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# The Gristmill Gazette

## Jerusalem Mill Village Newsletter Winter 2022



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### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:** 9 AM and 12 PM – First Day Hike. For more information, see our “In the Spotlight” article on Page 2.

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**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Jerusalem Mill Antique Sale. Here’s a chance to obtain a genuine antique item from the 1800s or early 1900s, and see parts of our newest acquisition, the Jerusalem Mansion, our largest extant vernacular building in the village. The antique sale will be held inside the mansion so you can shop at your leisure without concern about the weather. A wide variety of items will be for sale, including dishware, utensils, tools, farm implements, furniture, household goods, games, model railroad supplies and more. More details on the Antique Sale will be announced as the date approaches, on our web site, FaceBook and Instagram pages. We’ll also have a historian on hand to tell you about the history of the mansion and the families who lived there, and present some of the challenges facing us as we attempt to restore and preserve this valuable piece of history.

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### Our Holidays Living History Schedule

The village grounds are open every day, all year-round, from sunrise to sunset. The park office (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the grist mill) is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:00 PM, except on State holidays. Village buildings are open to the public and are staffed with history interpreters on the following holiday schedule, pending the availability of volunteer staff members.

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, Open 10 AM – 4 PM,  
with ornament making from 1 PM – 4 PM  
Blacksmith Shop, Open 1 PM – 4 PM

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Blacksmith Shop, 1 PM – 4 PM  
Miller's House, 1 PM – 4 PM  
General Store & Gift Shop, 1 PM – 4 PM

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 1 PM – 4 PM

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

All buildings are closed.

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Miller's House, 1 PM – 4 PM  
Blacksmith Shop, 1 PM – 4 PM

Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 1 PM – 4 PM

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 12 PM – 4 PM  
Blacksmith Shop, 1 PM – 4 PM

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Visitor Center – Museum, 10 AM – 4 PM  
Blacksmith Shop, 1 PM – 4 PM  
Miller's House, 1 PM – 4 PM

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**In the Spotlight:**



**2022 First Day Hike**

The annual tradition returns to the Maryland State Parks! Enjoy a Ranger-led hike to start off the new year with a little exercise! As in years past this hike is co-sponsored by the Gunpowder Falls State Park and the Friends of Jerusalem Mill, with the starting point at the historic Jerusalem Mill Village, 2813 Jerusalem Rd., Kingsville, MD, 21087. Hikers will meet the Ranger in the Jerusalem Mill Blacksmith Shop to start the hike. The distance is 2.5 to 3 miles, round trip, over easy to moderate terrain. There is one stream crossing that requires stepping on rocks. Before or after the hike, feel free to wander around the village to see some of the buildings that have survived since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers who have worked so hard to preserve this part of Maryland's history. Volunteers will also be on hand to interpret the history of the village, including its role as an early industrial center for nearly 200 years. The Visitor Center – Museum will be open from noon until 4 PM, where you can learn more about the mill's history and operation, and view the many artifacts. From 1 PM to 4 PM there will be a blacksmith demonstrating the tools and techniques of the trade as it was in the 1700s and 1800s.

Friendly, leashed dogs with hiking experience are welcome. The trail is not suitable for strollers, but children are certainly welcome and encouraged to join their parents on the walk. Please dress appropriately according to the weather, and bring water. Water-resistant boots or shoes are highly recommended. Snacks and drinks will be graciously provided by the Friends of Jerusalem Mill. Donations are encouraged! This event will be canceled if the weather is inclement.

Pre-registration is preferred. Please contact Ranger Andrea Bucher at [andrea.bucher@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.bucher@maryland.gov) to preregister. We hope to see you in the village on January 1<sup>st</sup>!

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## Gunpowder Invitational Cross-country Race

October 16, 2021 was the tenth running of the Gunpowder Invitational Maryland Public School (GIMPS) Cross-country Race at the historic Jerusalem Mill Village. Over 500 runners from 22 high schools participated in the event, in perfect weather.



On your marks ...!

The girls of Broadneck High School in Annapolis, Maryland ruled both of the girls' races, with Mollie Fenn taking first place in the Varsity race, with a time of 18:46.8, racing against students from 15 other schools; and Rosemary Wilson winning the Fresh-Soph with a time of 22:37.2, six seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. In the Boys Varsity race, Andrew Schell from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, easily took first place with a time of 15:55.7, racing against students from 16 other schools. In the Boys Fresh-Soph category, Ryan McGonigle of McDonogh School in Owings Mills, Maryland, took first place, with a time of 18:14.4 almost 20 seconds before the second-place finisher from Towson.

