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Newlin Mill Celebrates the Opening of its Archives.

.Donors and friends officially opened the Archive in the restored granary building on October 6, 2006. Executive trustee Tim Sellers expressed the Newlin Foundation's gratitude to The Society of Colonial War in Pennsylvania, Senator Dominic Pileggi, and Peter and Lucy Bell Sellers for their contributions to restoration and furnishing the facility.

The granary building now houses the Newlin Foundation archives.

The archive houses all known business records of the Concord Flour Mill, as the Newlin Grist Mill was known when it operated commercially, and the documents of the Nicholas Newlin Foundation. It also includes a growing collection of secondary works on local, regional and milling history and milling technology. It is intended that the archive will be used as a study center for teachers and others interested in technical and industrial history.

Executive Trustee, Tim Sellers, Senator Pileggi, and Newlin Mill Director, Dabbs Woodfin celebrate the opening of the archives

Along with trustees, staff and volunteers of the mill, the guests included Rich Paul, chair of the Delaware County Heritage Commission, Pennie Scott, Chair of the Concord Township Historical Commission, and John Pickett, administrator of the Delaware County Planning Department.

Newlin Notes

Reforestation Activities Continue

Rick Fellows teamed with the Delaware County Conservation District and several groups of volunteers to continue the Newlin Foundation's reforestation project. The Conservation District's watershed specialist, Bill Gothier, administered two grants used to purchase equipment and plant material for stream bank stabilization.

More than seven hundred native trees and bushes were planted at selected sites along Concord Creek and the West Branch of Chester Creek. Eagle Scout candidate Jonathan Hartline of Parkside organized his Scout troop to lay grids, dig the site, and plant two acres on the stream bank near Baltimore Pike. Eight volunteers from Friends Central School gave three days in the spring to prepare the ground and plant trees on the fields adjoining Scott Road.

In early November, eight other volunteers from Friends Central planted an acre highland plot above the old rail line in the southern portion of the park.

Student volunteers from Friends Central High School plant an oak tree at Newlin.

In Memoriam

Bill McKinley, blacksmith, welder, civic leader. Bill gave the forge, bellows and tools from his family's ancient blacksmith shop to the Newlin Foundation and remained a friend and adviser to the staff.

Tom Booth, farmer, businessman and local historian. A leader in the township tricentennial celebration, he was a Trustee of the Grist Mill for more than two decades.

Bob Kirby, a descendent of Nicholas Newlin, took charge of the genealogical searches for the Grist Mill's 300th anniversary in 2004 and gave unsparingly of his time in preparation for the celebration.

Newlin Mill Helps Local Historical Community

Continuing its longstanding leadership role on the local history scene, in recent months the Newlin Grist Mill has assisted the Concord Township Historical Society in two community preservation efforts. Mill staffer Rick Fellows designed and installed twin dehumidifier systems in the Polecat Road House, a restored 18th century Trimble Mill workers' duplex just downstream from the Mill. Owned by Concord Township, the Polecat Road House is cared for by Concord Township Historical Society (CTHS). The site is visited often during historical tours, and is used frequently for community events.

The Township and the historical community have also benefited from the wise counsel and professional expertise of Foundation Director Dabbs Woodfin. A member of the Township's Historical Commission (HC), and Vice President of the Society, Dabbs worked with a Task Force composed of HC & CTHS members to develop a Master Plan for Township-owned historical properties. The vision for the plan includes the notion that with over 200 documented historical structures, the Township as a whole is an outdoor museum. A marked driving tour, with the Mill as an anchor site, is one of the plan's recommendations.

The Polecat Road House is benefiting from its new dehumidification system.

Summer Discovery

For six weeks each summer, the sound of giggles, shouts, and cheers can be heard throughout the park at Newlin Grist Mill. These are the sounds of happy children taking part in Newlin Mill's Summer Discovery program. This year's camp involved over 250 registrations, 11 teachers, 13 helpers, temperatures over 110 degrees, 300 popsicles, 6 guest programs, dozens of tadpole nets and one great time that was had by all!!

