



2017 SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

May 20
**Afternoon Tea
Woodstove Cooking
Workshop***

May 27
**Free Family
Saturday**

June 17
**Free Family
Saturday**

July 4
**Independence Day
Celebration**

July 22
**Free Family
Saturday**

August 12
**Free Family
Saturday**

August 26 - 27
**Historic Coopering
Workshop***

**Workshops require
pre-registration*

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Spring 2017

THE NEWSLETTER OF HANFORD MILLS MUSEUM

Note from the Executive Director

As the Mill's demonstrations and tours shift into gear we have exciting initiatives to celebrate. For the third consecutive year the Museum has received a grant from the Stewart's Holiday Match for our "field trips for families." And, because of the popularity of this program, we are offering more Free Family Saturday dates in 2017. In addition to exciting hands-on activities for families, the first Free Family Saturday (May 27th) features live kids', folk and traditional music by "Catfish" Meyer. A few weeks later, on June 17th, the second Free Family Saturday will feature the opening of the Museum's new Learning Lab. We are delighted to see our field trips for families grow and excited that the Learning Lab will give our youngest visitors (and their families) an opportunity to try activities that encourage innovation and problem solving whenever they visit the site.

Our educational outreach activities continue to expand, thanks to grants from the Community Foundation of South Central New York and the Catskill Watershed Corporation. The grants will support programming to Kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms by supporting outreach in Otsego County, additional schools in Delaware County, and to schools in Watershed communities. The depth and breadth of our substantive on-site and outreach programming, and the variety of collaborative programs and initiatives the Museum participates in, were cited when the Museum was honored with an Award of Merit for Community Engagement from the Museum Association of New York at their annual meeting and conference in April.

The Board and staff will look at new ways to build on the momentum all of these engagement activities have achieved as we begin to draft the Museum's next Strategic Plan in the next few months. And the ongoing stewardship of our historic site will continue this season – watch for a new wood shingle roof on the White Barn and continued improvements to the Walter Smith Hardware Store (aka the building that houses the East Meredith Post Office and the Museum Shop). Less visible site stewardship activities include plans to improve the smoke and fire detection systems in the Mill, the stabilization of the head gate and headrace, and expanding event parking. It's an exciting time at Hanford Mills – I hope you will visit soon!



Liz Callahan

PS: I'd like to thank our Spring 2017 CGP interns, Cassidy Mickelson (left) and Samantha Strzepek. In addition to assisting at events like Earth Day (pictured here), they helped with the successful painting auction, grant writing, and the creation of Board orientation materials.

Learning Lab Opens on June 17th!

Hanford Mills Museum has a fun new place for young children and their families to explore, experiment and create. Opening June 17 in the white building on the far side of the Mill pond from the sawmill, the Learning Lab will offer hands-on activities and books that connect to power, energy, sustainable resources and more.

Thanks in part to a grant from the Museum Association of New York, HMM staff worked with museum education consultant Katie Boardman of The Cherry Valley Group to develop an engaging space designed especially for our youngest visitors. Katie's Applied Education class at the Cooperstown Graduate Program also contributed to the project. The Learning Lab, which is included with Museum admission, lets children learn at their own pace about topics that we explore in Mill tours and other education programs.

We will continue to add to the Learning Lab, and we will also be adding solar panels on the roof to advance discussions about renewable power.

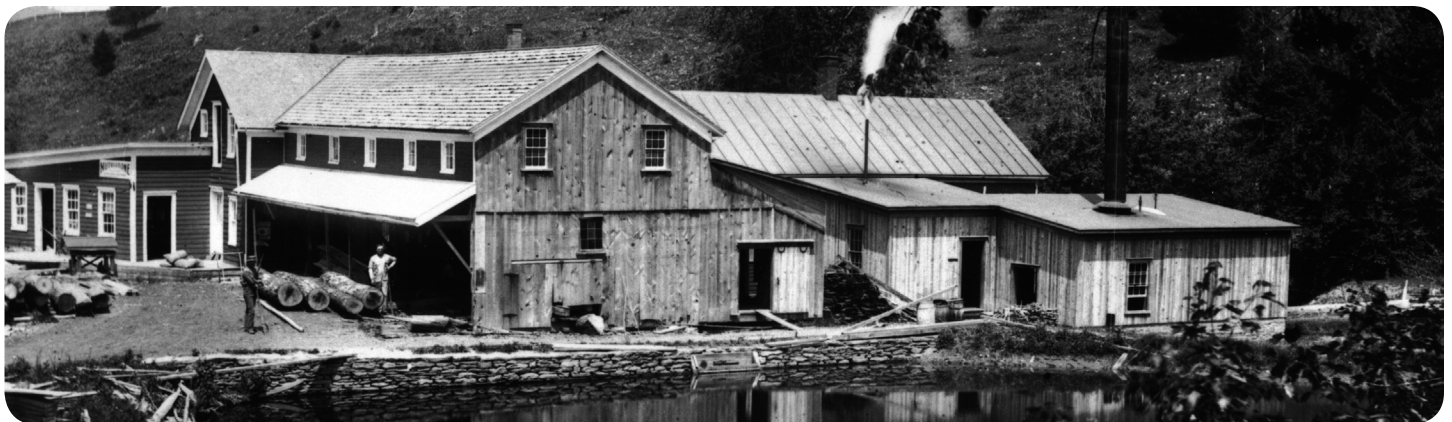
Let's Talk!

