



Aberdeen Mills

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

October 2010



Mid-Atlantic SPOOM Chapter Meeting Highlights

--Judy Grove

Bob Lundegard presided over the August 28, 2010 chapter meeting held Aberdeen Mills in Elizabethtown PA and hosted by Merritt and Katcha Neale. The balance in the treasury is \$3,211.12.

Ivan Lufriu reported on current mill preservation projects including Millbrook Grist Mill in MD; Burnt Cabins Grist Mill, Ulrich Mill and Coleman's Mill in PA; and Pierce Mill in D.C. Ben Hassett prepared a report on structure and will be restoring the water wheel at Poplar Grove Mill Matthews County VA. Today's hosts are seeking advice to restore water power at Aberdeen Mill. Ivan also reported that the SPOOM Bookstore is now located at Union Mills.

The slate of officers for 2011-12 was presented and will be voted on at the spring meeting.

Two new membership categories were approved: Organization (\$50.00) and Sustaining Member (\$25). The Organization membership dues will support the new website.

All member mills encouraged to hold a Mid-Atlantic Milling Day Celebration and Open House with special events on Sunday, August 28, 2011 in 2011. Materials will be prepared and distributed through the SPOOM MA chapter. Projects for *Flour Power – the Golden Age of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic States* continue. The Potomac River watershed of the Map Project showing grist mills and transportation routes in the Mid-Atlantic has been

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started; the other watersheds have not. Marlene Lufriu and Marjorie Lundegard are still collecting DVD's of Mid-Atlantic Mills. Submit names of potential sponsors for the Flour Power projects to Nick Yannarell at ntyann@verizon.net.

Our next chapter meeting will be in York County, PA and hosted by Judy Grove on April 2, 2011. The August 27, 2011 chapter meeting at Colvin Run Mill will serve as a prelude to the 2011 SPOOM national meeting. Full minutes are available at <http://spoommidatlantic.org/>

Following the chapter meeting, Merritt Neale gave a brief history of Aberdeen Mills. Theodore Hazen (Pond Lily Mill Restorations) presented a talk and slide show on Heishman's Mill – Design, Construction, Funding and Adventures of a Fish Passageway. After lunch, participants toured Aberdeen Mill and grounds or local mills under the leadership of Bob Kinsey.



◀ Heishman's Mill



From the Desk of the President

-- Robert Lundegard

I am writing this note following our very enjoyable and successful meeting at the Aberdeen Mills and before leaving for the SPOOM national meeting at Yates Mill. These two events are bookmarks for my current thoughts about the SPOOM mission. First my thoughts go out to Katcha and Merritt Neale. I want to thank them for their generous hospitality. Their Aberdeen Mills is a fascinating place and we all admire their dedication to its care and to making its history and facilities available to the public. From the Midget Marvel to the glacial stone fields and waterfalls we were treated to a special experience.

Our Chapter depends on those who step up to host our meetings. We learn more about Mid-Atlantic milling during our drive to a host site, hearing from our hosts about their mill and mills in the area, experiencing a tour through the mill itself, and breaking bread together. Through such experiences our Chapter becomes a team more able to work together to accomplish the SPOOM mission. We are grateful to all our hosts. The upcoming national meeting at Yates Mill has several sessions on topics of interest to our Chapter and to Mid-Atlantic mills. On Saturday October 2, there were discussion forums on “Meaningful Mill Interpretation and Marketing”, and on the ever present challenge of “Raising Friends and Funds for Your Mill”. We are all dedicated to offering a unique cultural experience to an ever-changing audience. We strive to expand the public interest in historic mills. We measure our progress by counting visitors and expanding our membership. Pancake breakfasts at our mills, bi-centennial celebrations, holding a national milling day at our mills, demonstrations of stone ground milling at our operational mills, the sale of mill products, and our national and chapter meetings all serve to provide a new experience to our public. SPOOM and its Chapters must lead the way if we are to keep the awareness and public interest alive.

Our next meeting will be in York County, PA on April 2, 2011. Our own Secretary, Judy Grove ,will be our host for the meeting.

We hope to see all our readers at our next meeting in the Spring. The details and directions for the meeting will be announced in the New Year.



SPOOM-MA Board Designates August 28, 2011 as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Milling Day

-- Robert Lundegard

The SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board, at our recent meeting at the Aberdeen Mills, passed a resolution designating Sunday August 28, 2011 as the “Mid-Atlantic Regional Milling Day”.

