



# GRIST From the Mill

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## Uncovering the Story of a Hearth



Removing plaster revealed significant pieces of the hearth's design and history – A) seat, B) original window, C) opening for stove from adjacent room, D) opening for stair to basement.

One of the central places in a home is its hearth. As such, the hearth often reflects alterations to a dwelling. Prior to commencing the planned restoration work in the Trimble House, a thorough study was conducted of the original 1739 hearth and chimney.

The first step was to peel back the plaster and expose surviving elements. The study revealed several notable features including a seat in the southern end of the walk-in kitchen fireplace. The original seat, although well-worn, remains in place. The lintel above the seat was vertically sawn and could have been the product of either Newlin's or Trimble's sawmills. Next to the seat is a rare hearth window. Although initially believed to be a modified oven opening, analysis revealed it has always been a window.

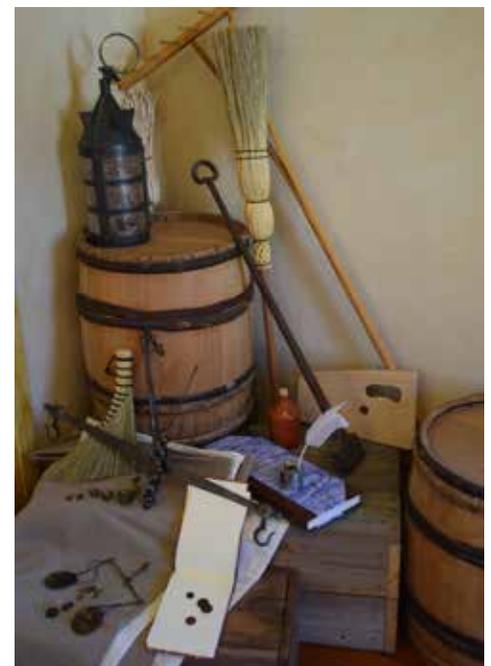
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## Exhibit Preview April 29

A new exhibit, "The Daily Grind: The Colonial Mill Rediscovered," opens on April 30th as part of regular guided tours. The exhibit is based on extensive research, and recreates the interior of an 18th-century mill. The exhibit reflects our current understanding of the daily lives of a miller, mill laborers and customers, and uses new furnishings in the mill to tell the story of colonial milling.

We invite you to be among the first to see the exhibit by attending a special preview event on April 29th, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments and craft beer from Twin Lakes Brewery are included. Tickets, \$7 per person, are available at the office or by calling 610-459-2359.



# Uncovering a Hearth, Continued

Considerable alterations were made to the hearth and smoke chamber after it stopped being used as a kitchen. Evidence in the plastering indicates where an iron stove slid into the smoke chamber. A stairway was cut into the hearth to connect the original kitchen with the basement of the house's middle section. A second stairway through the smoke chamber connected the floors above.

It was known previously that several modifications had been made to the chimney and it was assumed most of the smoke chamber and chimney were demolished during these alterations.

However, as plaster and other modifications to the masonry were removed significant sections of the original chimney were discovered. Enough of the masonry survived to reconstruct the exact size and angle of slope in the smoke chamber and flue.

Throughout the restoration we continued to make new discoveries. During removal of the patch for the iron stove, fragments of bricks and what might have been a lintel stone suggest there was once an oven in the north end of the hearth. The location of the brackets for the iron hearth crane support this possibility.

When the restoration of the hearth is complete, it will be the central feature for interpreting a colonial kitchen. The eventual goal is to present regular historic foodways programs in the reconstructed kitchen and pantry.



*When modern walls were removed, remains of the clay coating revealed the size and location of the original chimney.*

## Visiting Cooper



On April 30th from 10 am to 4 pm, Marshall Scheetz will demonstrate the trade of coopering as part of the opening of the new exhibit in the Mill. Marshall is a cooper in the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Historic Trades Department and operates the Jamestown Cooperage.