Join Hanford Mills Museum and the Cooperstown Graduate Program as we bring our oral history dialogue programs to new venues. All of the programs will feature audio clips from local oral history interviews. We'll be at the Delaware County Historical Association in Delhi twice, on June 3 at 2pm to share and talk about **Stories of Land and Water**, and again on October 21 to share stories related to women's history. And on October 15, we'll be at the Greater Oneonta Historical Society to hear and discuss stories from interviews about local businesses in Oneonta, including excerpts from Kitchen Table Conversations with Dr. Alan Donovan. We will also have a program at The Underground Attic Vintage Boutique in Oneonta in the fall (date TBD). These programs are part a collaboration with the Cooperstown Graduate Program's **Listen to Everyone** initiative.

Join us Saturday, June 17, for the grand opening. Members are invited to our spring reception and Learning Lab preview on the evening of June 16.



Cooperstown Graduate Program students worked with young visitors and tested activities at Woodsmen's Festival in 2016 as part of their work on the Learning Lab.



Education Outreach Moves Full STEAM Ahead Thanks to CROP, CFSCNY and the Catskill Watershed Corporation



CROP students at Hunter-Tannersville learn about how circuits transfer electricity.

The HMM education staff was thrilled to learn that the region's Creating Rural Opportunities Partnership (CROP) grant application has been funded. Through the CROP program, Hanford Mills and other program partners have been serving ten schools in the region for the past four years, resulting in over 8,000 student interactions. HMM's educators are excited to continue their work with the CROP students.

"The great thing about CROP is the continuity of the audience," says Brendan Pronteau, HMM's Interpretation Coordinator and lead educator. "Over the past few years, we've been fortunate to see students grow as we learn with them about Mill history and STEAM topics. Being able to build on that shared knowledge makes things easier and gives us a lot more opportunities to try new things." HMM is eager to continue working all of the CROP schools next year.

HMM will expand its outreach programs to schools in Otsego and Delaware Counties thanks to funding from the Small Grant program of the Community Foundation of South Central New York. The funding will support hands-on programs that highlight science, simple machines and problem solving, and that connect to the history and how work was done at the Mill.

Hanford Mills Museum has also received Catskill Watershed Corporation support to develop and offer hands-on, interactive outreach programs to Kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms in the Catskill-Delaware/West-of-Hudson Watershed. Through the outreach programs students will better understand how they play an important role in protecting water quality and conservation.

If you are interested in learning more about any of HMM's educational offerings, please visit our website or contact Brendan Pronteau at brendanp@hanfordmills.org.



CROP students in Andes experimenting different sizes of belts and pulleys to transfer mechanical power.

What is STEAM?

STEAM programming takes the principles of STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics) programs and adds in the Arts. Programs are often inquiry-based and encourage teamwork and communication.

Hands-On History with HMM Workshops



Historic cooper Bob Allers will teach a bucket making workshop on August 26-27.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to use a wood-fired cook stove, or make a bucket by hand? You can try both with our 2017 hands-on workshops!

Pamela Cooley is offering two historic cooking workshops in 2017. On May 20, prepare and enjoy an afternoon tea with a springtime selection of recipes drawn from early-1900s afternoon tea menus. Then enjoy the delicacies you have created at a tea table on the Hanford House's porch. On September 9, prepare a fall meal using seasonal ingredients, common early nineteenth-century techniques, and recipes from cookbooks in use in the 1920s, including Empire State Cake.

Come to HMM the weekend of August 26-27 to make a bucket with traditional cooper Bob Allers. Materials will be provided and participants will have access to tools and training in order to complete a reproduction household bucket from the early nineteenth century.

Please see our website for more information on all of these workshops. A Steam 101 workshop will also be offered in the fall and we will update the website and social media once it is scheduled.

Collections Inventory Initiative



The collections inventory team has completed the inventory in the Hardware Store and is now working in the Monroe House. Over 28,000 objects have been inventoried so far, including this set of farrier's tools for working on horses (above left). As the team inventories the collections, they add ID tags to items without numbers (above right). The team has now inventoried objects in more than half of the storage areas on site.

Spring Work at HMM

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped us prepare the HMM site for the 2017 season! Clockwise are pictured the Tessier family (top left), members of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity from SUNY Oneonta (top right), Glenn Linsenbardt (bottom left) and Bob and Eileen Adair (bottom left).



Festivals at Hanford Mills, Call for AEJ Exhibitors

As we look forward to welcoming visitors to the site for tours and demonstrations, we also are planning for the **Independence Day Celebration** on July 4, the **Dan Rion Memorial Antique Engine Jamboree & Powerfest** on September 9, and the **Woodsmen's Festival** on October 14.

The Antique Engine Jamboree features antique tractors, cars, pickup trucks, fire trucks, outboard motors, Doodlebugs, hit and miss engines, model steam engines, water-cooled and air-cooled gas engines, and more. Exhibitors and collectors help visitors connect with the ingenuity of the past. If you have an engine or vehicle to exhibit--or know someone who does--please call Brendan Pronteau, 607/278-5744 or email him brendanp@hanfordmills.org. Exhibitors who register by July 31 will get a free Hanford Mills Museum baseball cap and be entered to win a wooden bench made at the Mill. Thank you for your help in making the Antique Engine Jamboree an exciting event for the region!

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Free admission for school-age children and for up to two accompanying adults. Children 12 and under always receive free Museum admission.

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The Mission of Hanford Mills Museum is to inspire audiences of all ages to explore connections among energy, technology, natural resources and entrepreneurship in rural communities with a focus on sustainable choices.



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