

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

July 2012



Double Mills

Photo: Edwin Remsburg

Mid-Atlantic SPOOM Chapter Semiannual Meeting

August 16-18, 2012

Double Mills Grist Mill

25815 Grist Mill Drive, Mardela Springs MD 21837

Site History

The Double Mills Grist Mill www.doublemills.org is located on the Barren Creek. The current structure dates from the 1870's with an addition completed in 1935. Restoration began in 2007 and is now in the second phase: replacement of the foundation and roof. The mill building has been lifted off its foundation since August 2008, while raising necessary funds to pour a new cement foundation. The raceway, damaged in a 1979 storm, will be replaced in a future phase. The mill has its original equipment and its turbine, which has been buried in mud for 32 years. (See also SPOOM-MA April 2012 Newsletter.)

Planned Activities

Thursday August 16 – Pre-Meeting Meet and Greet Picnic Dinner at the Adkins Historical Complex in Mardela Springs with live music and a tour of the museum and historical buildings within the Complex planned. Arrive anytime after 5 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. (No fee; preregistration requested)

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Friday August 17 – Tour of Mills on Eastern including Spocott Windmill, Wye Mill, Linchester Mill, Abbott's Mill, and possibly Hearn & Rawlings Mill. Lunch will be picnic-style on the grounds of the Frank Langrall Roller Mills (Linchester), an area which played such an important role in the Underground Railroad by the old BC&A Railroad Bridge on the very creek where Harriet Tubman smuggled fugitive slaves over 150 years ago! Meet at Adkins Complex at 8 am. (\$20 preregistration fee includes lunch and transportation)

Saturday August 18 – SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Meeting at Double Mills Community Hall begins with coffee and light pastries at 8:30 am and business meeting at 9:00 am, followed by a presentation on Pungo Creek Mills by Bill Savage. After lunch the group will view restoration progress at Double Mills and visit the Milling Exhibit at the Westside Historical Museum and the Adkins Complex & Historical Museum. (\$15 preregistration fee includes lunch)

Directions

Double Mills Grist Mill: Mardela is on U.S. Route 50. Coming from the east, turn right at the only signal light (Rt. 54) in Mardela Springs and travel approximately 1.5 miles. Grist Mill Drive will be on the right. The mill driveway has fencing on both sides. Coming from the West, turn left at the light in Mardela Springs on Route 50.

Adkins Complex (Thursday night and Friday Morning): Coming from the East on U.S. Route 50, turn left at the only signal light in Mardela Springs. Go a few blocks and turn right on Bratten Street to reach the Adkins complex. Coming from the West, turn right at the in Mardela Springs on Route 50.

Double Mills Community Hall (Saturday morning) is located at Snethen Church. It is approximately 1/10th mile past Grist Mill Drive heading north on Rt. 54.

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Suggested Overnight Accommodations

Courtyard Marriott - 128 Troopers Way, Salisbury, MD 21804

Rooms start at \$159. Approximately 12.5 miles from Mardela. Phone: 410-742-4405

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sbycy-courtyard-salisbury/>

Holiday Inn Express - 30232 Lighthouse Square Drive, Delmar, MD 21875

Rooms start at \$109. Approximately 13 miles from Mardela. Phone: 1-800-315-2621/410-896-9633

<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/delmar/ddroh/hoteldetail/directions>

Hampton Inn - 121 E. Naylor Mill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804

Rooms start at \$105.40. Approximately 12 miles from Mardela. Phone: 410-334-3080

<http://www.hamptoninnsalisbury.com/>

Country Inn & Suites - 1804 Sweet Bay Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804

Rooms start at \$120. Approximately 14 miles from Mardela. Phone: 1-800-830-5222/410-742-2688

<http://www.countryinns.com/salisbury-hotel-md-21804/mdsalisb>

Registrations due by August 8

VIA US MAIL: Send the completed form below to Judy Grove, 613 Green Valley Rd, York PA 17403 along with a check payable to SPOOM MA to cover all fees.

