The Millwright’s Apprentice Project Coming in 2018!

Historically, the millwright was the person responsible for designing and building mills and milling equipment. They were usually skilled carpenters but could have training in metalworking and masonry. Millwrights understood the principles of power transmission, water power, milling and most importantly the requirements of designing and laying out a mill seat. The profession of millwright did not appear until the 14th century, but by the end of the 18th century, millwrights were a highly specialized trade.

The Millwright’s Apprentice Project aims to learn about this important colonial trade by recreating the tools and skills of a millwright and providing the public with a glimpse into their world. The intention has always been to include the trades that were required to construct and maintain the Grist Mill into the Mill exhibit. The next phase of the furnishing project will be to incorporate the millwright and his tools. In the coming months, the second floor of the 1739 section of the Mill will be converted into a colonial millwright shop. We plan to furnish the shop with benches and reproductions of the mid-18th-century tools required to build mills, and this shop will be a working one.

In the immediate future, the millwright shop will be used for restoring the waterwheel, reconstructing the water flume box, and fabricating pieces to restore the Trimble House Kitchen. Some of the tools and equipment for the shop will be manufactured there as well. In the future, we intend to utilize the shop to reconstruct bolting equipment for the Grist Mill, replace damaged windows in the Grist Mill, and make repairs to the various historic buildings on site.

It has long been a desire to incorporate maintenance of the mill machinery and restoration projects into the visitor experience. Comments by visitors in our recreated blacksmith shop have shown that people are interested in historic processes and enjoy watching craftspeople using tools. When Gabe Christy joined the staff, his passion for period carpentry, skill with tools, and interest in interpretation created an opportunity for exciting new programming. The reconstructed working shop will support general maintenance and restoration projects and be open to the public.

Public participation is an important part of the project. Visitors will be invited into...
Millwright’s Apprentice, Continued

Grains of the World Dinner Returns

Humans have included grains in their diets for over 14,000 years. Grains have been boiled, baked, brewed, and distilled on almost every continent. The Grains of the World Dinner offers participants an opportunity to sample an assortment of foods and beverages from almost every continent. The Grains of the World Dinner returns, featuring grains.

The dinner will be held on June 23rd at 6:00pm in the Cabin at the Newlin Grist Mill. Tickets are $50 per person and can be obtained by filling out the enclosed registration form or calling the office at 610-459-2359.

All proceeds will support the 18th century Millwright’s Shop project.

Grains prepared in various ways. Some grains are classics known in everyday cooking, others are ancient or foreign grains becoming popular in our modern cuisine. The evening is designed to be an educational experience for all of our guests. The dinner will be held on June 23rd at 6:00pm in the Cabin at the Newlin Grist Mill.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are vital to our success as a non-profit. Working side by side with our staff, volunteers of all ages have helped us achieve significant goals and complete major projects. Just in the time since this newsletter was last published, volunteers have refurbished our historic artifact collections room, cleared invasive plants from over an acre of meadow and wetland habitat, cleaned and processed over 1,500 archaeological artifacts, and prepared space in the Mill for our new historic Millwright’s Shop.

Just because we accomplished many things over the winter, that doesn’t mean there isn’t still a long list of things yet to do!

There are lots of opportunities for helping in 2018:

- If you are interested in nature and conservation, join us for Earth Day or National Trails Day, or sign up to be a part of our Invasive Plant SWAT Team.
- If history is your favorite topic, we have opportunities to explore archaeology, period clothing, and archival work.

Are you passionate about sharing your knowledge with others? Sign up to lead activities during the field trip season - we provide the training, and you bring the enthusiasm for education.

If you are looking for an ongoing volunteer activity that has lots of variety, check out our Wednesday Workdays and Buildings & Grounds crew. Wednesday Workdays meet every other Wednesday and tackle whatever indoor or outdoor projects need to be addressed that week. Meanwhile, the Buildings & Grounds crew works with full-time staff on maintenance and repairs around the historic buildings and trails.

For those seeking indoor activities, we are always looking for volunteers to prepare mailings and complete record-keeping tasks.

A new upcoming project is the establishment of our historic Millwright’s Shop. In this space, we will be able to work on millwright’s tools and demonstrate how they were used.

Volunteer opportunities include everything from one-time special events to ongoing projects. Many projects are flexible and can be worked into a variety of schedule types. To sign up for one of the projects above, just add to your volunteer email list, or inquire about other opportunities, contact Jessica at jshahan@newlingristmill.org. Individuals, families, scout troops, and groups are welcome!

The water wheel will be reconstructed using the millwright shop floor.