More Newlin Notes

Blacksmith News

Newlin Grist Mill's blacksmith, Kellysmyth has been very busy this year. She has been teaching workshops for adults through Delaware County Community College's Noncredit Continuing Education Department. For the fifth year in a row, has been chosen to be included in Early American Life's Directory of Traditional Crafts; their annual juried selection of the best practitioners of traditional trades in the country. In addition, Kelly has been forging hardware for two seventeenth century projects: ships' hardware for the new version of Discovery, under construction in Maine, for Jamestown Settlement (VA) and the hardware for the new Print House at St. Mary's City.

New Benches Abound

The Rotary Club of Glen Mills in May donated twenty benches to the Grist Mill. Rotarians solicited funds from club members, local businesses and other individuals to purchase the weather resistant outdoor furniture. The club held a day long assembling party to move the benches into place and put them together.

Mason Thompson coordinated the event for the Mill, working with Rotarian Fran Gill and club president Tony DiLeva.

Painters got a bird's eye vie w of the world as they put a new coat of paint on the mill.

Gift Shop News

Looking for a unique or special gift this holiday season? The Newlin Mill gift shop has one of kind hand crafted pens made from branches found on the grounds of the park. These beautiful writing implements were hand turned by Trenton crafter, Marc Dowdell and are available for $25.00 each. Stop by Newlin Mill to see these beautiful pieces or call 610-459-2359 for more information.

SUMMER COURSE - A TRUE HISTORY

Newlin Mill's summer course, Experiencing Southeast Pennsylvania History, again received rave reviews in student evaluations. It was offered in late June, 2006 in the newly renovated Archives in the old Granary Building. An in service course for teachers, it is offered through the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

Faculty included Dabbs Woodfin, Mill Director, Board Members Frank McKelvey and Ellen Cronin and local historian, Nancy Webster. The week-long course featured ten guest presenters, four of whom represented local historical institutions. Participants visited the Chester County Historical Society, Greenbank Mill, and Brandywine Battlefield. At Newlin Mill, they toured the mill, miller's house, raceway, mill pond and blacksmith shop, where Kellysmith hosted them for a demonstration.

Guest experts gave presentations on local geography, southeast Pennsylvania Indians, 18th century home life, labor issues in the Kennett Square mushroom industry, military tactics of George Washington, the civilians' role in the Battle of Brandywine and the 20th century industrialization of Wilmington and Chester. The faculty discussed the demography and contributions of several ethnic groups, the use of artifacts as teaching material and the historic role of agriculture in southeastern Pennsylvania.

The Newlin Mill staff plus a good number of Mill friends worked together to create a broad-ranging and interesting course. The course will be offered next year for graduate credit through a local university.

Harvest Festival

With dark stormy skies and a light rain coming down at 9:30AM, it didn't look good for Newlin Mill's Fall Harvest Festival. But good fortune smiled and by noon many happy visitors were enjoying the event under a sunny sky. Helping to chase the dark skies away and create a festive atmosphere was the toe tapping blue grass music of Remington Riders. Over fifteen enthusiastic volunteers from Garnet Valley High School's Interact program, helped children paint pumpkins and make corn husk dolls. Visitors also enjoyed a number of crafters, hay rides and open hearth cooking demonstrations by Susan Plaisted and Clarissa Dillon. Despite the weather, the Fall Harvest Festival proved a wonderful day to enjoy the glories of autumn at Newlin Mill.

Your Help is Needed!!

The Nicholas Newlin Foundation, owner and operator of the mill and park, is a private, non-profit organization. We rely on support from our friends and neighbors. If your employer has a Matching Gift Program, you can help us to double your donation. Please obtain the appropriate forms and enclose them with your contribution. We'll be happy to do the rest.

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Newlin Grist Mill
Calendar of Events

Trout Fishing in the Ponds
Weekends only, 9 am - 4 pm.
March thru October.

Summer Discovery Program

Children, ages 4—12, can explore the natural world by participating in a variety of age-appropriate games, crafts, and activities that are fun as well as educational. Sessions meet three mornings per week - **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** - from **9:30 a.m. to 12 :30 p.m.**, rain or shine. A snack is provided each day.
Sessions are **$75.00** each and are scheduled as follows:

July 10, 11, 12	July 31, August 1, 2
July 17, 18, 19	August 14, 15, 16
July 24, 25, 26	August 7, 8, 9

Fall Harvest Festival
Activities, music, food, tours and craft demonstrations.
Great fun for families.
October 6, 10 am - 4 pm.