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COMING EVENTS

Aug 18: Grinding; 12 –3, fee: \$8/ Adults, \$6 Child

Aug 18: Blacksmith demo, 11-3; free (planned; call to confirm 703-759-2771)

Aug 18: Wood Carving; 12– 3; lessons ages 12 and up. Free lessons, nominal charge for wood blocks **(Cash only)**.

Sept 1 & 15: Grinding; 12-3, Fee: \$8 Adults, \$6 Child.

Sep 1 & 15: Blacksmith demo, 11-3 free.

Sep 1 & 15: Wood Carving; 12– 3; lessons ages 12 and up. Free lessons, nominal charge for wood blocks **(Cash only)**.

NEW! Sep 22; 12-3: Stills & Ciders: Included with admission, learn about distilling and how ciders are made. Demo of a cider press and operation of a still (water only—no alcohol). Non-alcoholic cider samples included. Mill will be open. \$5/person, ages 3+

Oct 6 & 20: Grinding; 12 –3, fee: \$8/ Adults, \$6 Child

Oct 6 & 20: Blacksmith demo, 11-3 free.

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LUNDEGARDS TO BE HONORED



Bob and Marge in front of the newly re-named barn .

We are sad to announce the passing of Bob Lundegard on May 20. His contributions to the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site were remarkable and he will be sorely missed. However, his legacy will long be remembered, for, on July 24, the Park Authority Board unanimously approved a resolution to permit the naming of the barn the “Marjorie and Robert J. Lundegard Education Center” in recognition of their unstinting efforts over many years in support of the educational functions of the site.

Subsequently, the Park Authority also approved the award to them of the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award which recognizes significant contributions made by individuals, organizations, or businesses promoting the preservation/stewardship of cultural resources in Fairfax County.

Since first volunteering at the site in 1988, Marge contributed some 30,000 hours at the site, researched and published some 24 booklets on mills and mill sites in the Eastern United States, and donated profits from consignments to the site. She persuaded her life partner to also become a volunteer and Bob joined with his typical enthusiasm. He served as President of FoCRM and was a major advocate of a planned new education/visitor center. (Con't page 3)

Notes from the President

LOTS STILL GOING ON!

Of course, the approval of the naming of the barn for the Lundegards in recognition of their many contributions is wonderful news. The icing on the cake was their selection for the Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award at the same time. Everyone is invited to the dedication ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 AM in the Education Center.

We were saddened of course by the passing of Bob Lundegard in late May, before approval of the renaming proposal. His inspiration, dedication, and experience in all matters related to the historical preservation and advancement of the mill will be sorely missed.

The Great Falls Senior Center, at which Bob also volunteered, has offered a generous donation to the Colvin Run Mill site in honor of Bob. We are working the specifics of how this donation will best reflect Bob's contributions.

In other news, We've heard that the tea table we've ordered is well underway. And we've gotten another possibility for the construction of the elevator model.

Rich Doyle has taken over as the lead blacksmith and we welcome his energy and commitment. His review of the facilities indicated that some improvements are needed so the Board approved the immediate expenditure of funds to replace the fireboxes in the forge. Other equipment also needs to be replaced so we will work with Rich on the cost and timing.

Hope to see you at the mill soon,
Gene Bacher, President

Friends of Colvin Run Mill

Board of Directors News

2019 is the year for board membership elections and the establishment of a new set of officers.

Your current board membership:

Gene Bacher—President

Dan Dyke - Vice President

Mary Allen—Secretary

Kitty O'Hara—Treasurer

Wes Callender—Member

Larry Herman –Member

Jim Wallar—Member

Mary Allen has expressed her desire to retire from her long and faithful service as secretary so we will be looking for a replacement this fall. If you are interested in becoming engaged in mill support and are willing to attend our quarterly meetings and take notes, please call your President (703-622-4448) and submit your name for consideration. Likewise, please call Gene if you are interested in serving on the board but do not want to serve as an officer.

We will send out a Constant Contact message in late October or November with a list of candidates for the Board. Members (those on our list) each get one vote, or two if it's a joint membership. Votes need to be received by 12/31. At the first meeting of the year in January, the newly elected board votes for the officers. If anyone wants to add their name to be on the board, they should email Gene (genebacher@verizon.net).

Donations to the Friends of Colvin Run Mill make it all possible. Use PayPal or send a check to Friends of Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066

Tea Tasting Time Again

Starting on Sept 14, Laurie Bell will again begin her popular tea tasting seminars in the Education Center (formerly known as the barn). Each seminar costs \$35 and preregistration through ParkTakes is required using the ID code listed for each event. Each seminar will be taught by Certified Tea Specialist Laurie Bell and run from 1 to 3 PM.