Mishwa working on a stuffing dummy.
**New Maintenance Assistant Joins Team**

Gabriel Christy has joined our team as the new Maintenance Assistant. In this position he will be assisting in day to day building maintenance, as well as taking on larger projects like the waterwheel and flume restoration projects. Gabe brings a background in woodworking and a deep appreciation for historic trades, as well as taking on larger projects like the waterwheel and flume restoration projects. Gabe is looking forward to being able to share his woodworking and sent him on a path towards demonstrating traditional skills.

After graduating from York College of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor’s Degree in History, Gabe joined the Independence Seaport Museum as the Shipwright Apprentice. He worked in their Workshop on the Water, a traditional wooden boat shop. Here he began to more seriously explore traditional woodworking, getting involved in the construction of the 1797 Revenue Cutter Diligence and a full-scale model of a Revolutionary War privateer for the Museum of the American Revolution. Later he led the reproduction of mes benches and mes tables for the USS Olympia, a steam powered cruiser commissioned in 1895. One of his final projects was assisting with the restoration of four of Olympia’s skylights, which served as one of the main sources of light onboard.

In addition to his woodworking background, Gabe has been active in the reenacting and living history communities since 2008, first with the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion 1942-1945 Preservation Association and then with the Great War Association since 2012.

Gabe is focused on learning about our historic apple orchard and the honeybees that help pollinate it. He is excited to have a facility which will provide hands-on educational opportunities to thousands of students who will visit the Newlin Grist Mill’s future.

**Membership Matters!**

The Newlin Grist Mill is a rare mix of historical and environmental treasures consisting of the national historic district in a 160-acre nature preserve with trails and valuable open space. The working 18th century Grist Mill, waterways, and natural areas are under constant threats caused by growth and development. By becoming a member of the Newlin Grist Mill, you are joining a community of people committed to preserving this important community resource, to ensuring the protection of the land, and to caring for the historic structures.

Maintaining the Grist Mill and surrounding habitats requires the setting aside of practical learning experiences, especially for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Your membership helps to provide hands-on educational opportunities to thousands of students who will visit the Newlin Grist Mill’s future, the next generation of caretakers and to fulfill the mission of responsible stewardship that was begun nearly 60 years ago.

**Tales on Trails**

The popular “Tales on Trails” will be returning soon! A self-guided program, it combines a walk along our Millrace Trail with a storybook, getting young children excited about both reading and being active in the outdoors.

Starting on May 1st with The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, we will be rotating through a series of picture books during the spring, summer, and early fall. The other books featured will be In the Tall, Tall Grass by Denise Fleming, If the Dinosaurs Came Back by Bernard Most, and If You Give a Mouse a Muffin by Laura Numeroff. The “Tales on Trails” signs will be up through the end of September for families to enjoy while at the Park.

**Partners In Education**

Collaborations are critical to the success of the Newlin Grist Mill! They allow us to share personnel and resources to reach broader audiences, tackle more ambitious projects, and achieve loftier goals. We are always looking for new partners and creative ways to collaborate. Newlin Grist Mill is fortunate to collaborate with great partners in education like the Philadelphia Zoo, Tri-State Bird Rescue, Wild Birds Unlimited, Delaware County Planning Department’s, Rachel Kohl Library, and Concord Township Historical Society among others.

We are excited to announce our newest collaboration with the College of Science and Mathematics at West Chester University. We are teaming with Dr. Heather Wholey, Department of Anthropology Chair, for the past few years. Dr. Wholey’s students have conducted excavations during summer field schools, the Archaeology Festival, and International Archaeology Day. It was during the last Archaeology Festival that discussions about the importance of interdisciplinary studies and an awareness of the value of a partnership.

Dr. Vishal Shah, Associate Dean of the College, and members of the faculty met with Newlin Grist Mill staff to investigate potential opportunities. We realized that a partnership would be a natural fit. Newlin Grist Mill has extensive cultural and natural resources that need to be studied so they can be better understood and preserved. The College of Sciences and Mathematics was looking for real-world opportunities for their students to apply the skills and technologies they are learning.

Students will gain practical, hands-on experience while performing field studies that will substantially contribute to our knowledge about this site and inform strategies for protecting the resources for future generations.

**Bring a Friend and Sip Behind the Scenes**

Newlin’s unique series of happy hour programs, “Sip Behind the Scenes,” returns in 2019. Each will take place on the second Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Our themes for this season will be:

**April 12th: “Birds & Brews”—** Newlin staff teams up with Wild Birds Unlimited and Tri-State Bird Rescue for an evening that’s for the birds! Special guest Dawn White will be bringing live birds for a “Hunters of the Sky” presentation, and Twin Lakes Brewery will be providing beer.