Marshall consulted during planning for the new mill exhibit. Later, he manufactured period appropriate items of cooperage, including reconstructed flour and bread barrels based on 1699 specifications. These specifications were created to regulate and to export these commodities from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to guarantee the quality of flour being exported. Millers relied on coopers to provide barrels, measures, and buckets.

*Marshall Scheetz with barrels he made for Newlin Grist Mill*

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# Upcoming Events

## Earth Day 2016

Newlin Grist Mill is hosting its 5th Annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10am to 12pm. But did you know that this is actually the 46th Earth Day held in the United States? Earth Day began in 1970 as a way to promote environmental reform across the country. Today, Earth Day is celebrated in cities, towns, neighborhoods, and schools, and has even reached 196 countries across the globe.



Girl Scouts and Garnet Valley Interact students planting trees

Each year a diverse group of students, scouts, families, and community members come together at Newlin Grist Mill to work on projects in the park that help to protect natural resources, conserve biodiversity, and make it easier for visitors to enjoy their visit. In past years, volunteers have removed invasive plants from the Beech forest, planted trees in the native plant corridor, expanded the native pollinator garden, performed trail maintenance, planted wildflowers, and many more valuable projects!

In 2016, we have an exciting lineup of activities planned for our volunteers. Thanks to funding from the Hardy Plant Society, we will be starting the final expansion of the native pollinator garden in front of the Visitor Center. In addition to expanding the garden, a winding path through the middle of the garden will be created to make it more visitor- and maintenance-friendly.

We will also be working on restoring the meadow in one of our outdoor classrooms. The small meadow above the mill dam is getting a facelift with deer-resistant wildflowers and grasses generously donated by Ernst Conservation Seeds. Volunteers will help remove invasive vines and other

plants from the meadow before the new seed are planted.

In addition to gardens and meadows, we have the chance to finish restoration work in the frog pond outdoor classroom! Now that the boardwalk - and bridges - part of the Frog Pond improvements are in place, it's time to add native wetland plants. Thanks to a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, volunteers will be able to add over 600 plants representing at least a dozen different species.

There will also be the usual tree plantings, litter cleanup, trail maintenance, and invasive plant removal projects that we work on each year. Interested individuals, families, scout troops, community groups, and others should contact Jessica at [info@newlingristmill.org](mailto:info@newlingristmill.org) to sign up!

## Blacksmithing Classes

We are offering Blacksmithing I and II courses. Over four sessions, Blacksmithing I students learn basic skills like drawing, twisting, and upsetting metal while making hooks, nails, scrollwork, and a spoon. The Blacksmithing II course builds on knowledge of the basic skills and offers

instruction in more advanced techniques.

Call or email today and reserve your space:  
610-459-2359  
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### Blacksmithing I - \$225

Wednesdays 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
Session 1 - April 6, 13, 20, 27  
Session 2 - May 18, 25, June 8, 15  
Session 3 - July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3  
Session 4 - Sept 7, 14, 21, 28

### Blacksmithing II - \$225

Saturdays 10am - 4pm  
Session 1 - May 21 June 4  
Session 2 - August 13, 20

## 2016 Fishing Season

Spring is coming! That means it's time to prepare for fishing. Family and individual Fly Fishing Stream Memberships are available for purchase in the office. The ponds will reopen for fishing on April 2nd. For more information visit our website.



# New Face at Newlin Grist Mill



In November, Newlin Grist Mill welcomed Mike Connolly to the staff. As our new Program and Administration Manager, Mike is responsible for history education programs, interpretation and tours, marketing and a variety of administrative tasks. He brings with him a passion for historic house museums and museum education.

Mike has worked in small museums for over a decade, and was recently on the board of directors of the Small Museum Association. Prior to joining Newlin Grist Mill, Mike was the Executive Director of the New Castle Historical Society

where he managed all aspects of the organization including the preservation and interpretation of the Amstel House, Dutch House and Old Library museums. He's also the author of *New Castle Revisited* for Arcadia Publishing.

