

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Summer 2016 Newsletter



View From the Headrace

By Bob McLaughlin

We returned to Westmoreland County, PA for our spring meeting. The turn out was light, with only about 15, but we had a very pleasant tour of the Laurel Highlands of PA. It would help us in planning future meetings to know why people did not attend.

Our Group Exemption letter to the IRS was rejected. The IRS reasoning is that since some chapters have never filed the required paperwork the IRS feels SPOOM does not have enough control over the chapters to warrant a group exemption. It appears that this is the end of this process. We will need to discuss our next steps as well as our gift to SPOOM.

Officers will be elected at the fall meeting. The slate of nominees consists of Dan Campbell, president; Adam Sieminski, vice-president; and Judy Grove, Secretary/Treasurer. We will vote on these at the fall meeting.

I attended the SPOOM conference in California and presented our proposal to fund the project to clean out the Spring-house drain at the Mill at Anselma here in the Mid-Atlantic region. I am waiting to hear from SPOOM that the project is completed as proposed so we can issue the funds.

Mid Atlantic SPOOM has volunteered to host the 2017 SPOOM national conference as a joint meeting with the chapter. The folks at Aberdeen Mills have volunteered to be the host site. They are located in Dauphin County, PA near Harrisburg and were the site of our fall meeting in 2010. A committee is being formed to plan the activities. It includes Bob McLaughlin, Dan Campbell, Judy Grove and Megan Orient. If you would like to work on the committee or have any suggestions, feel free to share them with the committee.

Action items from the newsletter:

- **Send a note** to Robert, rlm101@Verizon.net, if you are willing to share the reasons you were unable to participate in the Spring 2016 Mid-Atlantic SPOOM meeting. This will help with planning future meetings.
- **Register** for the Mid-Atlantic SPOOM 2016 fall meeting (held Sept 8-10), by **August 19**. Discounted hotel reservations must be made by **August 8** (see story slide 5).
- **Register** for the 2016 national SPOOM meeting by **September 1** for early registration (See story slide 26).
- Mid-Atlantic SPOOM will be co-hosting/ planning the 2017 National SPOOM conference. If you would like to be involved in planning or volunteering during the conference, please email Robert, rlm101@Verizon.net.

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Mid-Atlantic Chapter April 2016 Meeting

Dan Campbell

The Mid Atlantic Chapter met from April 14 to 16 for our spring 2016 meeting in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, in a scenic, natural area of western Pennsylvania, known as the “Laurel Highlands”. The host mill was operated by St. Vincent's Archabbey and College, a Benedictine educational institution founded in 1846, now occupying 200 acres, in Latrobe, PA. We began with a meet and greet dinner for about a dozen members and guests at a popular café. We were particularly honored to be joined by local restoration contractor Robert Rightgen, plus his crew and client, who were coincidentally in the midst of relocating a former mill structure to rehabilitate into a home in the nearby hills.

Friday, April 15, we departed on a cozy tour bus led by Stacey Magda of the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau. Our tour traced the historic road which has traversed southern Pennsylvania from east to west since the Philadelphia to Pittsburgh Turnpike was completed in 1817. Our first stop was the Compass Inn Museum, an authentically restored stagecoach stop listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The first log-built section of the inn was built in 1799 and was used primarily by wagoners and drovers, who transported materials and drove animals to markets. By 1820 the building was expanded by the Armor family to include rooms for increasing business and more prosperous guests.



The St. Vincent Gristmill – Dan Campbell



Conestoga Wagon - Adam Sieminski

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell

The stagecoach stop operated from 1820 until 1862 by which time the railroads and canals were well-established, and stagecoach travel reduced. It remained in the Armor family for seven generations until 1966 when it was acquired by the Ligonier Valley Historical Society who restored it to its 1820 condition. The site includes the inn, and also a blacksmith shop, summer kitchen, wagon barn and other outbuildings necessary for the operation of the stagecoach stop.

www.compassinn.com In the early 20th century, this road developed into the famous Lincoln Highway connecting Pennsylvania and Ohio.