**May 10th: “Bees & Brews”—** Enjoy mead from Philly Homebrew and hard cider from Rebel Seed Cidery while learning about our historic apple orchard and the honeybees that help pollinate it.

**June 14th: “Baked & Bottled”—** The Newlin staff will be firing up the wood-fired oven to make a variety of fresh bread. Chat with them while sipping wine from Penns Woods Winery.

**September 13th: “Bellows & Beer”—** Our blacksmiths will be at the forge to demonstrate their ironworking skills while visitors enjoy brews from Levante Brewery.

**October: “Mills & Stills”—** See what’s happening in the new Millwright’s Shop in the 1704 Grist Mill! The Manatawny Stills Will be on hand to provide samples of their homemade whiskey and beer.

Mike Contreras of 2SP Brewing Company will be bringing live birds for a “Hunters of the Sky” presentation, and Twin Lakes Brewery will be providing beer.
Ongoing archaeological excavations are important for continuing research at Newlin Mill. This season’s excavations will continue to investigate the area between the Grist Mill and the Archive (originally the Newlin’s store). Features in this area include the tailrace for the Grist Mill, a secondary tailrace from the sawmill addition, and a late-19th century trash midden. In 2018, Public Archaeology will be taking place on the following Saturdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm:

- March 17th
- April 14th
- May 19th
- June 16th
- July 21st
- September 8th: Archaeology Festival
- October 20th: International Archaeology Day

Public Archaeology Days are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome to join in and get their hands dirty!

#### Earth Day

Help Newlin celebrate the 48th annual Earth Day on April 21st. This year, our focus is on biodiversity and supporting the park’s native habitats and wildlife communities. We will remove invasive plant species, plant trees, pick up litter, and add new wildflowers to the Frog Pond Outdoor Classroom. To register yourself or a group, contact Jessica at jshahan@newlingristmill.org.

#### National Trails Day

National Trails Day builds awareness of Newlin’s trail system and encourages the community to get active in the great outdoors. Help us keep our scenic trails in good shape on June 2nd, as we work together to repair trail surfaces, trim branches, and maintain plantings. To register yourself or a group, contact Jessica at jshahan@newlingristmill.org.

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#### History At Work

Get a closer look at trades of the eighteenth century during the “History at Work” series. Members of Newlin Grist Mill’s staff, volunteers, and outside artisans will demonstrate their crafts and talk with visitors about how different trades and skills were integral to life in colonial Pennsylvania and to the operation of Newlin Grist Mill. These demonstrations take place on the last Saturday of the month between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

- April 28th: Beer Brewing
- May 26th: Cooperage
- June 30th: Spinning & Weaving
- July 28th: Tinsmithing
- September 29th: Joinery
- October 27th: Food Preservation

History at Work is free and open to the public of all ages.

#### Pop-up Naturalist

Here at Newlin, we believe that the best way to learn about a topic is to get hands-on with it! Our nature programming is no exception, especially the Pop-up Naturalist series. Look for the pop-up tent somewhere in the park, and try your hand at activities based on a variety of nature themes. These naturalist-led programs take place on the last Saturday of the month between 1:00pm and 5:00pm:

- April 28th: “Animal Homes”
- May 26th: “Wonderful Wildflowers”
- June 30th: “Frogs & Toads”
- July 28th: “Plant Superheroes”
- August 25th: “Stream Life”
- September 29th: “Persistant Pollinators”
- October 27th: “Mighty Oaks”

Pop-up Naturalist programs are free and open to the public of all ages.
Around the Mill

Students from Salem High School performing water testing.

The Genovese family enjoying the Members Hayride.

Volunteers from Emmaus Hose helping to prepare old exhibit displays for storage in the archives.

Mike Boughner making emergency repairs to waterwheel to keep it running.

Young visitors enjoying puppet show at Fall Harvest Festival.

Laura Adie helping young bakers making ships biscuit during History at Work.

Mike Boughner making emergency repairs to waterwheel to keep it running.

Coming down the homestretch at Run for the Mill 5K.

Members of Hayride.

Campers making their own pizzas from scratch at the Bake Oven Pizza Party.

Volunteers from Emmaus Hose helping to prepare old exhibit displays for storage in the archives.

A packed house enjoying Tavern Night.

Joe Pakovits, volunteer from Archaeological Society of Pennsylvania excavating sawmill technics.

Is it ready yet? Butter making during a program.

A volunteer assisting visitors with pottery assembly at the Archaeology Festival.

Volunteer Vince Nugent working hard on plastering and painting the Collections Room in the Trimble House.