The resolution proposes that all the mid-Atlantic public mills participate in a coordinated celebration of the history of flour milling and its importance to the growth of early America. This industry not only provided food for Americans but through its world leading exports added to the capital for America’s industrial growth. This important history deserves to be recognized by our school children and the public at large. The purpose of this designated day is to expand this recognition through special educational programs at our mills. Leading up to the day of celebration we will support and encourage the preparation of articles in the press and in the media by the local organizers.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter will prepare advance materials for each mill participant to use in their communications with the media in their community. These materials will include draft press releases, information flyers and posters, commemorative stamps and bumper stickers, and guidance for press interviews.

A program for preparing and distributing this material will be presented to the Board at our next meeting in the Spring, 2011 in York County, PA hosted by Judy Grove..



◀ Peirce Mill. Venue of the 2012 Spring Meeting

SPOOM-MA APPEAL TO PUBLIC MILLS

I am Bob Lundegard, SPOOM Circulation Manager & Mid-Atlantic Chapter President. SPOOM needs your help. I am writing to the public mills in the Mid-Atlantic region to explore their interest in participating more actively in the SPOOM membership drive and in our Chapter events.

SPOOM and our Chapter have initiated two developments. Both involve reaching out, to those who may not be aware of SPOOM. The purpose is to introduce more persons to our Society and to seek new members.

The first development is the use of a new SPOOM “rack card” to be given to visitors to our mills. The hope is that public mills will find opportunities to interact with visitors who show an interest in the preservation of historic mills and may choose to join SPOOM.

The second development is a Chapter web site that can serve to link us together, advertise the public mills in our region, provide news of our activities, and be an archive for historical mill documents and photos. You can check out the prototype at www.spoommidatlantic.org.

This note asks you to consider two options. First, consider buying a packet of the “rack cards. Second, consider becoming an Organizational member of the SPOOM-MA Chapter.

The sale of the “rack cards” was announced in our last newsletter. Please check <http://www.unionmills.org/spoommidatlantic/docs/SPOOM%20May%202010.pdf> , page 5 to see the card.

Becoming an Organizational member of our Chapter for \$50.00 a year will advertise your mill on the home page of the web site. As a Sponsor your mill will have visibility and provide sustaining support for the web site.

We would like you to consider these two options and provide comments as we plan the next steps for further developments. Your feedback will be an important part of our discussion. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Bob Lundegard at: boblund@verizon.net.



BOB KINSEY'S MILL TOURS AT THE SPOOM-MA MEETING Part I

– Marjorie Lundegard

On Friday, before the August Chapter meeting, Bob Kinsey conducted a tour of some of the many mills in the Elizabethtown area. Judy Grove, and Bob and Marge Lundegard went on the tour. Bob is a resident of Lancaster County and has made a thorough study of the remaining beautiful and large mills of this region that was a major manufacture of flour in the 18th and 19th centuries.

We left the hotel at 2:00 p.m. and returned after 6:00 p.m. There were three very exhausted bodies that limped into the hotel after an exciting and rewarding day. Bob repeated the tour the next day for other participants in the Chapter meeting.

Most of the nine mills visited were constructed of stone. These mills had survived the passage of time in excellent shape. It appeared that most of these mills had inside water wheels or turbines. None of the mills visited were working mills. The buildings were being used as private residences, offices, or storage units. Most of these mills had pulley bag hoist units on the end of the each mill. Most of the mills had stone gable roofs. These mills were merchant mills. The mills were located in a major wheat growing area of very rich farm land. The first mill visited was the Nissley Mill that is located at 1347 Stone Mill Road, Elizabethtown, PA. This is a three storey stone building with an attic. The mill is 40' x 50' in size. The first mill on the site was built in 1747

by D. Phillip Glonginger. The present mill was built in 1813 by Joseph and Mary Horst. The mill is located on the Conoy Creek. In 1969 the mill was used as a chicken house. In 1994 the mill was converted to a private residence and apartments. The next mill on the tour was the Laabata Mill that is located on the Conoy Creek. The mill is also known as the Breneman Mill. The mill was built by Joseph and Katherine Breneman in 1797. This is two and a half storey mill that is 60' x 80' in size. The mill is now used as an office.



▲ Nissley Mill



◀ Labata Mill

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BOB KINSEY'S MILL TOURS AT THE SPOOM-MA MEETING...(cont'd)

building. There were several millstones scattered around the mill. The mill ceased operations in 1943. There were other mills on this site before the present mill was built.

The next mill, the Share's Mill, which is also spelled Sherer and Sharer, is on the Donegal Creek and was built by Henry Sharer in 1803. The mill is now being used for storage of farming equipment. We were told that there was milling equipment inside the mill. The mill is also known as the Donegal Mill, the Marietta Mill and the Chickie's Mill.