As we continued east, a quick mid-morning stop at The Pie Shoppe provided us with a tasty sweet treat and coffee boost, as we traveled along the scenic Loyalhanna Creek, coincidentally on opening weekend of the trout fishing season (a local attraction for out-of-town anglers). We slipped through more small towns and past historic Fort Ligonier where George Washington began his career during the French and Indian Wars around the 1750's.



The Compass Inn - Adam Sieminski

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell



The Mountain Playhouse – Dan Campbell



The Green Gables Banquet Hall – Dan Campbell

We were rewarded with lunch at our next stop - the Green Gables Restaurant and Mountain Playhouse. The Green Gables began as a roadside sandwich stand in 1927 by a young farmer Jimmie Stoughton, an entrepreneur, with an artistic flair. In the 1930's the restaurant was expanded, and as the Great Depression gave way to increasing prosperity, Stoughton decided to add a summer theater to further attract customers. He discovered an unused 1805 log grist-mill, and by 1939 relocated it, log-by-log, to his site and converted it into a theater, later adding an adjoining art gallery.

Since then, the re-purposed mill, known as the Mountain Playhouse has presented over six decades of professional theater entertainment. In the later 20th century, a large banquet hall was built of heavy timbers with massive oak tree trunks as 4 structural posts. The banquet hall was born from the imagination of Stoughton and his architect Teresa Mullane, who later became his wife. Their daughter Teresa Stoughton Marafino led us on the fascinating tour of this unique combination theater, artistic and dining venue, just off of the Lincoln Highway. www.greengables.com

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell

From there we traveled to the Somerset County Historical Center, which is managed jointly by the PA Historical and Museum Commission and the Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County. This large outdoor museum is dedicated to education about rural life in southwestern Pennsylvania, from pre-history to the present. It contains a variety of structures on a rolling hillside and nearby woods, some of the buildings are historical and others are recreated. We toured a log cabin, a timber and stone farmhouse, a stone and log barn, a large log cider press (and model of it) and a covered bridge, as well as the modern visitors' center. www.somersethistoricalcenter.org



Somerset County Historical Center – Dan Campbell



The Cider Press - Adam Sieminski

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell

Rockwood Mill Shoppes and Opera House (Rockwood, PA), a project of proprietors Judy Pletcher (the brains) and her husband Terry (both of them the brawn). Judy originally wanted a venue for a Women's Fitness center, and then fell-in-love with, and purchased the 3 story brick and timber mill building. It is conveniently located along the Great Allegheny Passage, a bicycling trail on a previous rail line from Pittsburgh, PA to Cumberland, MD.

As the project evolved, they discovered the huge second floor opera / theater space complete with stage, and returned that area to its former use, while adding modern amenities. They removed layers of grime and restored the extensive chestnut woodwork throughout the building. The commercial area on the first floor includes a gift shop and food venue; the former mill areas in back and upstairs contain antique and craft-sellers' stalls, (some of them in the former grain-bins) and even a coal museum! The adaptive re-use of the mill became an economic-driver for the small town of Rockwood, and a destination for travelers along the Allegheny Passage Trail. www.rockwoodmillshoppes.com



The Rockwood Opera House – Dan Campbell

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell

Saturday's activities were focused around the flour gristmill on the campus of Saint Vincent College. Shortly after the school and monastery's inception as a self-sustaining institution, the gristmill was built in 1854 to provide flour to their bakery, for bread to feed the monks and students, and to sell for profit. Because of the coal deposits in the area (the college is built over numerous coal seams), the mill has had no water-power, but was initially powered by coal-fired steam engines (later electric). Although a fire destroyed the college's bakery in the mid-20th century, the gristmill continues to produce flour for sale (available today). After an excellent informative video about the mill history and operation we were treated to a tour through the original structure, and subsequent additions from the 1870's and 1890's, each with their evolving heavy-timber construction techniques, but in a unified building design. We were lead by Father Paul, the long-time miller, and Brothers Matthew (the current miller) and Andre from Brazil, in their black robes (a bit incongruous in a flour-mill!), where they showed us several floors of past and currently-working equipment. They said that if we visited at night, we might have an encounter with their resident ghost of brother Majolus, who legend has it, was killed in the mill when his robe was caught in equipment. Then they confessed that they actually wear jeans and shirts when the equipment is running and they are working in the mill. www.saintvincent.edu



The Goup - Adam Sieminski



Father Paul describes the flour bolt - Adam Sieminski

April 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Dan Campbell

After the mill tour, we went to the Fred Rogers Center meeting room on campus (he was from Pittsburgh) to see an interactive display of his history, and a special quilt exhibit in their art gallery. There we conducted our semi-annual business meeting, over lunch. The 2 ½ day event was a great overview of the beauty and history of the Laurel Highlands of PA, and we were able to tour a working mill, as well as to see some fine, old mill structures being re-used in adaptive ways.