In the 1990s, while working for MBNA America, Mike became involved in living history following an inspirational visit to Colonial Williamsburg. As his passion for history grew, Mike decided to explore a career in the field of public history. After 13 years with the bank, Mike returned to graduate school at Goucher College to study historic preservation. At the same time he accepted a position as assistant director of Mount Clare Museum House in Baltimore. When people suggest that this was a big change Mike says that "managing a historic site is a great way to balance my business experience with my interest in history. I love it!"

Mike is also a musician and performs in a Wilmington-area band, Seven Rings, which are slated to appear at Rock The Mill this year. He lives in a historic house in Old New Castle, Delaware with his wife Tracey.



Bob Sklar, Hal Marden, and Don Yost delivering the desk ready to be painted

## Volunteer Desk

The latest contribution of the Maris Grove Woodworkers is a reconstructed desk on stand. The craftsmen used period techniques including hand-cut dove tail joints. Blacksmith shop volunteers are making the hinges for the desk top. The desk will be central to the Miller's Office in the new furnishings exhibit.

## Eagle Scout Improves Accessibility



Stephen Mooney's fishing platform

Each year Eagle Scout candidates carry out valuable projects that contribute to the programs and facilities at the Newlin Grist Mill. Stephen Mooney of Boy Scout Troop 260 chose to improve access to pond fishing for his project.

The project entailed constructing a platform adjacent to the middle pond in order to accommodate anglers in wheel chairs. Under the supervision of staff member Rick Fellows, Stephen and his fellow scout volunteers received instruction in stone masonry while constructing the platform. They erected a 5-foot-wide wall approximately 4-foot high with a 4-inch curb along the top edge. The group finished the project by selecting flat stones and laying them behind the curb to create a level platform.

The new installation is a great addition and will make pond fishing more accessible to physically challenged anglers. In recent years, there has been a growing need for increased access to the fishing ponds. Schools, residential care facilities, and veteran's homes bring groups to Newlin Grist Mill to fish in increasing numbers. Stephen's project will improve the safety of pond fishing. Additional structures to improve access are being considered for all of the ponds when funding is available.

If you are interested in an Eagle Scout project or the accessibility initiative contact Tony Shahan at [tshahan@newlingristmill.org](mailto:tshahan@newlingristmill.org).



## In Search of a Colonial Mill, April 30 | 4:00pm

Newlin Grist Mill Director Tony Shahan discusses the research and planning behind our new exhibit *The Daily Grind: The Colonial Mill Rediscovered*.

Cost: Free members/\$3 non-members



## Grains of the World Dinner, May 21 | 6:00pm

Enjoy a special five course dining event featuring grains from across the globe in delicious soups, salads, main dishes, sides, desserts, and beverages.

Cost: \$45, reservations required



## Rhythm of the Mill Music Program, June 4 | 4:00pm

Join us in the mill as local musicians perform traditional songs and tunes about mills, millers, and related topics.

Cost: \$5 members/\$7 non-members



## The Archaeology of Colonial Quakers, August 27 | 3:00pm

Professional archaeologist John McCarthy discusses the archaeology of 17th and 18th century Quaker sites in the Delaware Valley and what the artifacts tell us about Quaker aesthetics.

Cost: \$5 members/\$7 non-members



## Newlin Mill's Changing Landscape: A Nature & Heritage Walk September 24 | 12:00pm

Take a walking tour of the historic landscape at Newlin Grist Mill, and discover many of the man-made and natural features of the landscape and their relationship to the 300+ year history of this site.

Cost: \$5 members/\$7 non-members

## Newlin Grist Mill Happy Hours

In 2016 we're partnering with several local breweries to host evening events featuring their beers in different settings at Newlin Grist Mill.

On May 12th, 2SP Brewing provides refreshments for a behind-the-scenes look at our new mill exhibit; July 7th Lavante Brewing introduces a new locally sourced beer made with grain ground here at the mill; On August 25th we'll host an event at our Pollinator Garden; Twin Lakes pours at the Trimble House on September 22nd while guests have a chance to see our restoration work.