Sat Sept 14: ABC's of Tea. Learn about and taste teas from around the globe – white, green, oolong, black and dark styles – their history; how they are similar and how they differ. Tea infused treats and a take home tea sampler included. Use ID Code 070.6BBA.

Sat. Oct 5: Exploring Teas. Advanced Workshop – For those who have attended past basic tea seminars. An exploration into unique teas – by process, terroir, and/or scarcity. Treats and a sampler included. Use ID Code 731.1973

Sat. Nov 9: What is Chai? Although chai is the Indian word for tea, Americans have adopted that word to mean a tea blended with spices. Learn about the many styles of masala chai, the base teas and spices used in them. Treats and a take home custom tea blend included. Use ID Code ED7.CB78

Additional seminars on Jan 11, Feb 8 and Mar 14 will be described in a subsequent newsletter.

Registration through ParkTakes online;
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes; or,

Talk to an operator at 703-222-4664, 9 to 4, Monday through Friday (have the activity code and your credit card handy); or,

Fax a registration form to 703-631-2004; or,

Mail it to FCPA/Parktates, P.O. Box 4606, Fairfax, VA 22038; or,

Call the mill staff at 703-759-2771 for help in registration.

Hope to see you September,

Laurie Bell

LUNDEGARDS AWARDS (Con't)

The Friends of Colvin Run Mill (FoCRM), with a generous donation from the Great Falls Senior Center, for which Bob volunteered many hours, is developing appropriate signage for the Education Center. A dedication ceremony, to which all members of FoCRM and the Great Falls community are invited, is being planned for Saturday, October 26, 11:00 in the Education Center.

The Mayo Stuntz award will be presented to Marge during the annual Elly Doyle award ceremony in November.

See FCPA web site for article:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2019/z-ir114>

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Fairfax Park Authority is responsible for:

- 427 Parks
- 327 Miles of trails
- 209 Playgrounds
- 5 Nature Centers
- Over 600 school and public athletic fields
- Equestrian centers, recreation centers, golf courses, and, last but certainly not least, historic sites including Colvin Run Mill!

So, while the Mill site is holding its own, we face a lot of competition for resources. Please let your Supervisor and Park Authority Board member know that you appreciate the site and the many educational and entertainment activities it provides.

COMING EVENTS (CON'T)

Oct 6 & 20: Wood Carving; 12– 3; lessons ages 12 and up. Free lessons, nominal charge for wood blocks (cash only).

Oct 12 & 23: 12–2 PM: Scarecrow construction. \$6 per scarecrow; Bring old clothes, we provide the rest.

Oct 19, 6 PM–8: Evening Harvest Grind; \$10 per person, ages 5+.

Four floor tours, Saturdays at 10:30, \$10 for this special 2 hour tour; Please preregister through ParkTakes. Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. **Ages 10+**

SPECIAL : Saturday, Oct 26, 11:00 AM. Dedication ceremony for the naming fo the barn as the Marjorie and Robert J. Lundegard Education Center.

LOOKING AHEAD:

NEW! November 10: Military Appreciation Day: Active duty, reserves and retired military are free with identification. Included with admission: Mill and house tours, living history demonstrations of life during the War of 1812 with the US militia and Navy. The Chesapeake Independent Blues will portray life as a Virginia militia man, while the Ships Company will discuss life in the Navy and how mills played an important role in feeding sailors. The Miller will be grinding ship stuff (conditions permitting).

December 14, Santa at the Mill: \$8 per person, ages 3 & up.

NEW MAP RESOURCES AVAILBLE

Jim Wallar has been working with the county archeologist on maps surrounding the mill. Software is available to develop detailed maps using existing county resources. A series of maps have been created showing land ownership, historic sites and aerial view over the years. These are under review by the staff and can be viewed by interested visitors by contacting the staff at 703-759-2771

LEAST WE FORGET



The south wall under restoration circa 1970.

The commitment the county made and continues to make to restore the mill site is truly remarkable. Attention to the physical plant along with the commitment of the staff to interpret the mill, the miller's house, and the store helps make the site the inviting experience that is loved by so many. And the introduction of new events (see "Coming Events") and a range of educational opportunities sets the site apart as a designated "historical site." Yes, it is historic, but as the Lundegards so clearly saw, it is so much more. The designation of the barn as an education center in their honor is most fitting.