Daniel Campbell, AIA, Vice President – Mid-Atlantic Chapter SPOOM



Brother Matthew describes the mill operation – Dan Campbell

UPCOMING Mid-Atlantic Chapter Fall Meeting, Sept 8-10, 2016, Register by August 19

Judy Grove

Central Meeting Place/ Host Springfield Mills, Morris Arboretum

GO TO spoommidatlantic.org Fall 2016 meeting link for the registration information and form.

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn (15-20 minutes to Morris Arboretum depending on traffic)

2055 Chemical RD., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Discounted Rate of \$119 + tax a night available. A block of 15 rooms has been set aside for members; five rooms are available Saturday night should you wish to stay over until Sunday. Phone: 610-567-0900 for reservations and mention our group code **SPO** or online at: philadelphiaplymouthmeeting.hamptoninn.com. Scroll down, and enter the group code under the "Special Accounts" section. **Reservations must be made by August 8th to receive the discounted rate.**

Additional Hotel Options:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 430 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA19462. Phone 610-940-0400 (20 minutes from Morris Arboretum)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 432 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Ft. Washington, PA 19034. Phone: 1-800-972-2796. (20 minutes from Morris Arboretum)

Thursday, September 8, 2016—Evening Meet and Greet Dinner: 6 pm

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, 8400 Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill, PA. (5.6 miles—about 20 minutes—from host hotel.)

Metered parking on Germantown Avenue; three parking lots close by (\$1 an hour). Free parking behind restaurant but it is usually full.

Friday, September 9, 2016—Touring Montgomery and Bucks County

Price per person: \$50

8:30 am.—Depart from the Hampton Inn in tour buses (Parking is available for those staying elsewhere and need to park their car at the Inn.)

Mather Mill--Outside only; historical background and pictures provided by Bill Koons (20-30 minute stop).

Evans-Mumbower Mill--View an introductory DVD about the history of milling on the Wissahickon Creek and/or take a guided tour to see the mill in operation. Afterward, browse in the museum and see artifacts from the Mill's archaeological dig (1½ hour stop).

Peter Wentz Farmstead—The house, barn, farm buildings and garden reflect the German heritage of Peter Wentz, who also was a miller, and his wife Rosanna. They purchased the property in 1774; in 1777 it served as the temporary headquarters for George Washington. A guided tour of the house will be available; visits to other parts of the property are self-guided. We hope to have a brief talk from a local author who has identified various mills that were constructed along the nearby Zacharias Creek. A picnic lunch will be served (2 hour stop).

Fall 2016 Meeting (cont.)

Judy Grove

Castle Valley Mill —Located in nearby Bucks County, originally constructed in 1730 and restored in 1947 by the current owner's grandfather, who saved many milling machines and examples of technology and ingenuity when older mills in Bucks County were being torn down or gutted. From this collection, Castle Valley Mill has restored several antique mill stones and processing machines and put them back into operation. Using antique burh stones, the mill continues to produce the finest ground flours, meals, cleaned whole berry grains and grain mixes, which are sold to leading restaurants in Philadelphia, New York City and elsewhere. No products are sold at the Mill (1½ hours).

The Market at DeVal—originally run by the students of Delaware Valley College, which began life as an agricultural school and in 2014 became a University, the Market has a deli, a creamery, plants, fresh farm produce and the grains/flours produced by Castle Valley Mill, as well as clean, modern restrooms. It is well worth a stop, even a brief one, and is on the way back to Hampton Inn (20-30 minutes).