ONLINE: Use the **ONLINE TICKET SALES** tab at the www.spoommidatlantic website to register and pay using a credit card. Be sure you select each of the three events that you plan to attend using the **ADD MORE** feature.

NOTE: There is no fee for those attending just the Saturday meeting.

QUESTIONS: Contact 717-741-4366 or JudyGrove@Verizon.net.

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**Mid-Atlantic SPOOM August 2012 Chapter Meeting Registration
Double Mills Grist Mill – Mardela Springs MD**

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Thursday Meet and Greet _____ @ \$0 _____

Friday Tour of Mills w/ lunch _____ @ \$20 _____

Saturday Meeting and Presentations w/ lunch _____ @ \$15 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED _____

Check # _____ Date _____



From the Desk of the President

-- Robert Lundegard

The Minutes of the meeting are posted on the Chapter web-site: www.spoommidatlantic.org. Highlights of the meeting included the appointment of Marlene Lufriu to chair and organize the Nominating Committee for the election of officers for the 2013-2014 term. The slate of nominees appears below and on the web-site. The slate will be presented to our membership at the August 18, 2012 meeting at the Double Mills, see the web-site for the full program and procedures for registration.

The SPOOM Mid-Atlantic/Friends of Colvin Run Mill/NVCC Map Project was described in an article in the Spring 2012 issue of *Old Mill News*. The report featured the York County PA arrangements with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) to insert the mill data from York County. We hope other regions in the Mid-Atlantic region can find a way to participate.

The software for the on-line interactive mill mapping system is being developed by NVCC and will be demonstrated at future SPOOM national meetings. Ownership of the system is currently in the hands of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill. This is a starting point for ownership. Our plan is to install the interactive system on www.spoommidatlantic.org and make its maintenance available to all Organization members of the Chapter. This will be a test of the SPOOM system maintenance structure. Long term, we envision ownership and maintenance to pass to the SPOOM national organization.

I want to thank the Double Mills, www.doublemills.org, for hosting our Chapter meeting on August 18, 2012. An exciting program has been arranged, go to www.spoommidatlantic.org for the details. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Slate of Nominees:

President: Robert McLaughlin

Vice President: Jon Joyce

Secretary: Judy Grove

Treasurer: Jane Sewell

☞ Save the Date ☛
40 YEARS OF SPOOMING!
2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MILL TOUR
BUCKS COUNTY, PA
SEPTEMBER 27-30

--Charles Yeske

Greetings!

The Stover-Myers Mill and the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation invite all SPOOM'ers and other friends of milling to join in celebrating the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills 40th Anniversary by attending the 2012 SPOOM Annual Conference, based in Bucks County, PA.

The conference planners have arranged a full program to ensure a memorable experience. Pre-tour events, a two day mill tour, picnic, banquet, bookstore, vendors, photo contest and 40th anniversary activities will be provided as will be the opportunity to catch up and relax with old friends. For those who can come early, or leave later, Bucks County and its environs offer visitors an incredible number of historic sites, unique shopping venues, antiques and art, great restaurants, and miles and miles of serene country drives on country roads and along waterways.

*Eight exceptional mills will highlight the tour schedule.
All but Stover Mill will be in operation.*

- The Mill at Anselma, Chester Springs, PA - 1747
- Bowmansville Mill and Sawmill, Bowmansville, PA - 1850
- Evans-Mumbauer Mill, North Wales, PA - 1800
- Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ - 1826
- Ralston Cider Mill, Mendham, NJ - 1848
- Stover Mill, Erwinna, PA - 1832
- Stover-Myers Mill, Pipersville, PA – 1800

Stover-Myers Mill



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40 YEARS OF SPOOMING! 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MILL TOUR (cont'd)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Early arrivals, Wednesday, September 26: Check-in, Conference & Hospitality Rooms Open

Thursday, September 27: Check-in, Conference Room Open, Pre-Tour Events

Friday, September 28: Check-in, Mill Tours, Picnic Supper

Saturday, September 29: Mill Tours, Banquet & Business Meeting

Sunday, September 30: Meet the Board

**So, save the date, then come on and help blow out the 40 candles on SPOOM's birthday cake that we'll have!
*Send in your registration soon, and circle the dates on your calendars.
Looking forward to seeing you all again!***

For more information contact Charles Yeske, Conference Coordinator, cjyeske@co.bucks.pa.us; 267-337-0955.