Happy Hours are from 6 to 7:30 pm. Must be 21 to attend.





ROCK THE MILL

# Music Festival

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH  
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*This is a fundraising event for Newlin Grist Mill, a private non-profit organization. Proceeds support historic and environmental preservation projects.*

## Frog Pond's New Look

The frog pond has a new look! Staff members Rick Fellows and Mike Boughner have worked through the winter on a series of projects that will improve access to the frog pond. The wetland habitat around the pond was improved by regulating the water flow. The larger area will support more wildlife and plants for visitors to enjoy. A new boardwalk and bridges were added to improve accessibility and allow visitors to interact with resident plants and animals without damaging the delicate

wetland habitat. The final stage will be the addition of over 600 native plants and two new interpretive signs. The project was made possible by grants from PA Department of Environmental Protection and Keep PA Beautiful.

There are a lot of activities planned at the new and improved frog pond in 2016. If you are a teacher, sign up for one of our hands-on pond or habitat field trips. Families can explore the pond during

our seasonal nature walks or the frog-themed Pop-up Naturalist program. For passionate pond-lovers, our Summer Discovery programming offers multiple opportunities to visit.

Interested in helping with the restoration? Join us on Earth Day to help plant duck potato, buttonbush, white turtlehead, and other beautiful wetland plants!



New bridge and spillway



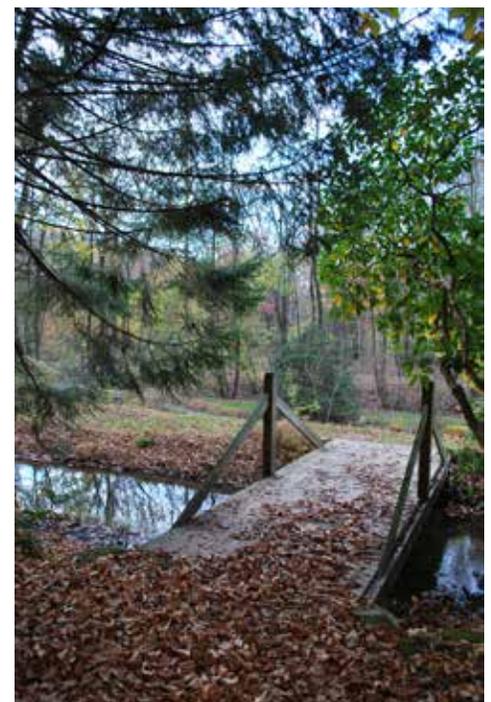
New boardwalk allows safer access.

## National Trails Day and Frog Pond Dedication

Join us on June 4th to celebrate National Trails Day with a variety of special activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the American Hiking Society, National Trails Day is a celebration of America's over 200,000 miles of trails. The celebration evolved during the late '80s and '90s from a movement among trail enthusiasts and community leaders aiming to transform the country's trails from a collection of local paths into a cohesive network of trails.

Newlin Grist Mill will kick off our National Trails Day celebration with a dedication ceremony for the newly installed boardwalk at the Frog Pond at 11 am. We will officially open the boardwalk, unveiling new signs, and recognize and thank the staff, volunteers and others who brought the project to fruition.

Following the boardwalk dedication, stroll some of the park's more than 8 miles of trails. Whether you like to run, hike or walk your dog, the trails are a great way to enjoy your favorite activity. Plus, we have some special things planned. Beginning at 11:30 am families can take our free Family Trail Challenge – a scavenger hunt with prize upon completion. Younger hikers will enjoy our Tales-on-Trails program where they can read a book page by page while walking along the trail and enjoying the outdoors.



# Programs

## Summer Discovery

Keep your kids active, engaged, and learning during their summer vacation! Registration is now open for our award-winning Summer Discovery camp programming. In 2016, we are offering two week-long camps and eleven afternoon adventures for ages 4 to 14.