Saturday, September 10

Springfield Mills, Morris Arboretum

9:00 am--Springfield Mills Tour

Arrive and park at Bloomfield Farm, which is directly across from the main entrance to the Arboretum (both are off of Northwestern Avenue).

9:10 am--Walking Tour of Farm (on way to Grist Mill; will include the Horticultural Center, the Hog Wallow, Barn, Iron Pit, and Millers Cottage).

10:00 am--Grist Mill; will include a welcome and a comment on logistics, a group photo and a self-paced tour of the mill (stationary guides). Refreshments will be available.

11:30 am--Relocate to Visitor Center across the street for SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Business Meeting, which will begin at 11:45 pm. Light refreshments available.

After the meeting, lunch can be purchased at the Arboretum's Café if desired. An optional free Arboretum Guided tour also will be available or, if you prefer, you can take a self-guided visit to the gardens.

Extra: SPOOM members are eligible for Member Discount in Gift Shop

Registration Deadline for Bus Tour is Friday, August 19th

Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting

Judy Grove

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Society for the Preservation of Old Mills

Location:

St Vincent Grist Mill, Latrobe PA

Attendees:

See Attachment A

April 16, 2016

Semiannual Meeting

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting at 11:40 am. During the meeting, Rev. Paul Taylor, Br Andre Milli and Br Matthew Hershey were thanked for hosting the mill tour and meeting. Charles Yeske, SPOOM President, sent greetings and regrets that he could not attend. Minutes of the August 2015 meeting at Jerusalem Mills MD were approved as distributed. The balance in the treasury is \$10,994.17. See Attachment B for a detailed report. The 2015 account audit was completed by Craig Sansonetti and accounts are in order. The final 2015 finance report was distributed to members and is also posted on our website.

Membership: As of April 15, paid 2016 memberships include 42 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 4 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 19 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 13 organizational memberships (\$50) for a membership total of 78. Durham Historical Society is a new organizational member this year.

Website: There are 300 subscribers to the www.spoommidatlantic.org website. Beth de Francis reported that three articles are prepared for the launch of the blog feature on our website. Members will be notified once final issues are resolved with the launch. The suggestion to add a message requesting viewers to report inappropriate comments was made. Adam Sieminski moved and Terry Koller seconded a motion to add a disclaimer to website alerts and notices regarding auctions and sales of mills and equipment. Motion carried. Also, according to SPOOM bylaws, the chapter should not place a value on items for sale.

Project Report: Dan Campbell presented the report prepared by Ivan Lufriu. See attachment C. A motion by Linda Koons, seconded by Megan Orient to provide print copies of project reports passed. This will enable more efficient reporting of this important service provided by the chapter and allow time for clarification to the membership as needed during the Project Report time.

Old Business

SPOOM Chapter Group Exemption Status: The IRS notified SPOOM that the request to add chapters under their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was refused, but the formal explanation has not been sent. Once this is received, the chapter will determine their next step.

Mill Mapping Project: Progress continues with over 4100 mills listed. Bob McLaughlin prepared a map of Westmoreland County Mills to present to our hosts at St Vincent.

Nittany Antique Machinery Association (NAMA) in Centre Hall: Bob McLaughlin reported that their mill building is complete and windows installed. The next public show is June 6th, 2016.

Chapter Donation for SPOOM Grant: Upon completion of the draining of the spring at the Mill at Anselma, the chapter will pay the grant amount of \$575.

Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting, cont.

Judy Grove

New Business

Preauthorization for Chapter Purchases: On a motion by Adam Sieminski and second by Linda Koons, the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Board was authorized to make necessary purchases up to \$100 without requiring board approval.

2016 Fall Chapter Meeting: Bill and Linda Koons reported that plans are to tour four mills in the Philadelphia area on Friday, September 9 and then hold the meeting and tour Springfield Mills at Morris Arboretum on Saturday, September 10. The event will also be open to the public as an Arboretum course.

2017 Chapter Election: Elections for officers will be held at the fall meeting. Nominees are Dan Campbell for president, Adam Sieminski for vice president and Judy Grove for secretary-treasurer. These individuals have agreed to serve if elected.