PRE-TOUR EVENTS – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 27, 2012

A DAY AT PENNSBURY MANOR – William Penn's reconstructed 17th century home.

- Beer Brewing – a hands-on demonstration of how beer was made with locally grown grains in the late 17th century.**
- Open Hearth Baking – bake 17th century flat breads on an open hearth using flour products from your mills.**
- Oxen Plowing – watch Bill & Red, the oxen, plow a field and then help “broadcast” seed for a winter crop of grain.**
- 17th Century Mills & Milling – presented by Steven Gimber, Assistant Professor of History, West Chester University.**

****Tour of the Manor, lunch and transportation included. Limited to 30 participants.**

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A DAY AT NEWLIN MILL – Archival Workshop & Tour

This workshop will teach you how to care for, organize and use your mill's (and your own!) collection of documents, photographs, books, journals, letters and other correspondence. It will help you in developing a collection policy, accessioning records, arranging and describing your collection, and getting the materials and supplies needed. A special treat offered will be the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the vast SPOOM collection of artifacts, publications, photographs and the like now housed at Newlin Mill as the official repository of SPOOM's archives. See what your fellow SPOOMERS have donated over the years, and take advantage of this chance to engage in some research for your immediate or future needs. Included in the day's activity is plenty of time to experience this operating 1700's mill and to explore the 500 acre park and historic grounds.

****Lunch and transportation included. Limited to 30 participants.**

COVERED BRIDGES (AND SOME MILLS) OF BUCKS COUNTY

Enjoy a leisurely day investigating most (and maybe all) of Bucks County's 12 historic covered bridges and viewing some nearby mills. Examples of early timber framing and truss engineering similar to that used in mill construction will be viewed inside, around and underneath these structures built between 1832 and 1882. Located in picturesque settings, some are adjacent to or near mills that you can photograph exteriorly and add to your personal mill lists.

****Lunch and transportation included. Limited to 30 participants.**

MUSEUMS OF DOYLESTOWN & CASTLE VALLEY MILL

•**MERCER MUSEUM** - 50,000 pre-industrial "tools that built the nation" collected by Henry Mercer are exhibited in his concrete multi-storied museum built in 1912-1916. A complete "Norse Mill" and many other mill-related items, including a sash ("up and down") sawmill, can be viewed. A National Historic Landmark.

•**FONTHILL CASTLE** - Mercer's 28-room home built of hand-mixed reinforced concrete in 1908-1910 contains tiles and other artifacts collected by him during his years as an archeologist. The interior architecture is as unique as the exterior. A National Historic Landmark.

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•**MORAVIAN POTTERY & TILE WORKS** - Built by Mercer in 1911-1912 entirely of hand-mixed reinforced concrete, the site was his factory for producing Arts and Crafts Era handmade decorative tiles and mosaics. It is now a working history museum still producing his tile designs. A National Historic Landmark.

•**CASTLE VALLEY MILL** - This circa 1800 gristmill is commercially producing a variety of stone-ground products utilizing restored and adapted milling equipment, within Mark and Frances Fisher's goal to totally restore the mill once owned by Mark's grandfather. Lots of interesting equipment!

****Transportation included. Lunch on your own in Doylestown. Limited to 30 participants.**

HOTEL INFORMATION

Crowne Plaza, 4700 Street Road, Treose, PA 19053 Phone: 215-364-2000

The room rate is \$109.00 per night (plus taxes), with a limited block of rooms reserved at that discount for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Check-in time is 3 p.m. and check-out time is 12 p.m. For more hotel information, visit: crowneplaza.com and follow links to the Treose location. (Be forewarned - the hotel is a silver dollar's throw from PARX Casino!). If you have difficulties in making reservations, or need alternate lodging, please contact the Conference Coordinator.

