

SCRIBNER'S MILL PRESERVATION, INC.

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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.

Website: scribnersmill.org

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August 14, 2021, SMP will be celebrating Maine's 200th anniversary at a *Back to the Past at Scribner's Mill* if the Covid 19 is under control. Mark your next year's calendar.

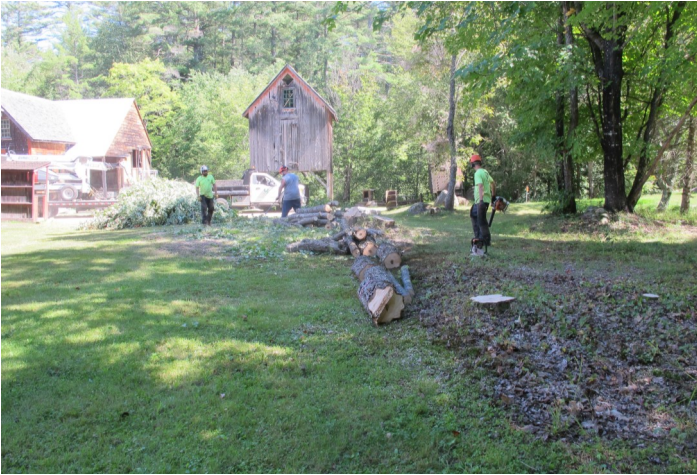
2020 will be a year remembered for a number of generations, even at Scribner's Mill. We were open only 5 days this summer, but the traffic on Scribner's Mills Rd. was extraordinarily busy with people driving by in their cars, their four wheelers, and bikes who stopped to explore the mill. If someone was at the mill, a tour was offered, but most people were happy to just explore the site and take pictures. The days the mill was open, we had a decent turn out of around 25 visitors. On August 16 when the Knucklebusters Antique and Classic Car Club had their monthly tour with Scribner's Mill as their destination, 51 were in attendance. Everyone wore their masks and was conscious of safely distancing from each other. Special thanks to Peter Hammond, Tom Thomas, Martha Denison, Tim Pike, Lucas Damen, Bill Howard, and Ray Hilton for making it possible to have the mill open this year.

Speaking of antique vehicles: On September 10th, an offer was received from Bruce Wilson of Waterford with an offer to donate his 1951 Ford Flatbed truck to Scribner's Mill. With our buildings bulging with donations that will go into our future Exhibit Shed there was a moment of hesitation as to where there would be room to keep it under cover. It only took one look by several members of the board to realize that this was not an offer to turn down. After gift papers were transacted and a space cleared in the Long Shed, several board members brought a trailer to bring the truck to the mill to make room for this gift. **Do not be surprised to see it in some local parades.**



Exhibit Shed Update

Thanks to Q-Team Tree Service, the area where the exhibit shed will be located was cleared of trees and the stumps ground.



At this point estimates for the construction of the timber framed building have been received and a grant has been submitted to cover its cost. To augment the grant, we have received commitments of donated materials, equipment, and time. *If you would like to support this project send your donation to our membership chairperson, just make sure your payment indicates that your donation is to go to the construction of the Exhibit Shed.* [See the last page of this newsletter.] **Your name will be included on a plaque placed in the Exhibit Shed as a contributor.**

Timber Framing Workshop

A second grant was requested for the funds to offer a free timber framing workshop to be held in early spring. This will be a 5 day workshop for up to 5 registrants plus the day that the structure will be raised. Ed Somers will be the instructor for the course. If interested in registering for this free workshop give SMP a call at 207-583-6455. There are 4 spots still available at the writing of this newsletter. If the funding for this workshop becomes available, you will be notified as to dates and time. Hopefully the workshop will be in April.

President's Message: "The Final Step"

Life happens! This statement was certainly true when the supposed blacksmith expert, that was hired to complete the iron work for the sash saw's lever system, failed to deliver. After a frustrating year trying to obtain what we needed, we finally asked our blacksmith Lucas Damen if he would try to fix what this expert could or would not do.