Preservation MD: Dan Campbell reported on the Six-to-Fix program which partners with nonprofits to preserve six endangered sites to be fixed per year. The mill in Port Deposit MD is on the list. After discussion, the chapter decided to postpone any financial support until the property gains nonprofit status since SPOOM is barred from assisting privately owned entities.

2017 SPOOM Conference: The plan for odd-numbered years is to expand chapter meeting and open them to the national board and membership. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter was asked to launch this initiative. Merritt Neale of Aberdeen Mills in Elizabethtown, PA agreed to host. Suggested sites include: Hopewell Village (Iron furnace with waterwheel powered bellows) Cornwall Iron Furnace (State park with some Iron furnace related things), Voith turbine test facility in York, PA, Glen Allen Mill in Cumberland County, and Steve Kindig's Mill. Ron Funk and Nancy Bell of Bowmansville Mill may host a Thursday night gathering. Other activities include workshops, speakers (on ecological impacts such as sedimentation and wetland reclamation, for example), and miller's training were suggested. The chapter would request holding the national meeting on Thursday and the chapter meeting on Saturday as usual. A Planning Committee including Bob McLaughlin, Megan Orient, Dan Campbell, Mason Maddox and Charles Yeske will work out dates and details to present at the August meeting.

2016 SPOOM Conference: Marti Goetz of Bear's Mill in Greenville OH attended the Friday bus tour and gave preliminary details for the meeting to be held October 20-23.

The lunch meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Grove, Secretary

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Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting, cont.

Judy Grove

Attachment A

Chapter Meeting Attendees – April 16, 2016

#	First Name	Last Name	City	ST
1	Daniel	Campbell	West Chester	PA
2	Beth	DeFrancis Sun	Arlington	VA
3	Bruce	Gilbert	Springfield	VA
4	Judy	Grove	York	PA
5	Br Matthew	Hershey	Latrobe	PA
6	Ray	Kinard	York	PA
7	Terry	Koller	Dover	PA
8	Bill	Koons	Philadelphia	PA
9	Linda	Koons	Philadelphia	PA
10	Robert	McLaughlin	Howard	PA
11	Br Andre	Melli	Latrobe	PA
12	Megan	Orient	State College	PA
13	Adam	Sieminski	Washington	DC
14	Laurie	Sieminski	Washington	DC
15	Margaret	Sultner	York	PA
16	Rev Paul	Taylor	Latrobe	PA
17	Charles	Wagner	North East	PA
18	Karen	Wagner	North East	PA

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Judy Grove

Attachment B

Treasurers Report

2016 SPOOM MIDATLANTIC CHAPTER FINANCE REPORT					
Description	April 15	Aug. 15	Dec. 31	YTD	Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,929.02	\$ 10,994.17			\$ 6,000.00
INCOME					
4000 Memberships	\$ 1,135.00	\$ -		\$ 1,135.00	\$ 2,000.00
4010 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 895.00			\$ 895.00	
4020 Online Payments	\$ 130.00			\$ 130.00	
4030 Additional Donations	\$ 110.00			\$ 110.00	
4100 Meeting Registrations	\$ 350.00	\$ -		\$ 350.00	\$ 2,000.00
4110 Spring Meeting 2016	\$ 350.00	\$ -		\$ 350.00	\$ 1,000.00
4111 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 350.00			\$ 350.00	
4112 Online Payments				\$ -	
4120 Fall Meeting 2016	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4121 Cash/Check Payments				\$ -	
4122 Online Payments				\$ -	
4200 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00
4210 Ad Sales				\$ -	
4220 Insurance refund				\$ -	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,485.00	\$ -		\$ 1,485.00	\$ 4,100.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 11,414.02			\$ 11,414.02	\$ 10,100.00
EXPENSES					
5000 Meeting Expenses	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
5010 Spring Meeting 2016					\$ 1,000.00
5020 Fall Meeting 2016					\$ 1,000.00
5100 FACE Websites	\$ 127.35	\$ -		\$ 127.35	\$ 550.00
5110 First Quarter	\$ 127.35				
5120 Second Quarter					
5130 Third Quarter					
5140 Fourth Quarter					
5200 SPOOM Services				\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
5300 Mill Project Support				\$ -	\$ 500.00
5400 Office Supplies					\$ 50.00
5500 Credit Card Fees	\$ 6.50				\$ 50.00
5510 Insurance	\$ 261.00				
5520 Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 419.85	\$ -		\$ 152.35	\$ 5,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,994.17			\$ 11,261.67	\$ 4,400.00

Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting, cont.