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Back by popular demand will be a Hospitality Room—a place to hang out, relax, shoot the bull, renew acquaintances, and enjoy some light refreshments (please bring some to contribute!). In addition to scheduled times to be open, the room can be made available at other times on request.

CONFERENCE GENERAL ROOM

Whether checking-in for the conference, vending products or services, displaying information on your mill, viewing entries in the photo contest, or buying great publications at SPOOM's bookstore, this is the room to find. Vendors and exhibitors who wish to reserve table space, at \$35 per table, should contact the Conference Coordinator by August 15. Mill brochures can be set out at no cost. The room will be open, tentatively, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday.

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2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MILL TOUR
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2012 Photo Contest

Photo contest rules are as follows:

- Open to SPOOM Members only.
- Amateur photographers only.
- Black & White and Color photos will be judged together.
- Photos must be matted – no glass or frames.
- Entries must be received prior to three weeks of the Conference.
- Limit two (2) entries per person.
- No member may win more than one prize.

Photographs: Must be a minimum of 8" by 10", may be black and white or color. Must indicate where it was taken on the label and must have been taken within the last two years. May not be re-entered from previous contest.

Matting: All photographs submitted for judging must be matted.

Entry forms: A label for each photograph submitted must be attached to the **BACK** of the photograph. The label should include: Photographer's Name, Title of Photography, Date and location taken. No identification should be placed on the front of the photo.

Liability: The utmost care will be taken of all work submitted. However, SPOOM and the conference host are not responsible for loss or damage and assume no liability for works not collected before the specified dates. All work is entered at the owner's risk. Entries will be returned following the competition only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Prizes for each category are:

1st - \$50

2nd - \$25

3rd - \$10

The conference host will select judges and winners will be announced at the banquet. The decision of the judge(s) is final.

Winning entries will become the property of SPOOM, which reserves the right to print photographs in the *Old Mill news*.

Send entries to:
SPOOM Photo Contest
c/o Steve Spring
120 Harvest Lane
Sterling, VA 20164

SPOOM 2012 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (one form per person, please)

Name _____ Mill/Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

General Registration Fee

\$195 to Aug. 15, \$225 afterwards _____

- No refunds after Sept. 1
- 2 day mill tour/lunches
- Breakfasts, picnic supper, banquet dinner
- Conference & hospitality rooms

Banquet Only (Saturday evening) _____ \$50 _____

Total _____

Payment - can be combined for more than one registrant, but separate forms needed for each attendee.

By check made payable to: Bucks County Parks Department Check # _____

By credit: VISA, MC, American Express (circle one) _____

Card # _____ Exp. date _____ Security code _____
(You may call in your credit card security code, if desired.)

Pre-Tour Events (Thursday, September 27)

*Send no payment now – pay at check-in registration since your fee will be determined by the event assigned on date registration received.

Indicate your preferences, 1 thru 4. These are optional events.

Day at Pennsbury Manor - \$70 _____

Day at Newlin Mill - \$50 _____

Covered Bridges - \$60 _____

Museums/Castle Valley - \$55 _____

Mill Tour Bus Schedules

Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29: **WARNING!** Some buses depart early (7:30 a.m.), so if you are not an early riser, you had best get your reservation in pronto, since seating assignments will be made based on date registration received.

Liability Release

The undersigned hereby releases the County of Bucks, its Board of Commissioners, the Parks and Recreation Department and its employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liability of whatever nature and kind arising from participation in activities of this sponsored event – SPOOM 2012 Annual Meeting and Conference.