Uncertain if he could do it, Lucas, agreed to give it a try. Not only did he try but he succeeded beyond what was expected. What an excellent piece of craftsmanship he

Was able to produce. Pictured below is Board member, Matthew Charlebois, who has finished the final section that will connect the lever system to the pawls. This will be the "final step" completing the interior works of the mil. [A pawl - a pivoted tongue adapted to fall into notches of a ratchet wheel, so as to permit motion in only one direction to move the carriage forward.]



With appreciation and a thank you Lucas! President, Marilyn Hatch

The Lucky Winner of "What Is It"

Several years ago, Robert Fogg donated an early piece of equipment with a patent date of Sept. 10, 1878, that was obviously some type of clamp. Originally it was thought that it had something to do with making horse shoes, but this thought was questionable. The question was, a clamp for what? This summer a volunteer from the Windsor Fair won the *What Is It?* and received his free Scribner's Mill T-shirt. He identified this clamp as one that was used in the making of a broom.

It turns out that the Windsor Fair has one that they use to make brooms. The winner was seen selecting his free T-shirt, but there was not a moment to get his name. Congratulations to him. We are so pleased to know what it was used for. Hopefully, the Windsor broom maker will attend our Back to the Past event next year and demonstrate this clamp.



Model T Ford Conversion Tractor

We said a fond farewell to the Model T Tractor this past August as it left for a new home at the Narrow Gauge RR in Portland. It was an interesting artifact that had been given to SMP, but it had no significance to the Sawmill's history. The new owner has the Model T up and running and it can be found in the workshop at the Narrow Gage RR



2020 Annual Meeting Held in the Mill Due to Covid 19

At our annual meeting this year, out going President, Peter Hammond, read off a list of those he felt should be recognized. A grateful thanks to Peter, himself, who has always found a way to be on hand to help no matter the task. *“Ray Hilton – greeter plus when the mill is open; Lucas Damen and Bill Howard blacksmiths; Tom Thomas who operated the shingle mill this summer and cares for the tractor; Lewis Jones who provided training on saw sharpening; Daniel Scribner who provides his tractor to operate the shingle mill; Torry Eaton, secretary, who hosts our meetings; Barry Sturdivant, Tim Pike, and the Scribner brothers who have provided their equipment to help move machinery, granite, and sand for the mill; Roy Clark, webmaster and help with the granite work; Matthew Charlebois master craftsman and who created the design for the exhibit shed; Cheryl Callahan for obtaining approval for the mill to be open; Penny Bean for joining the board as corresponding secretary; Marilyn Hatch who managed the process of obtaining the building permit for the exhibit shed; and Stuart Reynolds, membership chairperson, for his work keeping track of our membership.”* Be a volunteer! We need your skills

Scribner's Mill Book Sales

To order your Scribner's Mill book go online at 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 to Marilyn Hatch with a check to PO Box 323, Harrison, 04040. Soft cover \$35, hard cover \$50. Postage is included in the price of the book.

Collection Policy: Since SMP has been gifted many interesting artifacts with nothing to do with the history of the early sawmill industry, and due to our lack of storage space a Collection Policy was adopted by the board.

Due to the importance of collecting what is relevant to Scribner's Mill and the Homestead, it will be the policy of Scribner's Mill Preservation, Inc. to collect or receive items as gifts that tell the story of the early sawmill industry, relate directly to the equipment that may have been utilized at the mill during its operating period, or adds to the story of its history. If a similar or identical item is offered, the one in best condition will be retained unless it relates directly to the Barrows or Scribner family.

Art work, documents, pictures, or ledgers will be accepted only if the item directly relates to Scribner's Mill history: the families who owned or who worked at the mill.

At the discretion of the Board and with a majority vote, any item of interest that may have been previously accepted or offered, may be either sold, offered to another appropriate historic facility/site, or given away.

You might wonder how the 1951 Ford truck fits into this policy, we have only to look at a picture from the 1953 flood that took out the road/dam and sent the logs down river between the Long Shed and the Mill.



This 1950's truck had a crane on its flatbed and was used to clear the logs to be able to rebuild the road.

Membership Renewal/Gift Form

Send checks made payable to Scribner's Mill Preservation, to:
Stuart Reynolds, 415 Rodge 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 plus a life membership awarded.)

I would like to give a special donation for the exhibit shed project.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Contributions are tax deductible within legal limits for income tax purposes.