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Jerusalem Mill Village

News & Notes

Fall 2018

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**Upcoming Events**

October 11th & 18th – Volunteers needed to cut grass in the village. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

October 13th – MD Public School Gunpowder Invitational Cross-Country Meet. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 13th – Fairy Tales to Scary Tales Family Haunted Trail. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

November 10th – Second Saturday Serve volunteer day. 9:00 a.m. to noon. All volunteers welcome.

November 10th – Village Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

November 10th – Blacksmith Demonstrations. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

November 17th – Little Gunpowder 50K Race. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

December 7th – Gunpowder Falls State Park Volunteer Breakfast. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

December 7th – FOJM Pot Luck Dinner and Village Future Planning. 6 p.m. (see article on page 4)

December 8th – Second Saturday Serve volunteer day. 9:00 a.m. to noon. All volunteers welcome.

December 9th – Christmas in the Village. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

January 1st – First Day Hike. Start times are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Details on all of our events are available on our web page at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org).

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**In the Spotlight:**

**First Responders’ Day**

The fourth Annual **First Responders’ Day** was celebrated on Saturday, August 18th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The many activities included simulated fire suppression for children, community outreach, Harford County Sheriff's Office K9 Demonstration, Maryland State Police helicopter visit, and the annual “Smack Down” contest between Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, Maryland Park Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police.



Photo by Jack Benesch

Special activities this year included an opportunity for the Girl Scout Brownies to earn Pets try-it badge as part of Shae Steven's gold award project; Harford County Humane Society booth; and the Chesapeake Search Dogs. Catering was provided by Reds of Kingsville. Ben's Auto and Wirtz & Daughters contributed to a $1,000 cash price for the Winner of the Smack-down. The First Place prize went to Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company and the runner-up was Joppa Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the event.



2018 “Smack Down” Participants

Photo by Jack Benesch

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**Why does the trail flood?**

by Will Sade

This is a question that I hear often while working at Jerusalem Mill Village. Many park visitors visit the village to hike the Little Gunpowder Trail along the Little Gunpowder Falls which defines the border between Baltimore and Harford Counties. This trail happens to be the most popular pathway in the village, but are you aware of its historical significance? A section of the trail that predates the creation of Gunpowder Falls State Park was actually a channel used as a water race to carry water captured by a dam and direct the water to the mills. This water source was used to power the Lee Merchant Mill and the Jericho Saw Mill. It is amazing that several sections of this head race are still intact and can be identified along the river. It is this section of trail that follows the path of the head race that floods after heavy rains, because it was *designed* to hold water!

Built about .4 of a mile upstream from the mill, the dam was very unimpressive. It was constructed of logs and lasted until the mid- to late-1930s, when it was destroyed by flood waters during a hurricane. After the flood the mill’s water wheels were replaced with electric turbines, and therefore a water source was no longer needed for power.



As you walk along the “race” portion of the trail a stone “waste gate” is still visible near the first wooden bridge-crossing on the trail. The waste gate was used as a relief valve during periods of heavy rain to avoid flooding of the race as it approached the mills. Not far from the waste gate was an ice pond that was fed by a natural spring. This pooled water would freeze during the winter and was harvested to be used in an underground ice house for food storage.

The “head” race ended at the front of the mill, where a gravel path now marks the location to the right of the front door. Looking across the street from the mill, one can see the remains of the hand-dug mill race to the right of the blacksmith shop.

This one example of finding remnants of industrial infrastructure is not a unique instance at Jerusalem Mill. Hidden in plain sight within the beauty of Gunpowder Falls State Park, visitors may come across remains of long-gone industry dotting the landscape of the Gunpowder River Valley.

**FoJM Hosts National Center for Blind Youth**

by John Peeler

On July 31st, Jerusalem Mill Village volunteers hosted students from the National Center for Blind Youth in Science, an initiative that serves visually impaired high school students from all over America.  This year, the National Federation of the Blind Engineering Quotient program’s week-long engineering camp was based in Baltimore, and their organizer made contact with the FoJM to discuss possibilities for a day visit. The week's focus for the students was related to timber frame structures - their construction and use - so Jerusalem Mill was a natural place to go for a new experience.

After a summer of planning and preparation, FoJM volunteers Rich Albright (Curator), Glenn Porter (Education Director), Hugh and Diane Pry (Miller’s House Interpreters), and John Peeler (Joiner/Carpenter) presented a short program to the 30 students, consisting of three sections: A tour of village buildings that use timber frame construction, a walking tour to experience the bank barn and Jericho Bridge, and an introduction to timber frame construction tools and techniques.  Luckily, the threatening rain held off, and the students were able to experience the historical perspective that Jerusalem Mill offers.



Our FoJM volunteers were happy with the experience, having learned much about working with blind students.  Our visitors were also very pleased - besides the heat, getting outside and experiencing a new place can be very exciting and rewarding.  If you visit the Jerusalem Mill Joinery this fall, you will see the examples and props produced for this visit, and you might even get a quick lesson on timber frame joinery yourself!"