Signature _____ Date _____

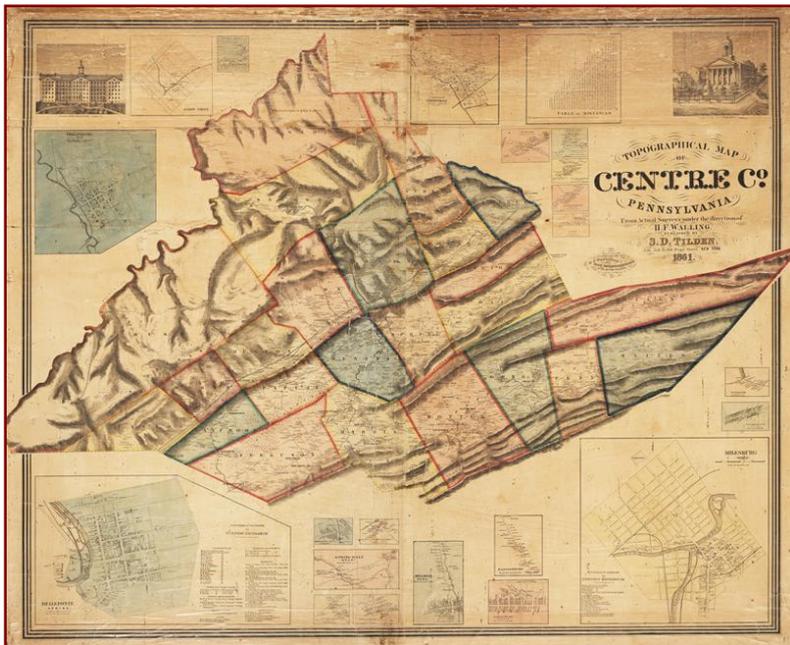
Mail to: Charles Yeske, Conference Coordinator,
152 E. Swamp Road, Bucks County Parks Dept., Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-6627(o), 267-337-0955 (c) cjyeske@co.bucks.pa.us

Centre County Mill Map Project

-- Bob McLaughlin

A year after sending an inquiry to the Geography Department at Penn State I received a reply that an undergraduate student was looking for a senior project and would like to tackle the Centre County Mill Map Project. A meeting with the Centre County Historical Society produced a plan and the project was on the way. Richard Fourroux, a senior in Geography at Penn State, took a scanned image of a map of Centre County from 1861 and cleaned up the roads and other infrastructure to produce the base map. The information about the mills from that era was overlaid on the base map. The Centre County Historical Society is working on finding historical photos and other information to add to the image to produce a poster sized map for display purposes. The map will also be the basis for other display options that have not yet been identified.

Anyone wishing to share information or historic photographs, please contact Robert McLaughlin at: rlm101@verizon.net



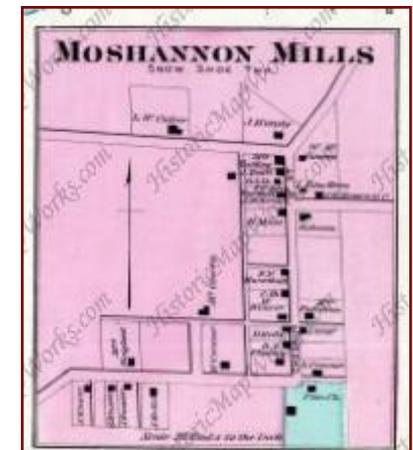
1861 map of Centre County, PA (left) and inset of Moshannon Mills from 1874 map of Snow Shoe 1 (right).

(Samples only, not part of the project)

Sources:

<http://ancestortracks.com/CentreCounty.html> (left) and

<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/12367/Snow+Shoe+1,+Moshannon+Mills/> (right)



Mills of the Azores and Canary Islands

-- Susan Langley

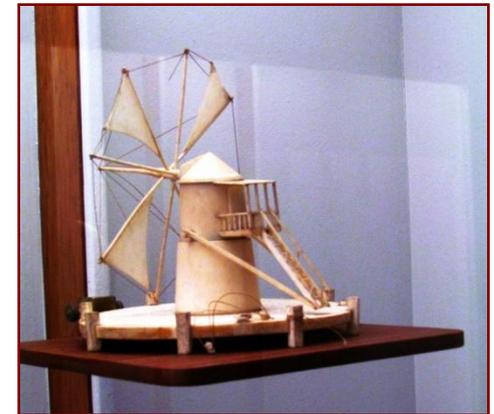
The Azores is an archipelago of nine islands which is an Autonomous Region of Portugal. Four distinctive styles of windmills are found on the islands, distinguished by region and not by use.



