

Cider Mill Press

Fall 2015



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lisa Weiss, RLA

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are happy to invite you to our 3rd "annual Old-Fashioned Cider Tasting" - Saturday, October 10, 2015; 11am-3pm; at the historic Kimlin Cider Mill, 140 Cedar Avenue, Poughkeepsie (see insert).

Enjoy our very own Kimlin Cider, fresh pressed from local apples picked from the Hudson Valley Research Laboratory.

As of this printing, we are thrilled to welcome these local cider donors:

- Yankee Folly, hard cider, back again from last year, New Paltz
- Fishkill Farms sweet cider, Hopewell Junction
- Awestruck Premium Hard Cider, Walton
- Pitchfork Hard Cider, Poughkeepsie
- Naked Flock Hudson Valley Hard Cider, Warwick
- Doc's Draft Hard Cider, Warwick
- Wilklow Orchards sweet cider, Highland

IN MEMORIUM: LISA POTTS

We are sorry to lose our longtime supporter and dedicated Board Director, Lisa Potts, who passed away in the spring. Lisa is sorely missed.

THANK YOU JOHN CASSIDY

Thank you to John Cassidy, Board Director and former Vice President, for his years of service. CMF is grateful for John's continuous support.

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2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have wonderful accomplishments this year:

- Electricity - The electricity is turned on for the first time since 1990. Thank you to Mike Scarchilli of Northland Contracting Corp.!
- Roof - We were awarded a grant to assess the Mill roofs. The Technical Assistance Grant Program is made possible by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. Thank you to all our letter supporters, Preservation League of NY, and to Stephen Tilly Architect, Russel Watsky, and Robert Silman Associates!
- Barn Door - One of the Mill barn doors was restored to working order, enabling access and storage of large equipment. Thank you to volunteer Andy Pecoraro for spearheading this endeavor!
- Regrading - The ground was regraded on the north side to facilitate positive water flow away from the Mill. Thank you to volunteer Jack Goodman for grading expertise and equipment!



Robert Gabalski
(of Stephen Tilly Architect)
and Andre Georges
(of Robert Silman Assoc.)

Thank you to all our volunteers this year for their dedication and hard work!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We are constantly compiling memories and oral histories of the Mill. We welcome your memories at <http://goo.gl/yFVZoi>.

EVENT ROUNDUP: 2ND ANNUAL CIDER TASTING

October 11, 2014 was our 2nd annual "Old-Fashioned Cider Tasting" event at the Mill. Rainy weather and all, our attendance doubled. There were many local ciders to taste in addition to our Kimlin Cider, pressed by CMF using a 100-year-old hand press and local apples from the Hudson Valley Research Lab.

Thank you to all our event sponsors!

EVENT ROUNDUP: GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

2015 was our 3rd year participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count at the Mill. We spent roughly an hour in the (cold!) mornings at the Mill, counting the birds with a trained ornithologist. We are happy to participate in this event every year and invite you to participate in 2016.

EVENT ROUNDUP: VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

In March we held a Volunteer Open House to gather previous and potential volunteers. We described ongoing and future projects and how to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know your interests, skills, and availability!

EVENT ROUNDUP: SHARPE RESERVATION MAPLE CELEBRATION

For our 2nd year, we participated in this event by the Fresh Air Fund, a non-profit agency that provides summer activities for NYC children.

EVENT ROUNDUP: ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On June 13, during Vassar College's annual reunion weekend, CMF hosted an open house at the Mill, inviting alumni and the public to visit their old hang-out. Vassar College supported us by advertising the event and our organization to the alumni. We were glad to see many happy faces and hear their memories of the Mill.



Recently-donated Kimlin Cider jar

EVENT ROUNDUP: WALK TO THE MILL

CMF, in partnership with the Vassar College Ecological Preserve, organized a walk from Vassar College and Vassar Farms to the Kimlin Cider Mill. Walkers followed the footsteps of past Vassar students who travelled to the Mill for cider, cookies, and Kimlin storytelling. Participants learned about efforts at the Preserve and the Mill. A troop of 30 walkers enjoyed the beautiful spring weather.



"Walk to the Mill" event in April

PRESS RESTORATION

One of our volunteers, Andy Pecoraro, attended the Antique Engine & Tractor Show in Yorktown Heights and made several contacts to further the restoration of our cider press. He also learned how to repair other antique machinery in our collection.

2016 SATURDAY VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

9:30am-12:30pm – Dates are tentative

March 19	June 11	September 10
April 9	July 9	October 8
May 14	August 13	

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

UPCOMING 2015-2016 EVENTS

Sat, 9/5 – HV Ramble: Tour & Invasive Species @ Mill
Sat, 9/19 – Arlington Street Fair @ Raymond Ave, Pok
Sat, 10/10 – Old Fashioned Cider Tasting @ Mill
November 2015 – Fair Trade Bazaar
Fri-Mon, 2/12-15 – Great Backyard Bird Count @ Mill
April 2016 – Walk to the Mill
June 2016 – Open House @ Mill
Sat., 10/15/16 – 4th Annual Cider Tasting @ Mill

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