Sharer's Mill ►



The first mill on this site was built in 1721 by John Galbriath and was of log construction. The mill closed in 1931. The mill is located in Mt. Joy on River Road. The mill has served as a barn, chicken house and storage building. The mill is located on the north side of the Marietta-Mt. Joy turnpike on Donegal Creek.

The Donegal Mill, also known as the Marietta Mill, is located on Donegal Springs Run and was built by Jacob Kребil, Jr. in 1830. The first mill was a stone mill built around 1775 by Abraham Stauffer. The mill is part of the Donegal Plantation. During the 1970's and 1980's, the mill served as a restaurant and museum. By 1995 the restaurant closed. Today the plantation is beginning to deteriorate due to lack of maintenance. The mill is a three and a half brick/stone structure about 36' x 40' in size.



The Newton Mill is located on Habecker Road. The mill stream is the Chickies Creek. The mill was built by John Houtz in 1804. The a three and a half storied stone structure about 48' x 54' in size. The mill is also known as the Risser's Mill. In 1722, James Roddy had a mill at this site. The current mill is in fair condition and being used for storage. The stone dam is intact and there is evidence of the tail race. The ceased operations in 1922.

◀ Donegal Mill

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BOB KINSEY'S MILL TOURS AT THE SPOOM-MA MEETING...(cont'd)

Many thanks to Bob Kinsley for conducting such wonderful mill tours. Also many thanks to the Neale's for hosting such a wonderful and memorable event.

Newton Mill ►

☮ Save the Date ☮

Heritage & Sustainability 6th Annual Tide Mill Conference

The Tide Mill Institute

Nov. 12 - Informal Reception at the Dorchester Historical Society 7-9pm, 195 Boston St., Dorchester, MA

Nov. 13 –Conference: Old Schwamb Mill, Arlington, MA
Registration begins 8:30am; presentations start at 9am.
A tour and demonstration follow.

Fee: \$20 Website: www.tidemillinstitute.org

Information/Presentations contact:

Bud Warren (bwarren@bwi.net) 207-373-1209

Earl Taylor (ermmwat@aol.com) 781-272-6700

The Old Schwamb Mill, built in 1861 and operating until 1969, is the oldest continually operating mill site in the United States.



Old Schwamb Mill ►



❧ Save the Date ❧



Scarecrow Making

Colvin Run Mill, October 24, 1-1:45 & 2-2:45pm
\$6

Make a friend for your garden or lawn. You bring the pants, shirt, hat and pantyhose (to stuff for head and body) and we'll supply the stuffing and know-how. No reservations required.

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to Susan by January 10th for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please remember to let everyone know about Spring Flings, Christmas Craft Sales, Pancake Breakfasts and all the fun and fundraising activities out there, as well as all the news and events related to your mills or mills in your neighborhood. Email to: slangle06@comcast.net.

Build your Dream (Gingerbread) Home

Colvin Run Mill, November 7, 1-2:30pm

\$10 per house, Registration required.

Program Code 266 486 1301 Young architects 6 through 10 design, decorate and landscape a pint-sized gingerbread house. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kiln Club Pottery Show & Sale

Colvin Run Mill, November 13-14; 11am-4pm

Honey Tasting

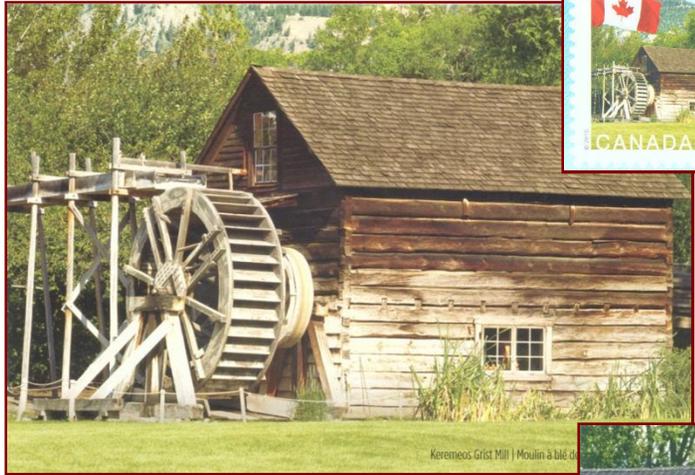
Colvin Run Mill, November 20; 10:30am-noon

