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## LUNDEGARDS HONORED



The sign designating the former “barn” as the “The Marjorie and Robert Lundegard Education Center” has been installed and forms a lasting tribute to these remarkable volunteers.

## COMING EVENTS

**Sat, Feb 1, 1 to 3 PM: Tea Tasting.** \$35. Pre-registration required. See article on page 3 for details and registration information.

**Sun, Feb 9, Feb 23, and Mar 1: 12:30 to 2:30; Maple Syrup Boil Down.** \$8 per person. Come learn how sap from site trees is transformed in syrup over an outdoor fire. **Blacksmith demonstration on Mar 1, 11-3 weather permitting.**

**Sat, Feb 22, 1:00 PM: Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Sun, Feb 23, 1:00 PM: Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Sat, Mar 14, 1 to 3 PM; Tea Tasting.** \$35. Pre-registration required. See article on page 3 for details and registration information.

**Sat, Mar 28, 10 AM: Girl Scout Program.** (see page 3).

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## COMING EVENTS (continued)

**Sat, Mar 28, 1 PM; Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Sat, Apr 4, 10 AM, Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Sat. Apr 4, 1 PM, Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Sun, Apr 5, 6 PM to 8AM Monday, Girl Scout Program** (see page 3).

**Tues and Thurs, Apr 7 and 9, 1 PM, Puppet Shows.** Fee: \$6.00.

**Sun, Apr 5 and 19 12:00—3:00; Grinding season begins.** First and third Sundays thru October. \$10 for adults, \$8 for youths;

**Sun, May 10: Mother's Day Grind.** An all female staff will operate the Mill. House open.

## Notes from the President

The site's "simple machines" program has hit the big time! As it happened, the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum's Education Department was looking for some examples of simple machines and came across our Archimedes screw. To make a long story short, they came and filmed our simple machines and the screw to show how simple machines help them move planes and stuff during the museum's restoration. See the resultant YouTube video at

<https://youtu.be/ZFQRDHm05dE>.

Kathryn Blackwell is the star of the show. Hats off to all who developed, presented, and keep the program alive. Education at its best.

Our treasurer has provided the following financial report:

"The Friends of Colvin Run Mill (FOCRM) ended the year with total assets of \$39,081.81. Total income for the year was \$10,287.26 and the total expenditures were \$10,575.01. Besides providing support for staff training, site operations, and interpretation and programs, FOCRM contributed \$3,500 for the purchase of furniture for the historic house. A little over \$1,600 covered FOCRM's administrative expenses." The report can be found on page 5. In short, it was pretty good year financially. Thank you all for your contributions.

Continuing a now long standing spring tradition, the site will offer its annual maple syrup boil down in February and March. Don't miss this popular event (weather permitting).

*Dan Dyke, President*

*For everyone who follows us, an angel gets its wings.*

@FriendsOfColvinRunMill



## Friends of Colvin Run Mill

### Board of Directors News

The votes are in and you have selected the following members to form the Board of Directors. Positions were determined at the January 14 Board meeting.

Dan Dyke—President

Gene Bacher - Vice President

Jim Wallar—Secretary

Kitty O'Hara—Treasurer

Wes Callender—Member

Larry Herman –Member

Bob Coblenz– Member

We look forward to presenting Friends interests, suggestions, ideas and energy to the Park Authority and the site staff. Please contact us at any time with suggestions or complaints. Email Dan at: [dandyke@verizon.net](mailto:dandyke@verizon.net)

### FIREPOTS INSTALLED



Restoration of the forge is underway

Donations to the Friends of Colvin Run Mill make it all possible. Use PayPal (go to "focrm.org/membership") or send a check to Friends of Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA 22066

## TEA TASTING TIME CONTINUES

Laurie Bell continues 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, Feb 1:** Paring Premium Teas and Chocolate. Learn about the similarities of theobroma cacao and camillia sinensis, from their growing regions to their processing methods as you taste, compare, and pair special teas and chocolates. Treats and a take home custom tea blend included. Use ID Code 4C6.790B

**Sat, Mar 14 :** Savoring Green Teas. This seminar focuses on the tasting of various styles of green teas (no, they do not all taste alike!), and with proper brewing techniques demonstrated, you can find the perfect green tea for you! It is Pi Day so we'll enjoy some tea infused pie! Take home a tea sampler. Use ID Code: 52F.67D6

**Registration** through ParkTakes online; [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://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 in February or March!