◀ This “Dutch “ style windmill sometimes has a conical versus domed rotating roof and has 4 cloth-covered sails. The wooden semi-ovoid tower sits on a stone base. The It is most common on the islands of San Miguel, Santa Maria and Graciosa.



◀ On the islands of Faial and Pico, mills have a truncated cone-shaped stone base with a rotating wooden tower and central staircase that acts as a stabilizing “tail.” There is a central mast projecting outward to which 8 poles are wired so as to support triangular sails.



Miniature Pico mill in whalebone at the Whaling Museum.

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Mills of the Azores and Canary Islands (cont'd)



- ◀ Mills on São Jorge are of two types, the earlier had 4 triangular sails without supporting latticework, but now most are narrow vertical mills on stone bases with rotors of 2 or 4 blades



- ▲ The Corvo Island design is a squat stone tower on a low stone base with the mast and 8 poles style as used on Pico and Faial. The double staircase from the base is also distinctive to this design. These mills are usually whitewashed.



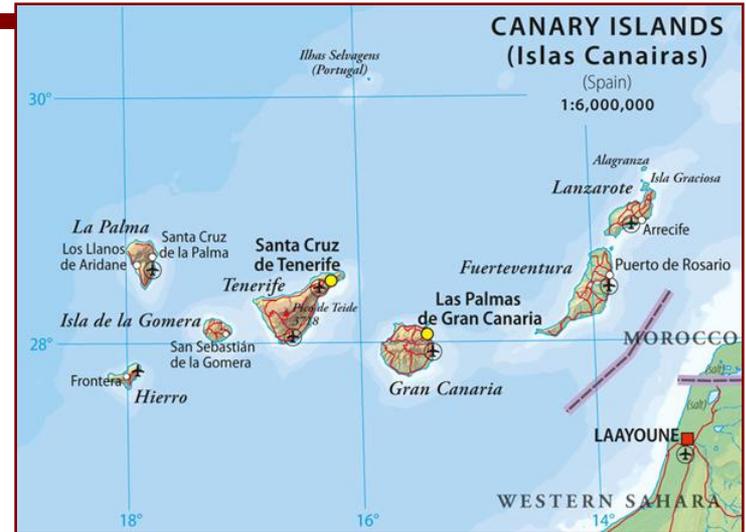
- ◀ On Graciosa, several styles of mills are visible. Some are being restored. The one here, restored all in stone, contains 2 apartments available for summer rental or weekends, see

<http://www.casasacorianas.com/azores/houses/moinho-da-pedra>

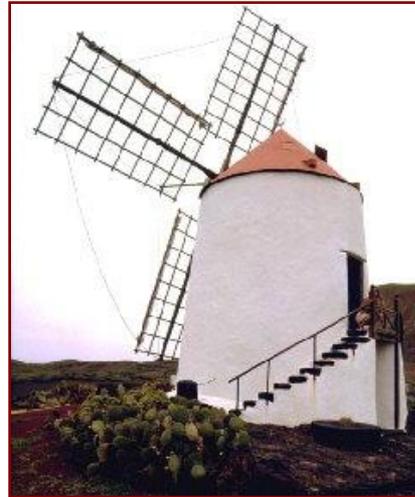
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Mills of the Azores and Canary Islands (cont'd)

The 14 Canary Islands are part of Spain and lie 100 km (62 mi) off the coast of West Africa. Mills are almost all in the “Dutch” style although there are some mast-and-pole examples. The one exception is the style North Americans associate with pumping water on farms, the multi-bladed metal wheel style. In the Canaries, this type is used almost exclusively to pump seawater for desalination.