\$22 per person, Registration required

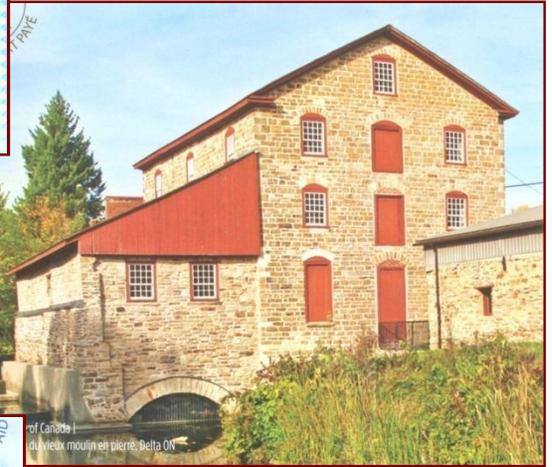
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Sample an array of single varietals and blends, from light to dark and mild to strong





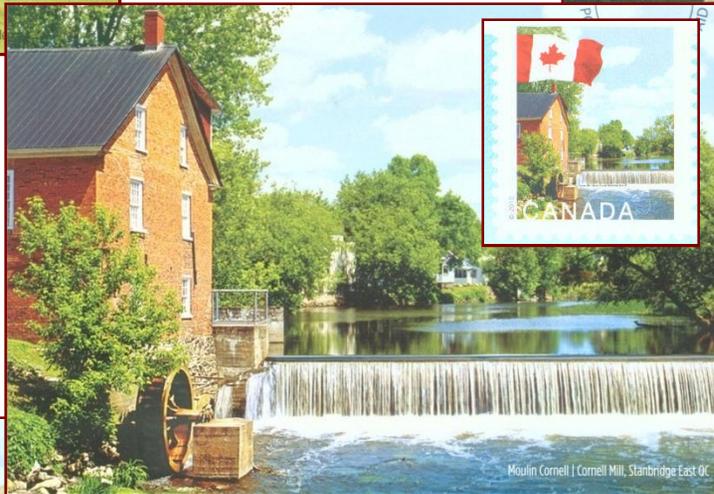
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issued this series of
5 historic mill pre-
stamped postcards
on **January 11, 2010.**
The images are the
fronts of the cards and
the matching stamps
from the reverse.



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Keremeos, BC

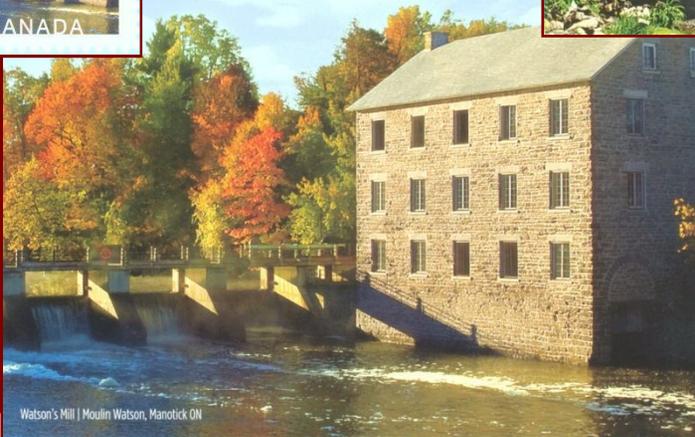
Old Stone Mill, Delta, ON ▲

Cornell Mill, Standbridge, QC ►



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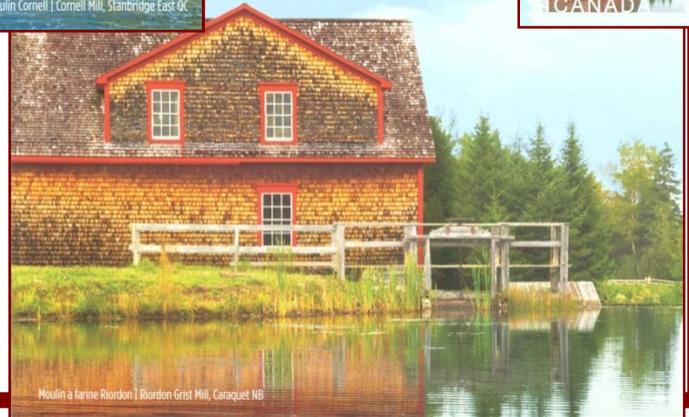
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◀ Watson's Mill,
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Riordon Grist Mill,
Caraquet, NB ►



Moulin à farine Riordon | Riordon Grist Mill, Caraquet NB



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(newsletters are emailed or posted in web site when possible to save postage)

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