

**2017 SPOOM CONFERENCE – October 11 -14**  
**Pennsylvania's Lower Susquehanna Valley**  
**Featuring York and Lancaster County Sites**

**SPOOM 2017 Conference Hotel:**

**Wyndham Garden York**, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17408

Phone: 717- 846-9500 Website: [www.wgyorkpa.com](http://www.wgyorkpa.com)

Room rate \$109 (breakfast included). Mention SPOOM when registering.

Reservations need to be made by 9/10/2017 to receive the above rate.

**TUESDAY October 10:**

Evening: Registration opens for early arrivals at the Wyndham Garden.

**WEDNESDAY October 11:**

All Day: Millers Training at Bowmansville Mill.

All Day: Visit historic sites in York County or nearby Gettysburg Battlefield and Pennsylvania Dutch Country on your own. (List will be provided)

Evening: SPOOM Board meeting at the Wyndham Garden.

**THURSDAY October 12: Lancaster County Mills (8:15 Buses load at Wyndham Garden)**

**Aberdeen Mill** built in 1774 as a 3 story mill, rebuilt around 1900, operated until 2002.

[www.aberdeenmills.com](http://www.aberdeenmills.com).

**Mascot Roller Mill** built in the mid-1730s, enlarged 1820, transferred in 1865 to William Ressler for three generations of family ownership. Adjacent Ressler Family Home overlooks Mill Creek. Fully operational water powered mill uses turbines and roller mill equipment. [www.resslermill.com](http://www.resslermill.com)

**Bowmansville Mill** is a fully functioning water-powered grist mill and sawmill with both stones and roller mill equipment. [www.bowmansvillemill.com](http://www.bowmansvillemill.com)

**Landis Valley Museum** (Lunch) collects, preserves, and interprets the history and material culture of the Pennsylvania German rural community from 1740 to 1940  
[www.landisvalleymuseum.org](http://www.landisvalleymuseum.org)

**FRIDAY October 13: York County Mills (8:15 Buses load at Wyndham Garden)**

**Wallace-Cross Mill** 1826 custom grain mill with an overshot water wheel includes three floors of interpretive displays and historic artifacts.

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/parks-recreation/the-parks/wallace-cross-mill-historic-site>

**Muddy Creek Forks Roller Mills** built in 1847 and enlarged for roller milling in 1890; now preserved as part of the Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Village. Tour includes 1899 A. M. Grove Store and a trip through the scenic Muddy Creek Valley on a motor car train.

[www.MaAndPaRailroad.com](http://www.MaAndPaRailroad.com)

**New Park Wind Engine** features two rare open-g geared Aermotor power mills used on more prosperous farms at the turn of the 20th century to grind feed, cut fire wood, shell corn and other light chores. [www.newparkwindengine.com](http://www.newparkwindengine.com)

**Eden Mill** has the intact dam on Deer Creek and 3 generations of milling equipment. In 1917 The Fawn Grove Light and Power Company bought the mill and converted it to a power plant. The generators remain. [www.edenmillmuseum.org](http://www.edenmillmuseum.org)

**Friday Evening: Banquet at the Wyndham Garden**

**SATURDAY October 14:**

**Morning: Wyndham Garden York, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17408**

**Seminars**

- Introduction to Roller Milling – Craig Sansonetti, Muddy Creek Forks Mill
- Completion of the Oliver Evans System at Colvin Run – Mason Maddox, Colvin Run Mill VA
- Falls Mills Textile Roots – John Lovett, Falls Mill TN
- Impacts of Early Mill Dams – Dorothy Merritts/Robert Walter, F&M College
- Mill Structure Preservation & Suitability – Dan Campbell, Preservation Architect
- Interpretation-the Grist for your Mill: Docent Training - Sarah Bent, Walnford Museum
- Millers' Round Table Discussion – Problem Solving

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter Fall Meeting (Conference Add-on)**

**Saturday October 14, 2017 York County PA**

**Cost of \$20 includes lunch, Chapter Meeting and AIM tour**

**1:00 pm: Agricultural & Industrial Museum 217 W Princess St, York, PA 17401**

**Lunch**

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter Meeting**

**Afternoon: Tour of Agricultural & Industrial Museum (AIM)**

Celebrating the agriculture and industry of York County, this museum displays a full size operating gristmill, exhibits on enormous turbines produced by S. Morgan Smith for major hydroelectric dams, a York City trolley, early automobiles manufactured in York, a 72 ton ammonia compressor, and much more. More information can be found at their website: [www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums](http://www.yorkhistorycenter.org/york-pa-museums)