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**A Great Gift Idea**

Here’s a great idea for a gift for someone who loves local history. We have limited edition prints of Jerusalem Mill circa 1910, by artist John Stevens. The 16 ½” x 32” print shows the former Jerusalem Covered Bridge, the grist mill and the blacksmith shop in the foreground, and a portion of the Lee Mansion in the background. Originally valued at $75.00, you can now get these beautiful prints with a donation of only $10.00, while supplies last. Matte and frame are not included.



Stop in the Visitor’s Center to see other gift items.

**Members’ Pot Luck Dinner**

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill will host a pot luck dinner on Friday, December 7th, starting at 6 p.m. in the Christmas tent next to the blacksmith shop. All members of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill are invited to attend. Beverages and the main course will be provided. There is no admission fee, but members who attend are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Please include a typed note listing the ingredients (for the sake of our guests who may have food allergies). This is a great opportunity to hear about our future plans and to share your own thoughts and suggestions on what is working, what isn’t working, or anything else we should consider that will make the next ten years even more successful than the last ten years!

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**Meet Our Volunteers**

Each quarter we’ll introduce you to some of our volunteers. As a non-profit charitable organization, with no paid staff, we greatly appreciate our dedicated volunteers. We want to share their stories with you. In this edition we’ll introduce you to our two Fall interns and our two new Visitor Center – Museum docents.

Justin Opdyke is a student at Harford Community College, majoring in history. He has been working at the general store on Saturdays and will be helping with the October school groups. As a nearby Fallston resident he is intrigued by Gilmor’s Raid on the general store and is working on a Power Point presentation regarding that event. He also hopes to develop an interactive display for the Civil War Room.

Our other Fall intern is Jessica Miller, a senior at Stevenson University working on her bachelor’s degree in public history. Last year she interned at the Harford County Historical Society, and she is currently working as a research assistant for an upcoming book on the history of piracy in Maryland. Jessica’s internship in the mill will include digitizing part of our photograph collection, conducting an oral history, developing a Colonial Christmas display with hand-made decorations, designing a “touch station” for children, researching the origin of the name Gunpowder Falls, writing an article for a special holiday edition of the newsletter, one or two “tours” as a docent, and assisting in managing the operations of the Visitor Center – Museum.

We also welcome our newest Visitor Center – Museum docents, Clark and Charlotte Scott. Clark has lived in Kingsville since 1949. His wife Charlotte has been a resident of the area for the past 44 years. As a child Clark spent several years at the Upperfalls School on Franklinville Road, and one year at the Odd Fellows Hall (Raphel and Bradshaw Roads). Coming from Baltimore County, Clark’s school bus would turn around in the mill’s driveway and head back to Baltimore County. Clark is a life member of the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, where he served for 17 years, and his father was the last living charter member. Charlotte has also been active in the community, helping to raise funds for local support groups. Clark and Charlotte will be in the mill on the third Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**We Need Your Help**

Because The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is a non-profit charitable organization, we rely on generous donations of time and money from our many volunteers and donors to accomplish our mission of preserving and presenting local history. We need Visitor Center – Museum docents, people to organize and work at special events, costumed interpreters (no experience necessary), research and curatorial assistance, and more. If you can’t donate your time, financial contributions can be made through memberships, business sponsorships, building or maintenance fund donations (cash, check or charge cards), selection of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill as the charity of choice when you purchase through AmazonSmile (see page 3), etc. You can get more information on all of these opportunities at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org). Or you can e-mail us at [jerusalemmill@yahoo.com](mailto:jerusalemmill@yahoo.com), or call us on

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**Give a Tree a Good Home**

Do you have a 6’ or 7’ artificial Christmas tree that you no longer need and want to give a good home? We are planning a display of Colonial

decorations in the Visitor Center – Museum this December and need a tree on which to display the hand-made decorations. Because of the time period, it would need to be a tree that does not have lights, or from which the lights can be removed. We also need some artificial “greens”. If you want to donate to our holiday collection, please call the Visitor Center – Museum on 410-877-3560, or send us an e-mail at jerusalem.mill.curator@gmail.com.

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**Policy Documents Available**

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill has recently updated its by-laws and its Volunteer Handbook, and has made these documents available online for your review and comment, at <https://jerusalemmill.org/volunteer/>. Members can send their suggestions or comments, via e-mail, to [jerusalemmill@yahoo.com](mailto:jerusalemmill@yahoo.com), by October 26th.

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**Jerusalem Mill Village Living History Program, 2018**



The General Store, Civil War Room and Gift Shop are open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the village’s connection to the Civil War, step into a 1930s general store, and browse our gift shop for a variety of souvenirs including items made by our own blacksmiths.



The Miller’s House (a.k.a. “the gun shop”) is open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Watch costumed interpreters demonstrate hearth and open fire cooking, gardening, sewing or other activities of daily life in Colonial times.



The Grist Mill (Visitor Center and Museum) is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Mondays and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Learn about the village, explore our artifacts, and see how a 1772 grist mill operated.



The Blacksmith Shop is open on the second Saturday of every month, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. See the forge in operation as our blacksmiths demonstrate their trade.

Not pictured:

Located in the front room of the Carriage House, adjacent to the mill, is the Joinery where our colonial woodworker demonstrates the tools and techniques used in colonial times. The Joinery is open on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m..

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