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### Historic Anniversaries

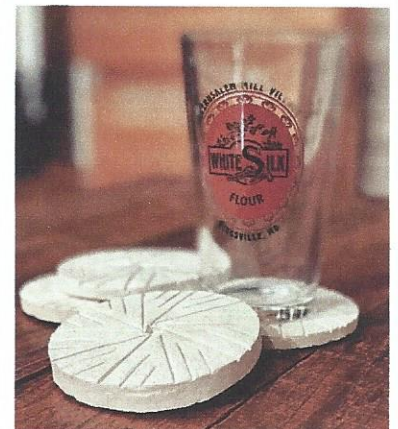
100 years ago: On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921 Percy C. and Helen L. Lee, sold 115 acres of the Jerusalem Village to James H. and Josephine Burton. The 115 acres included the Jerusalem Mansion, marking the end of approximately 125 years of ownership by the Lee family.

250 years ago: Samuel Bond sold 286 acres of Bond's Water Mills to millwright Isaiah Linton. As the name might suggest, the property included several water-powered mills, most of which needed repair, so Linton talked his friend David Lee into bringing his family down from Bucks County Pennsylvania to help with repairs and to build a new, commercial-sized grist mill, which became known as Lee's Mill and later Jerusalem Mill.

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### Need a Last-Minute Gift Idea?

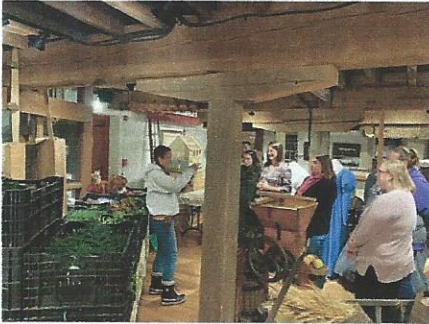
Are you looking for a last-minute gift idea? Look no further than the Jerusalem Mill Village for some unique gifts that are practical, useful, contribute to a worthwhile mission, and invoke memories of Maryland's rich history! This year we've introduced millstone coasters (\$40 for a set of four), millstone ornaments for your tree (\$15 each), or Jerusalem Mill White Silk Flour pint glasses (\$25 each). The pint glasses are partial replicas of the promotional glasses that were distributed by the mill with purchases of flour, corn meal and/or animal feed. It's not too late to pick up the handmade swags (\$10 each), authentic antique cookie cutters (\$5 each), handmade wheat ornaments (\$10 each) or special handmade items forged by our own blacksmiths (various prices), or a handmade Jericho Covered Bridge Bird House (\$95.00). Stop in at the Visitor Center – Museum at any time listed on Page 2 of this newsletter.



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## Making Wreaths

by Rebecca Weber



Shelley, teaching wreath making.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Jerusalem Mill Visitor Center was honored to host a lovely evening with Belvedere Farm for a wreath-making workshop. Eight participants were taught how to create a fresh holiday wreath from start to finish, expertly executed by the farm's talented expert, Shelley. Guests enjoyed a delicious charcuterie spread along with bubbly, and 2 hours later all were merry with smiles and a finished handmade wreath to take home. We look forward to a continued partnership in the near future through creative workshops with the historic Belvedere Farm.



Making the wreaths.

Belvedere Farm has been owned and operated by the Harlan family since 1823, with Bill and Judy Harlan growing and marketing cut flowers since 1996. When Judy passed away in 2008, Bill honored his wife's memory by keeping the flowers growing. After practicing law for over 20 years, in 2019 daughter Elizabeth decided to help her father. The farm is growing over 90 varieties of cut flowers and sells them to local florists and designers, and at farmer's markets. They also maintain a beautiful farm stand on the property.

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## Digging the Digs

by Mark McDonald

During this Fall's planting season, the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC), in coordination with the Friends of Jerusalem Mill scheduled two tree planting dates. This first planting occurred on October 30<sup>th</sup> along the Harford County bank of the Little Gunpowder Falls from Jerusalem Road to the miller's house, along the crush stone path between the bank barn and jousting field, and along the tree line and in the woods on the Falls side of the field. The second scheduled planting was on November 13<sup>th</sup> on the Baltimore County side of the Falls, in the woods.