Judy Grove

Attachment C

Mill Happenings – 4/16/2016

Oct. 08, 2015. Two auctions of note: On October 17, 2015, in Rural Retreat, VA, Jack Weaver, a longtime SPOOM member, is selling his five decades old collection of several milling pieces and trade items such as blacksmith, cooper, tinsmith, barrel making, etc. Advertised on Auctionzip.com. Then on October 30 in Hellam, PA with Auctioneer Dave Conley of Rentzels Auction Service, three Lieberknecht stone burr mills from Hellam, PA will be up for public sale.

Nov. 10, 2015. Judy received a letter from: Jeremy Young; Project Manager, Disaster Planning for Historic Properties, PA Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, PA. The request is for SPOOMs cooperation with AECOM Technical Services, who will be conducting a Historic Resource Survey in Monroe County as part of PHMC's Disaster Planning for Historic Properties Initiative, Monroe County. The goal is to produce a comprehensive inventory of hazard-prone historic properties for integration into the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan by identifying property vulnerability and appropriate mitigation strategies in the event of natural disasters. Individuals and organizations are asked to identify local landmarks and cherished historic properties and submit these to: Vanessa Zeoli, AWECOM team leader. Judy suggested that Steve Spring email the Monroe County SPOOM list to her and copy the Board. I (Ivan Lufriu) have had one encounter with this Disaster Planning Group and it was a total waste of time.

Nov. 10, 2015. Ryan Jenkins, Park Manager for Henry Horton State Park, Nashville, TN; is considering buying mill equipment for \$20,000. My response was that this was far too much to pay for mill equipment when it is usually hard to dispose of, and is often given away. Ryan was referred to millwright John Lovett in Belvidere, TN. Charlie Yeske's response was that SPOOM should not place a value on equipment like this; but instead make known the options such as newsletters and web sites.

Nov. 12, 2015. An email (via Charlie) from William Koucky looking to contact someone who can provide instructions on running an Allis Chalmers roller mill, in Michigan. He was referred to John Lovett, TN.

Nov. 20, 2015. John Goff, Preservationist, responding to David Plunkett, English mill enthusiast who was seeking info about old French Buhr stones. Several people with knowledge about stones were copied on this email.

Nov. 23, 2015. Dan Campbell, in response to an inquiry about a Smock Mill in New England. Looking for a group of advisors to help their mill. They were given the names Ben Hassett (Virginia Millwright), Jim Kricker (New York state millwright), the New England Chapter of SPOOM, the Spocott Windmill near Salisbury, MD (see website), and Alisa Crawford who operates DeZwaan Windmill in Michigan.

Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting, cont.

Judy Grove

Attachment C

Mill Happenings – 4/16/2016

Dec. 09, 2015. Bob McLaughlin was contacted by Carol Larro from Haddon Heights, NJ. She is looking for ideas on how to present a fulling mill site to the public. Some archaeological work has been done but all that is there now are four stakes that mark the corners of the building. It is on property owned by the city. She indicated that this mill processed the wool used by Betsy Ross to make her flag. She was referred to Harold Rapp, former SPOOM president, who lives in New Jersey.

Jan. 13, 2016. (an email forwarded by Judy Grove) Susquehanna State Park in Havre de Grace, Maryland is seeking a part-time miller for the Rock Run Gristmill for the spring, summer and fall of 2016. The mill features static displays of roller machinery, as well as an operational waterpowered stone, and shaker for grinding cornmeal. Experienced millers with good communication skills are preferred. Full time employment during the summer season is possible. The application deadline is January 26, 2016. An email address and phone number were given.

