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After conducting a national search, Hanford Mills Museum has hired two new staff members: Kajsa Harley as Education and Curatorial Initiatives Manager; and Amanda Manahan as Collections and Interpretation Coordinator.

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“Amanda demonstrated outstanding curatorial and interpretive abilities in her work here this summer, and we are delighted to welcome her as a permanent member of the Hanford Mills Museum staff,” said Callahan. Alan Rowe, who had served as the Museum’s Research and Preservation Coordinator, has moved to Indiana, but is still working on several projects for Hanford Mills Museum. Kevin Gray, who had been working part-time as the Museum’s program coordinator, will continue to work with the Museum’s CROP outreach programs.
2013 ICE HARVEST

Despite a few spring-like days before the event, the Ice Harvest Festival was a huge success. Over 700 people attended the Festival and many ventured onto the frozen Mill Pond to cut a block of ice. The Ice Harvest brought in some old friends, and we were also glad to see many new faces participating in a Hanford Mills tradition for the first time. The event was featured in news articles, in the first episode of Community Spotlight series on the TWC public access channel, and in a video created by Jessica Vecchione for Delaware County Tourism. Watch both clips on the Ice Harvest page on our website.

A big thank you goes out to all of the staff, volunteers and vendors who made this event so successful and enjoyable! We hope to see you at this year’s Independence Day Celebration to enjoy some homemade ice cream made with ice from this year’s harvest.

WATER TURBINE AND STEAM POWER PROJECT PROGRESS

For over a decade, Hanford Mills Museum’s staff and a core of dedicated volunteers have undertaken extensive research and planning to recreate elements of the Mill’s historic steam and water-turbine power generation systems. In 2012, years of work resulted in the completion of the power transfer system between the horizontal steam engine and the Sawmill. We made the best of the summer’s low-water conditions by operating steam power regularly and learning the nuances of running the Sawmill with steam power.

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GEARING UP FOR THE 2013 SEASON!

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