*Laurie Bell*

## NOTICES:

**Park closed on Feb 17, President's Day.**

**Mill tours during weekdays may be limited in coming months.** Please call ahead or check the website for the latest information regarding operating status: 703-759-2771.

## MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

**Sunday, November 17**

The Chesapeake Independent Blues and Ship's Company were on site discussing the lives of militia and the navy during the War of 1812 and how mills like Colvin Run Mill played an important role in the early republic.



## GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS

\$11 per scout. Pre-paid registration required via ParkTakes

**Sat, Feb 22, 1:00 PM: Painting Artist**

**Sun, Feb 23, 1:00 PM: Play the Past**

**Sat, Mar 28, 10 AM: Senses**

**Sat, Mar 28, 1 PM; Bugs and Hiker**

**Sat, Apr 4, 10 AM, Outdoor Art Maker**

**Sat. Apr 4, 1 PM, Home Scientist**

**Sun, Apr 5, 6 PM to 8AM Monday, Sleepover**



## FOUR FLOOR TOURS

Take the opportunity to see all four floors of the mill to learn how milling innovations from the late 1700's made this mill a "modern factory" when it was built circa 1811. Tours are offered on Saturdays starting at 10:30 and there is a \$10 fee. Pre-registration thru ParkTakes is requested or call the site at 703-759-2771. Tours may last up to two hours and involve climbing steep stairs. Access to upper floors is not ADA-compliant but alternative arrangements will be made for those who cannot climb stairs.

## MIKE HENRY RECEIVES PLAQUE and TEMPORARY SITE MAMAGER NAMED



*Fairfax County Park Authority Board Chairman Bill Bouie, Mike Henry, and Park Authority Director Kirk Kincannon (left to right)*

On November 13, Mike was presented the Park Authority's service recognition plaque for his thirty five plus years of service to the Park Authority and to Colvin Run Mill.

Mike officially retired on December 24th

Managers from the Resource Management Division's eight other sites will serve in an acting capacity until the Site Managers position is filled.

## SANTA AT THE MILL



Once again, Santa arrived safely at the mill on December 14 and was greeted by some 350 visitors to the mill and the appropriately holiday decorated Miller's House.

## NEW MAP RESOURCES AVAILBLE

Jim Wallar has been working with the county archaeologist 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

## Summer Camp Plans

Four camps are planned on this schedule:

EcoCamp: June 29 – July 2

Doll Camp 1: July 13 – July 17

Doll Camp 2: July 27–July 31

Mini-Miller Camp: August 3 – 7

EcoCamp is the newest camp offering from Colvin Run Mill. It focuses on using materials youths can find at home to create useful and decorative crafts, while also teaching about the importance of recycling. Ages 8 – 11.

**Camp Registration is live on ParkTakes.**

**Friends of Colvin Run Mill (FOCRM)  
Treasurer's Report  
Tax Year Ending December 31, 2019**

This document shows in summary the status of FOCRM finances as of December 31, 2019. The details on income and expenses for the year are available upon request and provide the income and expenditures against the budgeted amounts for FY 2019.

**Summary of Assets and Obligations**

**Assets**

Certificates of Deposit (United Bank -2)	\$11,035.14
Checking Account	\$28,046.67

**Total Assets** **\$ 39,081.81**

**Obligations**

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Restoration Fund	\$ 9,487.89
Sam Swartz Education Fund, Historic Research	\$ 2,000.00
Mastenbrook Grant	\$ 456.06

**Total Obligations** **\$11,943.95**

**Operating Reserves** **\$ 27,137.86**

***Kitty O'Hara,***  
***FOCRM Treasurer***  
***Jan. 16, 2020***