



**HANFORD  
MILLS  
MUSEUM**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 2  
**Free Family  
Saturday**

September 9  
**Dan Rion Memorial  
Antique Engine  
Jamboree &  
Powerfest**

September 9  
**Fall Farmhouse Meal  
Cooking Workshop\***  
*Spaces still available!*

October 14  
**Woodsmen's Festival**

February 3  
**Ice Harvest Festival**

**\*Workshops require  
pre-registration**

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# MILLWORK

**Summer 2017**

***THE NEWSLETTER OF HANFORD MILLS MUSEUM***

## **Note from the Executive Director**

### **A Fond Farewell to Dawn Raudibaugh**

Mill Operations Manager Dawn Raudibaugh first worked at HMM in the late 1980s and early 1990s as the Mill Manager. When she moved on to other opportunities she remained connected to the Museum and supportive of its mission, and by the mid-2000s she was back in the Mill as a part-time seasonal interpreter. Since late 2007, when Dawn returned to manage the operation and stewardship of the Mill complex, she has enthusiastically shared unique and valuable perspectives and skills to enhance the Museum's overall interpretation, stewardship and preservation. Dawn is a talented craftsperson, an innovative problem solver, and a practical forward thinker, and she is always trying to "build a better mousetrap." All of these aspects of Dawn's thoughtful work at and commitment to Hanford Mills are visible throughout the Mill.

I'd like to also note that in addition to being our steady sawyer and really putting her heart and soul into the Mill's care and interpretation, we can thank Dawn and her partner Scott Gravelin for finding and managing the restoration of the horizontal steam engine that now powers the sawmill, and for working tirelessly to make sure that the Museum's steam power plant, the water turbine, and the waterwheel are carefully stewarded and kept in operation. Although soon Dawn and Scott will hop into their camper and drive off into the sunset, they have promised to return to volunteer. We wish them all the best in their well-deserved adventures and although it is impossible to "fill their work boots" we promise to do our best to continue the legacy of the great things they have accomplished. Please join us in saying thank you and happy trails!



*Scott Gravelin and Dawn Raudibaugh working with the sawmill.*

### **A Warm Welcome to Robert Dianich**

Many tools will be passed from Dawn to the Museum's new Mill Operations Manager, Robert Dianich, and there is much for Robert to learn about the nuanced and safe operation and stewardship of the Mill complex. Although it's impossible to "train" for a position like this, we are confident that Robert is well-prepared with strong

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training and education; well-rounded, practical mechanical and construction experience; and a passion for and experience with traditional woodworking and milling machinery. We will all work together to help him settle into managing the Mill. Robert will spend the next few months working closely with Dawn and learning the rhythm of HMM's daily tours and our special events. Together they will take the Mill off-line when it closes for the season in mid-October. By the time the pond freezes Robert will take the lead as we prepare for the 2018 Ice Harvest Festival and our spring season opening. We look forward to working with Robert as a staff team for many seasons! Welcome!



*HMM's two Mill Operations Managers: Dawn Raudibaugh and Robert Dianich will work together for the next few months as Robert transitions into the Mill Operations Manager role.*

Liz Callahan

## Collections Inventory Update

The collections inventory team has been hard at work on the last few collections-filled buildings with the help of our summer Collections Technician, Ashlee Lanier. The team has inventoried nearly 40,000 objects since the start of the project, which is funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The objects still to be inventoried are stored in HMM's White Barn, which has just received a new wood-shingle roof. The team will finish the full site inventory this fall.



*Horse-drawn tedder, Hanford Mills Museum collection (97HM0011).*

Many of the objects in the farm buildings are agricultural, including a horse-drawn tedder that uses moving forks to aerate the cut hay before baling it.

Once the physical inventory of the objects is complete, the team will spend the winter researching the objects and refining the Museum's collections records.