▲ Lanzarote ►



Remains of a pole and mast style mill on La Palma. The interior is restored as a mill museum in association with a traditional pottery.



◀ Fuerteventura

Terneife ►



Tide Mills of Western Europe

-- Cláudia Silveira

The exhibition "Tide Mills of Western Europe" is aimed at helping to increase public awareness of these heritage buildings common to the European Atlantic Coast and the ways in which their potential has been developed. Organised as part of a project supported by the European Commission under the Culture 2000 Program and coordinated by the Ecomuseu Municipal do Seixal (Portugal), the exhibition is the result of the collective work of more than 20 institutions and researchers dedicated to projects related to the research, preservation, restoration and promotion of tide mills on European territory. This exhibition is in circulation around Europe since October 2005 when it was first presented at the Prat Tide Mill (La Vicomté-sur-Rance, Côtes d'Armor, France) and has received since then almost 100 000 visitors.



▲ Tide Mill of Bergen-op-Zoom

This summer, "Tide Mills of Western Europe" returns for new presentations in England which includes venues at the Eling Tide Mill, Hampshire (until July 13), The House Mill in London located near the main Olympic Stadium (during the Olympics, from July 25 to August 26), Woodbridge Tide Mill, Suffolk (from July 27 to September 9) and Ashlett Tide Mill, Hampshire (from September 10 onward).

A second exhibition set is visiting The Netherlands for the first time. The Westbrabantse Mills Society and the city of Bergen op Zoom host the exhibition which is on display at the renovated Tide Mill in Bergen op Zoom until September 9, where additional information about tide mills in the Schelde Delta has been included. On September 1, 2012, a one-day seminar will be held at the Old City hall (Oude Stadhuis) at Bergen op Zoom on the topic of tide mills. For more information you can contact Peet Quintus of the Westbrabantse Mills Society (peet@peetspalette.nl or www.westbrabantsemolens.nl).

The exhibition is still available for those institutions that might be interested in presenting it.

More information is available at the website <http://www.cm-seixal.pt/moinhosdemare/>.



◀ House Mill

Eling Tide Mill ▶



Check out mill preservation activities in the Mid-Atlantic area by going to:
www.spoommidatlantic.org and clicking on "Newsletters."

Steve Spring, our very talented chapter photographer, has added lots more photos to the Photo Gallery at our website. Take some time now to enjoy the pictures as a reminder of places you have enjoyed in the past or new locations to visit at your next opportunity.



Newsletter

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to Susan by October 5th, 2012 for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please use Word documents and jpgs whenever possible as pdf's are v. difficult to use. Also, please remember to let everyone know about Fall Fairs and Christmas Festivities, 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.



\$\$ MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Memberships run on the calendar year. If you have not already paid your dues for the current year, please use the attached form to do so or pay online from the Membership page on our website, www.spoommidatlantic.org. Additional forms may be downloaded from our website. Payments for each year may be sent beginning January 1. Individual memberships are \$10 with current SPOOM membership or \$15 without. Sustaining Memberships of \$25 provide additional funds for the support of mill restoration efforts within the chapter. Organizational memberships are available for \$50 and provide sponsor listing on our website.

Each membership provides the quarterly newsletter, information on mills and seminars, tax deductible dues, and invitations to mill tours and semi-annual meetings. Please submit your payment promptly so you can continue to enjoy your membership benefits. Encourage like-minded friends to consider joining as well. Also check out our website for more pictures and information.

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: _____ Milling Connection: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____
(newsletters are emailed or posted in web site when possible to save postage)

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- Individual, Member of SPOOM - \$10.00
- Individual, Not Member of SPOOM - \$15.00
- Sustaining Membership - \$25.00

Please indicate level of membership and mail this form with your check or money order to **Membership Manager, 613 Green Valley Road, York PA 17403. Please make your checks out to Mid-Atlantic Chapter.** Online membership payment is available through the membership page of our website www.spoommidatlantic.org as well. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a member in good standing of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and serves MD, DE, PA, VA, and DC.