If your child loves animals and adventure, then sign up for Critter Camp to discover all of the animals that live in the park. In Wings and Things, we'll make kites, meet birds, and explore all forms of flight. Don't have time for a full week of camp? Try one of our afternoon adventures, where we'll make our own pizza and ice cream, catch frogs, sail boats, and much more.

No matter the program, your child will get to play, create, explore, and grow with Summer Discovery!



*Campers exploring and learning in nature during Summer Discovery.*

## PAST

The Public Archaeology Student Training (PAST) Program is a field school for high school students. The pilot program is testing two approaches to programming. The first approach offers programs every other Saturday over several months while the second involves an intensive two week summer program.

During both approaches, students receive ten sessions of instruction in field techniques, artifact processing and dating, soils, ethics, and professional opportunities. Under close supervision, the students participate in fieldwork including mapping, excavations, site recordation, and artifact lab work. The practical experience gained during fieldwork and artifact processing is accompanied by exercises and brief writing assignments. The program is headed by professional archaeologist and Site Manager Keith Doms. Keith's instruction and experience is supplemented by professional archaeologists, professors, and specialists

in disciplines such as faunal remains and ceramics.

The first course concluded in January after ten weeks of sessions. The students excavated shovel test pits as part of an investigation of an unidentified structure and commenced excavation of two test units near the grist mill. Their work uncovered evidence of a posthole which confirmed the existence of a structure attached to the east end of the mill and revealed evidence of changes in the tailrace. PAST was a meaningful learning experience that also contributed to our knowledge of Newlin Grist Mill.

The next PAST course will be held July 11th to 15th and 18th to 22nd. We are accepting applications now. For more information or application materials, visit our website or contact Mike Connolly at [mconnolly@newlingristmill.org](mailto:mconnolly@newlingristmill.org).



*Students conducting excavations during the field school.*



*Students learning to identify faunal remains*

## Tales-on-Trails

Join Newlin Grist Mill for a new way to enjoy our trails and the great outdoors! On Saturday, June 4th, as part of our National Trails Day celebration, we will be unveiling our Tales-on-Trails program for families. This new program features a story posted page-by-page along the trail for families to read while they walk. Designed to incorporate outdoor experiences with early child literacy, it's a great way to get kids having fun outdoors. Our first featured story is *I Went Walking* by Sue Williams, which will be posted during the month of June.

# We Need Your Assistance!

In the past, Newlin Grist Mill served as a source of food and a gathering place in the community. While under the direction of the Nicholas Newlin Foundation for the last 55 years, the role of the Mill has evolved to fulfill the organization's dual mission. It is both an example of and advocate for historic preservation and environmental conservation. Multiple generations have learned to fish in the ponds and continue the tradition of fly fishing in the stream. As an educational institution, the Mill is a place for school programs, historic demonstrations, Summer Camp, Springhouse Storytime, PAST, and numerous special events. Archaeology, research, and the archives all promote scholarship. The 160-acre park also serves as a place for recreation, whether for walking, running, or sports. There is something for everyone at Newlin Grist Mill.



Recreational Trails



Conservation of natural resources



Exploration during Summer Discovery

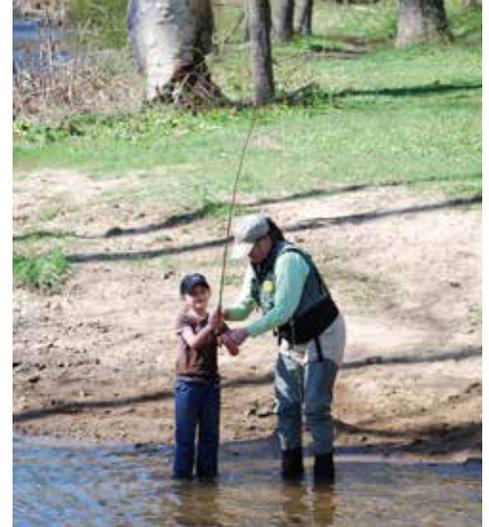
## *What Does Newlin Mean to You?*

As a non-profit organization, we are regularly asked why is the Newlin Grist Mill important, how does it serve the community, and why should people support the organization? As you can see above, we have lots of answers. However, it is important that we hear from you in your words "What does Newlin Grist Mill mean to You?"