# HMM Special Events

## Independence Day Celebration

This year's Independence Day Celebration at Hanford Mills Museum was one to remember! With the help of our volunteers, vendors, and staff members, the Museum hosted over 600 people on the Fourth of July. As our staff and volunteers worked hard in the Mill firing the boiler to make steam power, providing demonstrations of the historic machines, and providing our visitors with hands-on activities, the Dave Brandt Chapter of Trout Unlimited helped the education staff host our annual fishing derby, where over 60 children caught just as many fish! Other highlights of the day included Barb Hanselman selling her delicious homemade pies (which paired well with our Mill-made ice cream), Tickled Pink's amazing BBQ, and the frog jumping contest, which pitted two dozen frogs against each other as they each tried to jump the farthest.

"The Independence Day Celebration is a culmination of our Ice Harvest Festival," says Brendan Pronteau, Hanford Mills Museum's Interpretation Coordinator. "By using the ice from February's Harvest and a steam powered churn to make the ice cream, along with the waterwheel in the mill, we're showing how we use waterpower in all three forms here at Hanford Mills Museum."

Now that the ice cream is gone and we've put away the churn for the year, Hanford Mills Museum would like to invite everyone back for the Ice Harvest Festival on February 3, 2018 to start the ice cream making process again!

## The Dan Rion Memorial Antique Engine Jamboree and Powerfest

While we are already looking ahead toward the Ice Harvest Festival, the next big event at the Mill is our Antique Engine Jamboree on September 9. It's shaping up to be a great event and we're expecting a wide variety of tractors, engines, and cars to fill the Museum grounds with the sights, sounds, and smells of antique machinery coming to life. The event runs 10 am – 4 pm and will also feature exhibits from Southern Tier Solar Works and the New York Power Authority on renewable energy and sustainability efforts in the Delaware County area.



*Jim Decker demonstrating his steam-powered tractor at a previous Antique Engine Jamboree.*

We'll have Mill demonstrations powered by steam, delicious food sold by Tickled Pink BBQ and the Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church, and the musical stylings of the Stoddard Hollow String Band. The Learning Lab will be open for our younger visitors to explore topics such as engineering, power, and sustainability with special hands-on activities. As school starts and the leaves start to change, this event is the perfect way to welcome autumn!

On Saturday, October 14, make plans to join us for the Woodsmen's Festival. The day will showcase logging, sawing and woodworking history.

## Dawn is Retiring!

Mill Operations Manager Dawn Raudibaugh will retire in late 2017. Since the late 1980s Dawn's talents, creativity and true care for the Mill have greatly enhanced the stewardship, operation and interpretation of the Mill complex. It's impossible to distill all of Dawn's contributions to Hanford Mills into a few paragraphs but the images here help to illustrate just a few aspects of Dawn's great talent, good humor and passionate commitment to making the Mill's operation safe and engaging. Dawn will be missed!



*Dawn with Steve Eastman and Keith Bott working on the skylight above the box room in 1988*



*Dawn and Bob Adair opening up the ice channel for the 2010 Ice Harvest Festival.*



*Dawn burling at the Lumberjack Festival in 1992.*



*Dawn operating the sawmill at the 2013 Independence Day Celebration.*



*HMM Interpreter Karl Wietzel and Dawn Raudibaugh in the millyard (spring 2017).*



*Dawn with the black walnut lumber pieces that were used to cover the steam engine cylinder ca. 2007.*



*Dawn with the HMM senior staff in 2015.*

## HMM STAFF

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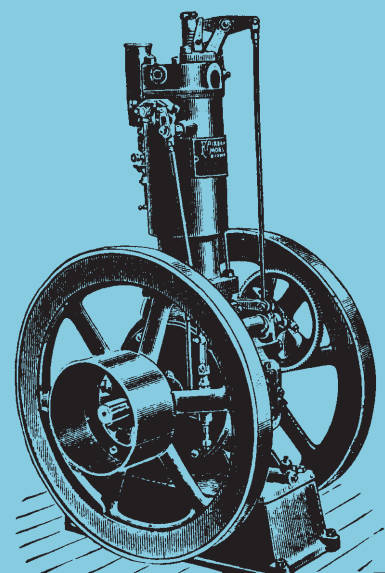
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## Dan Rion Memorial Antique Engine Jamboree & Powerfest

**September 9**  
10 am - 4 pm, site open until 5 pm

Steam & Gas Engines  
Automobiles & Tractors  
Renewable Energy Exhibits  
Mill Tours • Live Music • Food

**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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