

SCRIBNER'S MILL PRESERVATION, INC.

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SCRIBNER'S MILL



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Mission Statement

The Barrows/Scribner's Mill will be an accurately reconstructed early saw mill museum used for educational purposes to teach the life and times of a family operated lumbering business.

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What a great turn out we had for the July 6 celebration of the completion of the interior works and the Scribner's Mill book signing. Matthew Charlebois welcomed those in attendance and with Peter Hammond was in the mill to talk about the completion of the interpretive 1847 sash saw works. Rick Jackson was in the long shed demonstrating the shingle mill. Bill Howard was at the forge in the blacksmith shop. Marilyn Hatch, with the help of Maegan Callahan was under the tarp tent signing books, and Norm Miner was captivating onlookers as he demonstrated how to cut granite with drills, feathers and wedges. At the homestead, Martha Denison offered tours of the house; in the barn Cheryl Callahan had her large collection of antique quilts on display, and in the wood shed the Arnott Fiddlers captivated the crowds with their fiddling. To top the day off, Kate Charlebois and Nancy Dow were in the food booth stirring up root beer floats for those in attendance.



July 6 Celebration cont.



Left: Cheryl telling the stories of her quilts.



Left: Arnott fiddlers.

Below: Bob Withee with his model antique engine,

In the mill Debra Withee managed the sales and guest registry.



Right: Ray Hilton at the ticket booth.

Last but not least, Tim Pike and Barry Sturdivant were in the field directing visitors as to where to park their cars.



Martha Scribner Denison finishing a tour of the house with a number of the Scribner clan in tow.

Annual Meeting

At this year's annual meeting, on Aug. 21, Martha Scribner Denison was elected to the Board as a Director.

Martha is the youngest child of Janyce and Bourdon P. Scribner. She lives in Harrison with her husband Hobie. They have one son, Philip and two grandchildren. Martha is a RN at Bridgton Hospital, taking care of people who are having surgery or special procedures done. She has enjoyed traveling the woods and back roads of Harrison on her horses since she was a young girl. She loves to be outdoors hiking, fishing, kayaking, swimming or camping. As a member of the Harrison Historical Society she has worked to preserve the history of Harrison and its families. Her first experience with SMPI was as a young girl, swimming near the mill and dam with her siblings and cousins retrieving rusty metal objects from the river. For years. Martha has given tours of the Scribner Homestead during our summer season.

"I joined the SMPI board because I'm so impressed by the dedication and amazing work that has happened at the mill. It's my hope that I'll be able to encourage others family members and friends to become more involved . "

Ordering a Scribner Book

Go on-line to scribnersmill.org, scroll down the home page and click on Order Now to place your order. Once the order is placed the book will usually be delivered within a week to 10 days. Read and enjoy.

No internet, no problem, send a note and check to PO Box 323, Harrison, 04040. Soft cover \$35, hard cover \$50 (add \$3 for postage).

Following the Generations

At the July 6 event, Bruce Calef (5th generation Scribner) and his wife Linda were in attendance. After the day's event was over, Bruce was asked if he would pose with pictures of his ancestors. You be the judge as to his resemblance to that of his forebears.



From left to right: Cyrus (second generation), Elijah (first generation) and Bruce (fifth generation).

Update on Rebuilding a Storage Shed

When we realized that the size of shed we wanted would not fit on the mill property, our neighbors, the Rollins, were asked if they would deed a slip of their property to SMPI. With their affirmative answer, the addition was surveyed, and a deed drawn up. Another delay was learning that we needed to have the total property surveyed and needing to have the permit reviewed and permitted by the Planning Board for approval. Hopefully we will have all paper ready to submit the end of this month for the Nov. 6 Planning Board meeting.

Moving Day

With the delay in our plan to build the storage shed and the closing of Scott's property on October 30th, we were pressured to move the gifted items to any corner we could find at the mill & Homestead. Thanks to Wendell Scribner and his tractor with a fork lift, Dale and Jesse Scribner, and a contingency of SMP members, all items were successfully moved to a temporary home.



Re-gifting Items Not Wanted and New Friends Made

It was amazing that within a short period of time, new homes were found for the unwanted items that had been gifted to SMPI over the years. With limited storage space, SMPI will be considering a collection policy to guide what will be accepted in the future.

One of the items stored in Scott's barn was a very large conveyor used to bring blocks of ice harvested from a pond up and into an ice house. When John Hatch accepted the Philo Hewlett ice harvesting collection for our ice house, this conveyor was a part of that collection. Since SMPI had no way to use this item, let alone store it, we set out to find it a new home. After a few calls, we were directed to the Curran Homestead Village and director Robert Schmick.

The ice block conveyor is now at its new home in Orrington, ME and Robert is excited about being associated with Scribner's mill.

The last item to go from Scott's barn were parts of a shingle mill. They are now in Mr. Stacy's barn in Woolrich.



Good-by Caterpillars

John Hatch had a pension for collecting things, such as clocks, old tools, tractors, used Ford vans, Caterpillars, and according to his son unfinished projects. Mr. Stackpole, of Cushing, has added two of John's three Caterpillars to his own collection. In the near future, he will be back to collect the third one from behind the Homestead barn. Just one tractor left to find a new home.

President Hammond's Message

Next year will mark two centuries of Maine statehood.

Scribner's Mill plans to participate in this celebration with an all day event similar to our former "Back to the Past at Scribner's Mill" on Labor Day, Monday September 7. Mark your calendar as a reminder.

Demonstrations and special exhibits are being planned. Watch for more information in the next newsletter and think about how you can participate in this Bicentennial event as a volunteer or exhibitor.

Membership Renewal/Gift Form

Send checks made payable to Scribner's Mill Preservation, to:
Stuart Reynolds, 415 Ridge Rd., Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Select membership level of support:

___ Student \$5

___ Individual \$15

___ Family \$30

___ Sustaining \$25

___ Corporate/Patron \$50

___ Benefactor \$100

___ Life \$500

___ Jessie P. Scribner Club \$1000 (Name placed on a plaque located at the Mill and life membership awarded.)

___ I would like to give a special donation to be added to the STK Foundation grant.

Your continued support is appreciated.

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