To share your story with us you can add it to our mobile story board the next time you visit Newlin Grist Mill, email us at [info@newlingristmill.org](mailto:info@newlingristmill.org), send us a message through our Facebook page, or visit our website at [www.newlingristmill.org](http://www.newlingristmill.org).



Uncovering the past with archaeology



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Special Events



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# How Can You Help?

We count on your support to continue the programs and activities at Newlin Grist Mill. We limit direct appeals to the Annual Giving Campaign and special circumstances and emergencies, such as when the milldam was breached. We appreciate every bit of assistance, but many of our supporters don't realize there are other opportunities to make a donation and have an impact.

Each year donors provide valuable funding by giving to one of the many established funds:

*Peter Sellers Memorial Fund* – maintenance of the milling machinery and waterwheel

*Woodfin Internship Fund* – provides support for an annual intern in history, education, or museum studies

*Memory Fund* – support for a variety of special projects and acquisitions

*Library Fund* – acquisition of new books and materials for the Archive Library

*Restoration Fund* – restoration projects, like rebuilding the Trimble House hearth

*Collections Fund* – obtaining important objects and caring for the Mill's collection.

## Some of the things your donations could help us obtain:

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- A flour barrel for the Mill

Your \$500 donation could provide

- A year's worth of iron and coal for the blacksmith shop

Your \$250 donation could provide

- A year's worth of corn for the Grist Mill
- An outdoor interpretive sign

Your \$100 donation could provide

- A soil probe for the Archaeology Program
- An out-of-print book on milling
- Sponsor a craft demonstration at Fall Harvest Festival

Your \$50 Donation could provide

- A tree for the Reforestation Program
- Five plants for the Garden Program

Your \$25 Donation could provide

- Two artifact storage boxes for the Archaeology Program
- Program supplies for a school group
- A book for the Reference Library

To make a donation toward one of these funds, contact Tony Shahan at (610) 459-2359 or [tshahan@newlingristmill.org](mailto:tshahan@newlingristmill.org).

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March-November  
9am-4pm

**December-February**  
10am-3pm

**Hours: Park**  
9am-Dusk

**Tours:**  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 2nd Trout Season Opening Day
- 9th Trout Rodeo; Pop Up Naturalist
- 16th Public Archaeology Day; Spring Nature Walk
- 21st Springhouse Storytime: Habitats & Sharing
- 23rd Earth Day

### May

- 14th Pop Up Naturalist
- 19th Springhouse Storytime: Flutter By, Butterfly
- 21st Public Archaeology Day
- 21st Grains of the World Dinner

### June

- 4th National Trails Day;  
Rhythm of the Mill Music Program
- 11th Pop Up Naturalist; Ropemaking Demo
- 16th Springhouse Storytime: Ribbit, Ribbit
- 18th Public Archaeology Day; Summer Nature Walk

### July

- 9th Public Archaeology Day; Pop Up Naturalist;  
Brickmaking Demo
- 16th Rock The Mill
- 21st Springhouse Storytime: One, Two, Choo Choo

### August

- 13th Pop Up Naturalist; Woodworking Demos
- 18th Springhouse Storytime: Big, Bigger, Biggest!
- 27th Talks At The Mill:  
The Archaeology of Colonial Quakers

### September

- 10th Candlemaking Demo
- 15th Springhouse Storytime: It's Alive!
- 17th Archaeology Festival
- 24th Pop Up Naturalist;  
Talks at the Mill: Newlin Mill's Changing Landscape,  
A Nature & Heritage Walk



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