

Cider Mill Press

Fall 2014



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lisa Weiss, RLA

Dear Friends and Supporters,

You are invited to our 2nd "Old- Fashioned Cider Tasting" - Saturday, October 11, 2014, 11am-3pm, at the historic Kimlin Cider Mill, 140 Cedar Avenue, Poughkeepsie (see insert). Enjoy our Kimlin Cider, fresh pressed from Peach Hill apples, and other local ciders.

Well, another busy year! It is with pleasure and gratitude to acknowledge the generous efforts of our board, volunteers and community, the backbone of our success, during the events and activities this year:

- Great Backyard Bird Count in February
- Sharpe Reservation Maple Festival in March
- Oakwood Friends School community service day at the Mill led by Kaedin Jemiolo in April
- Summit with Advisory Board and guests in May, "Planning for the Future of the Kimlin Cider Mill," which was highly productive and beneficial
- New and improved website in May
- Completion of 3rd Eagle Scout project (article)
- Open house for Vassar College Reunion Weekend in June (article)
- Poughkeepsie Journal article in July
- Roof stabilization work by Dave Newberry
- Electrical work by Mike Scarchilli, Northland Contracting Corp. (the Mill will now have electricity since the lights were turned off in 1990)
- Efforts are underway with Dutchess County Department of Public Works to address roadside drainage issues
- Historic site signs on Hooker, Spackenkill and Cedar (article)
- Many archival activities occurred including photos

BUILDING FARM GATES

Eric Schwartz, Boy Scout Troop 26 of Wappingers Falls

For my Eagle project I built three gates around the Cider Mill.

On the first day, the digging of the holes was very challenging. The second day the challenging part was getting each gate square. Once I was shown how to make it square and the first section was built, building the rest of the gates and attaching them went smoothly.

Each day I had many helpers, boys and adults, from my Boy Scout troop. From this project I learned leadership. I also enjoyed helping the Cider Mill Friends.

Footnote: Eric was an incredible fundraiser who graciously donated his extra raised funds to CMF.



UPCOMING 2014-2015 EVENTS

- Sat, 9/20 – Arlington Street Fair @ Raymond Ave, Pok
- Sat, 10/11 – Old Fashioned Cider Tasting @ Mill
- Sat-Sun, 11/15-16-Fair Trade Bazaar @ Vassar College
- Fri-Mon, 2/13-16 – Great Backyard Bird Count @ Mill

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lisa Weiss, RLA, President
Mike Fraatz, Vice President
Stephanie LaRose Lewison, Secretary
Ann Shershin, Treasurer
John Cassidy
Ian McGregor
Lisa Potts
Gary Privratsky

Doris Adams
Roy T. Budnik, PhD
Nancy Cozean
Allen Derragon
Michael Englert, Esq.
Eileen Hayden
Kristen Jemiolo, MD

ADVISORY BOARD

Lucille Johnson, PhD
Rick Keller-Coffey
Celie Kustas
Michael McCormack, ALA
Andrew Otis, Esq
Fred Pizzuto
Rob Rolison

Patrick Seaton
Margaret Slomin
Ivars Sprogis, MD
Rudy Sprogis
Pauline Taricco
Rebecca Thornton
Holly Wahlberg
Barbara Wiest

VASSAR REUNION OPEN HOUSE

Stephanie LaRose Lewison

On June 15, during Vassar College's annual reunion weekend, Cider Mill Friends hosted an open house at the Mill, inviting alumni to visit their old hang-out. Alumni from mainly the 1970s and 1980s came to the Mill and shared their memories. Many alumni commented that they couldn't quite remember how they traveled the distance to the Mill during their tenure at Vassar College, but once reminded of the proximity to Vassar Farm, many said they probably walked through the Farm. Some of the alumni also remembered seeing sheep on the property. They were glad to see the Mill being preserved.

HISTORIC SITE SIGNS

The Mill is listed on the National and New York State (NYS) Registers of Historic Places and is a Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Landmark. It is therefore eligible for "historic site" road signs. Kudos to Dutchess County Department of Public Works and NYS Department of Transportation for installing these signs in April and July along Cedar Avenue, Spackenkill Road, and Hooker Avenue to direct passerbys to the Mill.



MEMORIES OF THE MILL

Enjoy these memories of the Mill, recently shared with us:

- "Riding bicycles to the Cider Mill was the favored activity when we had visitors."
- "I remember well during the first semester of our freshman year we were treated to a reception at the Mill."
- "We realized we could buy a gallon of cider, take it back to our dorms and "crack" it by letting it ferment some and then putting it outside our dorm windows to chill. Very delicious!"

MONARCH WAY STATION

Mike Fraatz

Over the last two years, we have protected the milkweed in the meadow so it may thrive as a monarch butterfly food source. Monarch waystations are places that provide the necessary resources for monarch butterflies to migrate from the US and Canada to overwintering areas in Mexico and California. Without milkweed throughout their spring and summer breeding areas, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. The Kimlin Cider Mill was recently certified as a monarch waystation.



REQUEST FOR RECIPES

Ann Shershin

We are assembling an apple-themed cookbook that will include recipes and local history. Recipes welcome; please contact us (see contact information below).

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We are compiling memories of the Mill. Please submit your memories here: <http://goo.gl/yFVZoi>.

FIND US ONLINE

- Check our updated website at www.cidermillfriends.org, including an online merchandise store.
- Connect with our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/kimlincidermillfriends
- Join our e-mail list at <http://eepurl.com/u2-Xz>

2015 SATURDAY WORK DAYS

9:30am-12:30pm

March 14	July 11
April 11	August 1
May 2	September 5
June 6	October 3

Join us as we work to clean and restore the mill and landscape. Please RSVP should the schedule change.

Cider Mill Friends of Open Space & Historic Preservation, Inc.

P.O. Box 2873, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

email: cidermillfriends@gmail.com

website: www.cidermillfriends.org

phone: (845) 462-2516

facebook: www.facebook.com/kimlincidermillfriends