

SPOOM (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills)
Mid-Atlantic Chapter Spring Meeting
April 24, 25, 26, 2025
Chester County, PA

LODGING: Exton Hotel & Conference Center, 815 N. Pottstown Pike (RT 100), Exton, PA 19341; 610-363-1100. Rate = \$79 + 11% taxes = \$88.00 for one King or 2 Double Beds, we have 5 rooms of each, so book early. Call and mention SPOOM for a reservation or go to: www.innsight.com/ibe/exton-pa/chesterhotelpa/reservations?room_check_in=2025-04-24&room_check_out=2025-04-25&promo_code=Chapter&rooms=1 to book online. Breakfast not included but available on-site or nearby.

SCHEDULE: NOTE: Wear Sturdy shoes for walking outdoors and climbing stairs in mills.

Thursday, April 24, 2025 - Evening Meet and Greet / Dinner: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Meet at **The Pour House** which features burgers, sandwiches & bar snacks with a big beer selection in an artsy tavern space. **Address:** 116 N Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA 19341 (across the four lane highway from our hotel) **Phone:** (610) 280-7900 Individuals order separately from **Menu:** pjspourhouse.com There is only one check, so be prepared to calculate your fair share. **\$1 fee holds your reservation.**

Friday, April 25 - * Bus Tour to Chester County Mills and Museums**

8:15 am Board tour bus at the Exton Hotel for 8:30 departure. Approx. 30 minute ride to the first stop.

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM East Pikeland PA Guided Tour: Snyder's Mill and Colonial Powderworks (site) and Covered Bridge – Exterior of restored mill building, active covered bridge, site of Colonial powderworks (destroyed by the British in the Revolutionary War).

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Charlestown Mill. Guided tour of a restored non-working woolen mill with a tour guide and some working equipment. 12:15 PM Board the bus for the trip to lunch and meeting in park nearby.

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Charlestown Township Park for Box Lunch and Meeting in open-air pavilion.

1:45 to 2:00 PM – A short stop to visit Thomas' Mill. A non-working mill viewed from the exterior, with Miller's House next door. Non-working pitch-back waterwheel is visible on the exterior.

2:30 to 4:30 – National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum, Coatesville, PA 19320. (formerly Lukens Steel) Guided tour of home and plant buildings from Rebecca Lukens (first female Industrialist) and her descendants, over decades of iron and steel production. Admission includes: The Lukens Executive Office Building, Visitor Center, 120" Mill Motor House, Videos, Exterior Exhibits & Grounds Booklet. ****Those interested in optional tours of the Terracina (1849 Victorian Ironmaster Home), and Graystone Mansion (1889 Collegiate Gothic Ironmaster Home) can pay \$5 that day.**

5:00 to 6:00 PM – Bondsville Mill. Partially restored buildings and grounds from 19th to 20th century textile mills which manufactured Kentucky Jeans and various products including WW II, including bomber jacket linings and Eisenhower jackets. Sturdy shoes recommended for walking outdoors.

6:30 PM – Bus returns to Exton Hotel, for dinner on our own, in Hotel, or recommendations nearby.

*****Friday Tour Cost of \$99 includes coach bus, tour fees, and lunch. Driver gratuity will be collected on the bus. Register for bus tour by April 14th.** **NOTE:** For the first time since pre-COVID days, bus transportation has been secured to provide the opportunity for socializing in transit and to simplify travel to sites, parking, and keeping to the schedule. There is no option or discount for individuals to drive on their own.

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Saturday, April 26: Breakfast in hotel or restaurant of your choice in the area.

Drive on your own to **Mill at Anselma** (30 minutes) 1730 Conestoga Road (Rt 340), Chester Springs, PA 19425, for tour of mill, view milling demonstration, and store. Snacks and drinks will be available all morning and prior to our departure. Parking available on site.

9:00 to 11:00 – Tour & Demonstration Grinding at **Anselma Mill**, 1730 Conestoga Rd, Chester Springs, PA 19425. A National Historic Landmark built 1747 as the Lightfoot custom mill and kept operating since 1998 by the Mill at Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust. www.anselmamill.org

11:30 to 1:00 – Tour of **Schuylkill River Heritage Center**, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville, PA 19460. This is the former location of the Phoenix Steel Company Foundry, which closed in 1987. The main building was saved from demolition, has been restored and is now a museum to the industries and natural attractions of the Schuylkill River valley in southeastern PA. www.phoenixvillefoundry.org.

1:00 – Lunch on your own in Phoenixville, PA (numerous locations).

Saturday Afternoon: Tour nearby Mills on your own. List will be available upon request at our Friday meeting.

*****Saturday Cost of \$25** includes tours of both sites and snacks at Anselma.

Registration Deadline for Friday Bus Tour is Monday, April 14th.

Contact 717-741-4366 regarding possible late registration availability for Thursday and Saturday events.

Name(s): _____ Mill Affiliation _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: : _____

	# Attending	Cost/Person	Total
➤ Thursday Meet & Greet 6:00 to 8 pm	_____	\$1/person	\$ _____
➤ Friday Bus Tour w/ Lunch (8:30am-6:30pm)	_____	\$99/person	\$ _____
➤ Saturday Tours, Demonstration & Snacks	_____	\$25/person	\$ _____

Check # _____ Date _____ Total Amount Included \$ _____

Mail completed registration form and check payable to SPOOM Mid-Atlantic to:

Judy Grove, Registrar
613 Green Valley Road
York, PA 17403

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Register/pay online (after March 21) using Online Ticket Sales tab at www.spoommidatlantic.org