Members of the Wilmington Friends trying their hands at different historic trades, including brick making.

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Brewing Up History In the Trimble Kitchen

In 2017, Newlin Grist Mill collaborated with Twin Lakes Brewing Company to create an authentic historic English ale. Staff members teamed up with English food and beverage historian Marc Meltonsville and brewer Jack Wick. After grinding the malt in the 1704 Newlin Grist Mill, the team converted the newly restored Trimble House Kitchen into a brewhouse. They used reproduction colonial brewing equipment, including an 18th-century style mash tub made specifically for the project. Working with the historical equipment taught many lessons about the process of colonial brewing, and the final product was an interesting mix of malt and oak flavors. Reaction was very favorable for samples provided at the Newlin Grist Mill events like Sip Behind the Scenes. Thanks for everyone’s feedback!

The collaboration with Twin Lakes is continuing in 2018 with more research, more brewing, and more tasting. On April 28th as part of the History at Work series, the Trimble Kitchen will again be converted into a brew house as the team of historians and brewers assemble for another day of brewing. They will be incorporating the lessons from last year with new research from early brewer journals. Our intention is to recreate other historic beers.

The goals of the collaboration project are to recreate an authentic colonial ale, better understand how the early style equipment effects the flavor of the beer, and generate support for finishing the restoration of the Trimble House Kitchen and Pantry.

For those interested in trying the beer, there will be opportunities for sampling. Samples will be incorporated into the Grains of the World Dinner on June 23rd. It will also be available at one of the Sip Behind the Scenes. Be sure to watch for notice of when it will appear.

If you don’t want to wait for the colonial ale to be available, Twin Lakes will be supplying the beer for this season’s first Sip Behind the Scenes on April 12th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Come out and enjoy great beverages, learn about taking care of our birds with Wild Birds Unlimited and Tri-State Bird Rescue, and meet some birds of prey. These events are free and open to anyone 21 or older.

Managing Invasive Species

If you’ve walked in the park lately, you might have noticed piles of branches lying in certain areas. Those piles are a visible sign of the progress we have made over the last year on invasive plant removal. Invasive plants are species from other parts of the world that were accidentally or intentionally introduced to areas where they do not belong. These species, including Autumn Olive, Amur Honeysuckle, and Multiflora Rose, crowd out our native plants and lead to a decrease in overall diversity.

As part of our ongoing habitat restoration efforts, we have been targeting both our hardwood trees to wildflowers, that provide a variety of food and shelter resources. When a plant dies in a diverse forest, its food and shelter resources are replaced by another similar species already in the area. In a non-diverse forest, the loss of a single plant species can cause a cascading effect that ultimately leads to the loss of wildlife.

By removing invasive plants, we are allowing native species to thrive and creating resilient ecosystems. As the Emerald Ash Borer beetle begins to have a more significant impact on our forests, the young trees we are planting now will be there to fill in for the trees that are lost, ensuring that the ecological integrity of the forest is maintained. While we can’t stop the flood of invasive species through our region, we are working hard to maintain the healthiest forests possible and to make sure that we are in the best position to respond to future threats.

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Summer Discovery

Each July and August, Summer Discovery Camp invites kids ages 4 to 12 to explore the park, get hands-on with nature and history, and discover the world. At Summer Discovery, we strive to create a welcoming camp family, where kids get to be kids and where learning and fun are the same thing! Our camp program includes three full-week half-day camps, plus eight afternoon workshops for a variety of experiences that keep summer boredom at bay.

During “Mad Scientists” camp running July 9th to 13th, we will be exploring all things STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math), Campers will enjoy exciting color-changing chemical reactions, explore design as they engineer rockets and roller coasters, and conduct tasty experiments with ice cream and s’mores.

Our second camp session is “Time Travelers” camp (July 23rd to 27th) and is for all campers with good imaginations and a keen interest in history. Each day we will be traveling back in history, starting with pre-Colonial America, the Colonial period, and finally to the Industrial Revolution. On Friday, we’ll reverse the time machine and travel to the future with robots and a space colony!

In the third week (August 6th to 10th), we’ll discover “Where the Wild Things Are” as we take a world safari. On our trip we will explore the world of penguins, swim the deepest oceans, and trek to the rainforest. Campers will have many chances to find and interact with the animals that call Newlin home, as well as meeting live animals from around the world.

In addition to full-week camps, we are offering our Afternoon Adventures series. These workshops provide the opportunity for campers to focus on a specific subject and include topics in both nature and history. Back this year are favorites like the “Recycled Boat Regatta” and “Bake Oven Pizza Party,” while new adventures include “Treasure Hunters” and “Bugs, Beetles & Butterflies.” Also new this year are our Summer Fishing Fridays! Come out on Fridays in the summer between 9:00am and 4:00pm for a chance to catch trout with your family.


