will conduct a question and answer period to answer technical questions on Mill Repair, Maintenance, and Restoration.

"ASK THE MILLER"

9:45- 10:30 AM Mason Madden JR. of Coburn Run Mill, Va. and Irtas Smith of Copper's Mill NJ will conduct a question and answer period to answer milling operation questions from grain input to flour output.

10:30- 12:00 AM TIMS America annual general membership board meeting

1:00 -4:30 PM Mill Tour visits to three local mills:

The Mill at Anselma in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, the Mill at Anselma is an extraordinary addition of 750 years of Chester County's industrial heritage. Constructed in c. 1747 by Samuel Lightfoot, the Mill includes an original Colonial Era power shaft, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment ranging from the late 1700s to the mid 1900s.

Noth's Mill in Beckton Bend PA was built in 1770 by James Gobbson, and records indicate his bonded mill was registered in 1772. The mill passed through a succession of owners and in 1949, was purchased by Clarence Noth, and it has remained in the Noth family since.

Ressler's Mill: The Ressler Roller Mills and Roller family have one generation and operated by the Ressler Mill Foundation. The historic site, located at Shapovalov Road and Newport Road (Route 772) southeast of Leola. It was purchased by William Ressler in 1865, beginning three generations of Ressler family ownership.

There is no cost to attend the Annual General Membership Meeting.



TIMS America Mill Tour Registration Form

The Mill Tour registration is \$39.00 includes lunch, Mill tour, transportation, and entrance fees.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

MILL Attendance: _____

Mail this registration form and a check payable to TIMS America to:
Elizabeth Berg, TIMS America Treasurer, 889 Eleazer Rd., Blumens, VA 20136.

TIMS America is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. All Proceeds benefit TIMS America, a non-profit organization, supporting historical milling technology.

Release of Liability: I hereby release TIMS America and its Board of Directors, and the owners, agents, employees and volunteers of the mill sites to be visited from any and all liability of whatever nature arising from my participation in this event.

Signed _____

Date _____

Headline:

Contact: Susan @ 2550
700 West Wendover Avenue, Pottsville, PA, US, 19341 | Phone: (610) 594-4770
Ask for ANSEL MILL RATE \$79.00

The Inn at Chester Springs (formerly the Bear Whimsy)
815 North Pottersville Pike (Rt. 100 and Garden Drive), Pottsville, PA 19341-1597
(610) 565-1100

Hamilton Inn Great Valley
635 Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 30 at I-76), Pottsville, PA 19340
(610) 699-1313

Contact: Don Joyce DonJoyce@msn.com (540) 955-4489 or Irtas Smith,
ertasmiller@comcast.net (908)857-0027.



☞ Notes & News ☞

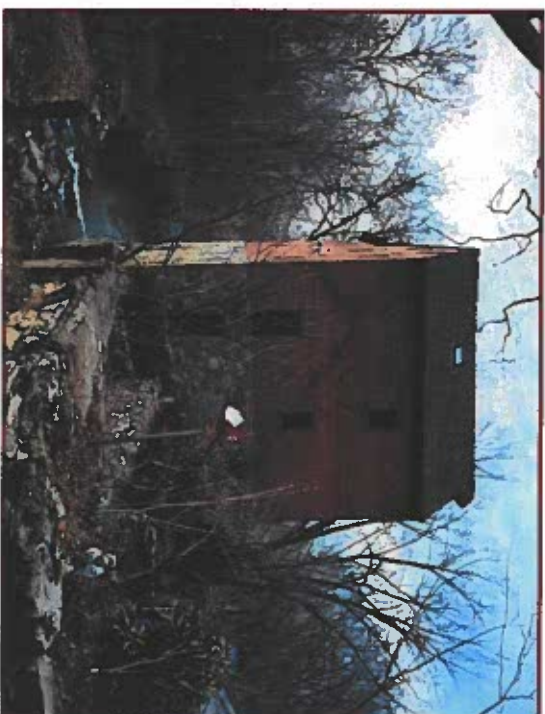
Will Flour Explode in 2011 or not?

Flour Explosion was suggested as a title for the Bicentennial of Milling Celebration that will coincide with the 2011 SPOOM national meeting at Colvin Run. Debate over the advantage of the shock effect versus the potential negative connotation of this title will be discussed at our March meeting at Union Mills. Regardless of the outcome of the debate, many people will be needed to plan for this special event. Judy Grove is serving as chairperson of the general planning committee; several subcommittees will be formed to address specific areas.

These subcommittee responsibilities include:

- (1) coordinating relevant research (Bob Lundegard, chair),
- (2) planning a chapter workshop to share assembled information,
- (3) identifying projected costs,
- (4) securing sponsorships,
- (5) preparing display and publicity materials to share the research and promote the celebration to chapter sites and related groups,
- (6) establishing a national or state milling day and a specific date for general open houses at all milling sites.

If you have interest and skills to serve in any of these areas, please contact Judy at JudyGrove@Verizon.net or 717-741-4366.



Pry's Mill, Washington County



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Offer Tours??

Interested in having your mill placed on the 'Mills open to public' list? Send a short description of your mill and directions to it, to: Steve Spring, 120 Harvest Lane, Sterling, VA 20164. Millfoto@aol.com.

Exhibition "Tide Mills of Western Europe" at Vila do Conde (Portugal)

We have the pleasure to announce that the touring exhibition "Tide Mills of Western Europe", supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Programme, is now visiting the Centro de Interpretação e Monitorização Ambiental de Vila do Conde (Portugal) until next 18 April.

The exhibition is still available for those interested during 2009.

More information is available at the website www.moinhosdemare-europa.org.

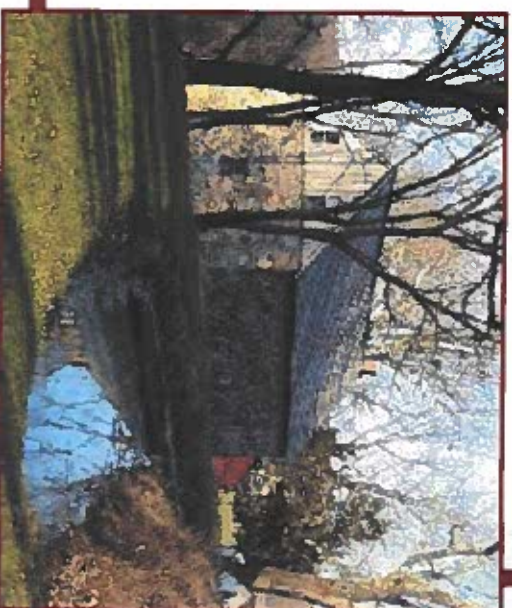
This site is at your disposal to spread information about other activities related with tide mills.



\$\$\$ DUES \$\$\$

Dues are now due on a calendar year basis, January through December, so it's a pretty safe bet that everyone needs to renew. This may be done at the March meeting or by using the form below.

The Mill at Anselma,
Chester Springs, PA



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the
Society for the Preservation Of Old Mills

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

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