The trees planted fall into two categories: "understory" and "riparian". Trees of the riparian category are planted adjacent to streams, rivers or in wetlands. By their nature, they prevent erosion and help to regulate water temperature which is beneficial to aquatic life like Brown Trout. Understory trees will grow under the canopy of other trees and in tight spaces. Redbud and Sweet Bay Magnolia are two such species. These trees provide food and shelter for birds and small mammals. Trees in the two fall plantings included Sweet Bay Magnolia, Linden, River Birch, Redbud, Pin Oak, Common Elderberry, Black Gum, Pignut Hickory, Sweet Birch, White Oak, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, Red Maple, Canadian Service Berry, Swamp Oak, Elm and Flowering Dogwood.

A SURPRISE! While planting these trees, a volunteer dug up an old rusty box wrench. But the most interesting find of the day was a piece of stoneware. Once soaked in a pocket of hot water and Dove dish detergent, the dirt and grime washed away revealing the manufacturer and coat of arms. The coat of arms consisted of a shield with a stag on each side, and the manufacturer's "Warranted Stone China". A search of the internet dated the piece between 1790 and 1850.

Thanks to the volunteers, both plantings were a great success. The volunteers included 30 students from Towson University, students from Perry Hall Middle School, several girl scouts, and Baltimore County Councilman David Marks.

**Bonus, Lawn & Gardening Tips:**

- Mulch leaves and compost along with the last lawn cutting.
- Don't add any more lawn fertilizer until March.
- Don't cut back flowers like Coneflowers, Black-eyed Susan, or Asters. Winter birds need the seeds.

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**Welcome New Members**

Emily Andrews  
Alice Bell  
Charles & Kayleen Belzner  
Will & Bernadine Boyce  
John & Heather Byer  
Barbara Burgess  
Lancey Clough  
Joanne Cross  
Connie Dennis  
Shirley Fischer  
Dorothy Ford  
Jeffrey & Barbara Ford  
Johnna Frantz  
Rich Fuller  
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Stanley Wales  
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Please note: As of November, 2021, we have changed the effective term of membership to a full calendar year from receipt of membership fee, regardless of when the membership fee is paid. Previously, all memberships received between January and September expired at the end of the calendar year. We're now ensuring that all members get a full year of membership benefits.

Be sure to check our Spring 2022 edition of the newsletter to see the list of members who join in the next three months, and our list of lifetime members!

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**Photographs and Memories**

Over the years we've had several visitors stop in to refresh their memories of previous times they visited and some who lived in the village, shopped in the village, or visited friends in the village. There are many families who lived and/or worked in the village that we know little about. Our collection of photographs of the village is incomplete, and don't provide a complete account of the

changes that have occurred since the 1700s. If you have personal memories of the village or of the people who lived or worked here, or if you have photographs or even artifacts that once were a part of the village, we'd very much appreciate if you would share them with us. We'd be happy to interview you, scan your photographs, or simply take pictures of the artifacts to help make our collection complete. In particular we'd love to hear about the people who lived and worked here, because they brought the village to life. If you have anything to share, please give us a call on 410-877-3560. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and a Curator will call you back.

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## Eagle Scout Candidate Project

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill have a long tradition of sponsoring candidate projects for the Eagle Scout and Gold Award programs. The latest project was developed by Nathan Bodis of Joppa, Maryland, a scout from Troop 877, chartered in 1959 by St. Stephen Church on Bradshaw Road.



Village visitors using the head race bridge built by Nat Bodis and his team.

Nat's project was the replacement of a pedestrian bridge over the original tail race for the Jerusalem Mills, next to the blacksmith shop. The old bridge had deteriorated to the point that it was unsafe and had to have temporary patches installed so it could remain in use. Nathan's goal was to design and construct a bridge that would be strong enough to support equestrian traffic, and wide enough to allow off-road emergency vehicles to cross. He recruited volunteers from his own troop, plus some family members and friends to assist him with this endeavor. Nat started with a detailed list of materials and supplies, acquired those items, obtained a detailed design, and set to work. The finished project has already received a lot of use.

*The Friends of Jerusalem Mill wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thanks for supporting our mission to preserve this historic village and educate through living history!*

To contact the newsletter editor, send an e-mail to [jerusalem.mill.curator@gmail.com](mailto:jerusalem.mill.curator@gmail.com), or call the Visitor Center – Museum at 410-877-3560. To add another e-mail address to our subscription list, simply reply to the e-mail with a subject line of “subscribe” and enter the new e-mail address in the text box. To cancel your free subscription to the Gristmill Gazette, simply reply to the e-mail with a subject line of “unsubscribe”.

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