Jan. 16, 2016. Locke's Mill is for sale. Jon and Carol Joyce are wishing to put their mill – along the Shenandoah – into “younger hands.” Jon may be reached at: jonpjoyce@msn.com

Jan 22, 2016. John McGrain, who is not only Maryland's historian, but also an authority on Maryland mills, has recently published a book entitled JONES FALLS, POWERING INDUSTRY THAT PROPELLED BALTIMORE. Several copies have been provided to the SPOOM Bookstore, and are available at \$20 each. In the written history and photographs, this book details the history of the many mills along the river known as Jones Falls which empties into Baltimore's harbor.

Jan. 26, 2016. Charles Hockensmith, President of the Kentucky Old Mill Association, forwarded an email to SPOOM Board members from Mike Jeffords, who wanted assistance in learning the value of several millstones he owned. There are several people who buy and sell millstones, but SPOOM is not prepared to give a value.

Feb. 14, 2016. Judy Grove has provided information on auction of mill equipment in Quarryville, PA. This was an on-line auction scheduled for February 16 thru March 5. The person to contact for more details is Ron Funk of Bowmansville Mill, at 717-445-0111.

Feb. 23, 2016. Don Ditka is looking for any information about the Crittenden Mill in south Fauquier County, VA. Any information about its history should be directed to jonpjoyce@msn.com A second inquiry is from Gabriel Pawloski who owns Miceys Mills in Freeport PA, and is interested in connecting with some other enthusiasts as he plans for the future of the mill. thegabrielj@gmail.com

Minutes of April 2016 Business Meeting, cont.

Judy Grove

Attachment C

Mill Happenings – 4/16/2016

Mar. 15, 2016. Jeff Donat is looking for an old circular blade sawmill for display purposes to commemorate location of c1850 sawmill at Heller Homestead, Hellertown, PA. jeffdonat@hotmail.com. Charles Yeske provided a lead for this inquiry.

Apr. 05, 2016. An email via Charles Yeske from Mike Beck looking for information about an old millstone, 12 inches in diameter. John Lovett responded; his belief was that this was a sharpening stone for tools. If, however, the stone had furrows, it was likely a grist stone probably made by Meadows Mills

Apr. 14, 2016. The Annual Flower and Plant Market will take place at Union Mills Homestead on the weekend of April 29 and 30, and May 1. A variety of quality plants and garden-related tools and planters will be available. Rt 97, 3 miles north of Westminster. www.unionmills.org

Attachment E

Other Recurring Announcements

Mills Open to the Public: Steve Spring is compiling a list; to include your mill that is open to the public on the list, send the name (and web URL if possible) of the mill and your contact information to Steve at SPOOMMILLISTS@aol.com. If the mill is not already on the SPOOM Mill List, you will be asked to complete the Mill Survey Form.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic News: Submit items of interest for our twice yearly newsletters to Editor Megan Orient at meganorient@gmail.com. Time sensitive information may be submitted at least two weeks ahead of the event to Judy in paragraph form for posting on the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic website. Photos may be sent to Jean Sansonetti at sansonet@erols.com.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*: Vice President Dan Campbell sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to campbelldt@verizon.net by the first of February, May, August and November deadlines.

Chapter Member Contact Information: A few days prior to the event names of attendees will be sent by Email to those who pre-registered. Contact information for individuals may be requested from the secretary when needed. Information related to milling topics or events may be submitted to the secretary for distribution via Email alerts upon approval by the board.

Website Policy: Members receive one free posting (60 days) per year; nonmember individuals pay \$25 and nonmember organizations pay \$50. Ad postings are free if items are to be given away at no cost.

National SPOOM Conference, Oct. 20-23

Bob McLaughlin

The 2016 SPOOM conference will be held in Darke County Ohio near Dayton this year from Oct. 20-23, with pre-conference tours on Oct. 19. Plans are to visit Rock Mill in Lancaster, OH; Clifton Mill, Clifton, OH; James Leffel & Company, Springfield, OH; Staley Grist Mill; Tipp Roller Mill; and Bear's Mill, Greenville, OH the host for the conference.

Details can be found on SPOOM's website at SPOOM.org. Registration deadline is Sept. 1 for early registration.

\$\$ 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 semi-annual 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.

Newsletter

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to the newsletter editor by January 7, 2017 for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please use Word documents and jpgs whenever possible as pdf's are very 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: rlm101@verizon.net.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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

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Name: _____

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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.