Blacksmithing is one of the most popular attractions at Newlin Grist Mill. Our volunteer blacksmiths demonstrate in the site’s reconstructed shop on Saturdays from March through December, explain and illustrate the blacksmith’s skills to students who visit on field trips, and open the forge during many of our special events.

But if you have ever found yourself lingering in the blacksmith shop and wanting to try it out for yourself, we offer a series of blacksmithing classes for the public, taught by Jim Neubauer.

In Blacksmithing I, students learn skills like drawing, twisting, and upsetting metal while making hooks, nails, scrollwork, and a spoon over the course of four separate sessions. Suitable for beginners with no experience, this class consists of four 3-hour sessions, which take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30pm.

The first four sessions of 2018 are already sold out, but we still have a limited number of spots open in the final session of the year, taking place on Oct 3, 10, 17, and 24.

In Blacksmithing II, students learn more advanced techniques and should have completed Blacksmithing I and/or have some basic blacksmithing knowledge and skills. Blacksmithing II consists of three 4-hour sessions, taking place on Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The 2018 class will be held on April 14, 21, and 28.

The cost per course is $240 per person. Participants must be at least 18 years old. To register, call the site or email info@newlingristmill.org.

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Your sponsorship makes it possible for Newlin Grist Mill to provide the programs and events enjoyed by thousands each year. As a business owner, sponsorship benefits you in many ways, including brand awareness, target marketing, and community goodwill.

As a sponsor, your business will be featured at events, in program books, on the website (74,000 visits/year), and in the newsletter (mailed to over 1200 local households). When you sponsor an event with Newlin Grist Mill, you will have the potential to reach over 46,000 people, most of whom live within our local communities. People have more incentive to support your business if you’re invested in the local community and support the causes they themselves are passionate about.

We hope you will consider partnering with Newlin Grist Mill through a sponsorship. Whether you sponsor one or multiple events at Newlin, you will gain tangible benefits to your business as well as have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting an invaluable community resource. For information about sponsor opportunities, please call Brenda Orso at 610-459-2359 or borso@newlingristmill.org.


Instructor Jim Neubauer demonstrates blacksmithing techniques.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March
17 Public Archaeology
31 Bird Walk
          Trout Fishing Opening Day

April
12 Sip Behind the Scenes: “Birds & Brews”
19 Springhouse Storytime: “Feelin’ Buggy”
14 Public Archaeology
21 Earth Day
24 The Newlin Series: “Natural Bitters, Apertifs, & Cordials”
28 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Brewing”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Animal Homes”

May
10 Sip Behind the Scenes: “Bees & Brews”
  Springhouse Storytime: “Spring Sprouts”
19 Public Archaeology
22 The Newlin Series: “American Chestnuts”
26 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Cooperage”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Wonderful Wildflowers”

June
2 National Trails Day
14 Sip Behind the Scenes: “Baked & Bottled”
16 Public Archaeology
21 Springhouse Storytime: “Turtle Time”
23 Grains of the World Dinner
30 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Spinning & Weaving”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Frogs & Toads”

July
9-13 Summer Discovery: “Mad Scientists”
10 Afternoon Adventure: “Bugs, Beetles, & Butterflies”
19 Afternoon Adventure: “Treasure Hunters”
17 Summer Discovery: “American Chestnuts”
21 Springhouse Storytime: “Zoo Day”
24 Afternoon Adventure: “Recycled Boat Regatta”
23-27 Summer Discovery: “Time Travelers”
28 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Tinsmithing”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Plant Superheroes”
31 Afternoon Adventure: “Cookin’ Up Cornbread”

August
2 Afternoon Adventure: “Bread & Butter”
6-10 Summer Discovery: “Where the Wild Things Are”
7 Afternoon Adventure: “Pond Life Safari”
14 Afternoon Adventure: “Bake Oven Pizza Party”
16 Springhouse Storytime: “Ice Cream”
19 Summer Discovery: “End of Summer Campfire”
25 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Paper Marbling & Bookbinding”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Stream Life”
26 The Newlin Series: “Recreating Washington’s Whiskey”

September
8 Archaeology Festival
13 Sip Behind the Scenes: “Bellows & Beer”
20 Springhouse Storytime: “Makin’ Music”
21 The Newlin Series: “Brewing at Colonial Williamsburg”
29 Bird Walk
        History at Work: “Joinery”
        Pop-Up Naturalist: “Persistent Pollinators”