

# SCRIBNER'S MILL PRESERVATION, INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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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.*

**Website:** [scribnersmill.org](http://scribnersmill.org)

**The updated website is now up and running. Check it out.**

**Telephone:** 207-583-6455

### Interior Work Continues

*When setting the rails straight the floor was found not to be level. This required additional structural support under the mill.*

*Ingenuity was used to bring the floor into level without using direct posting from the tailrace bedrock. Angle iron was pinned to the granite works under the mill to support the 10 x 10 beams that levered the floor up and into place.*



*January was the perfect time to walk on water.*

**Below left:** Angle iron attachment to the granite wall.

**Right:** Drilling the hole into the floor joist to anchor and secure the carriage rail in place.



**Putting the carriage beams into the mill:**



How do you bring 25 foot long carriage beams into the mill?  
Through a door of course.



Using levers, rollers and a come-a-long, the carriage beams are put into place for the next stage of work.

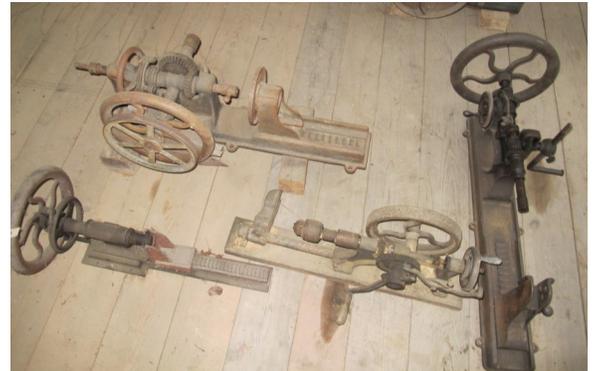


The next and last phase will be to install the lever system and wrag wheel that moves the carriage forward. This phase of work will continue this summer.

**Blacksmith Shop, Ax Collection, Forge, & Bunk House**

Scribner's Mill Preservation was pleased to learn last fall that we were the recipient of Bourdon Scribner's ax collection. To become knowledgeable about the collection, Jeffrey Miller, Blacksmith from Flintlock Forge, Waldoboro, met with a committee to tell us about each ax. Eventually, there will be 21 axes from the collection placed on exhibit in the blacksmith shop.

To make room for this exhibit, the blacksmith shop needed to be cleaned and excess items remove. All the excess items were sold to other blacksmiths except for four of the six wall hung drill presses.



The best press was kept for the shop and another purchased by Lucas Damer a new volunteer blacksmith from the Naples area. The other four are available for sale.

Lucas will be at the forge when Bill Howard is not available allowing the blacksmith shop to be open on the Saturday's when the mill and homestead are open for tours.



**Blacksmith Forge**

Another reason the shop was cleaned was the decision to replicate the wood forge original to the 1847 shop. When the restoration of the mill started, John Hatch spent a summer doing an archeology investigation of the shop ruins and found the evidence of the original forge. Ed Somers is using these measured drawings to re-create the forge. The hearth will be set in the center of the wood frame surrounded by hardened ash. A pipe into the side of the box will connect the bellows to the hearth.



Finally, the 1847 blacksmith shop doubled as a bunk house for the men harvesting the granite. This very uncomfortable looking sleeping space will be added to the story of the shop.

Pre-orders are now being taken for the Scribner's Mill book.

# Scribner's Mill

By

*Marilyn S. Hatch*



*Its Early Beginnings, the Families,  
the Homestead, and Those Who  
Worked in the Mill*



Hard cover \$49.95 Soft cover \$29.95  
Cost includes shipping.

*Just go on line to [scribnersmill.org](http://scribnersmill.org) to order.*

For an order form call Marilyn Hatch 207-583-6455

## From the President

Along with the construction of the sash saw and carriage, story boards are being prepared to provide explanations of each specialized area.

These descriptive panels will be placed strategically to facilitate self-guided tours through the mill providing background and operational information related to the various locations and equipment. In production are story boards for the mill pond, brow and log winch, sawdust shed, barrel stave manufacturing and barrel head production.

The mill complex is now open on the first and third Saturdays through Labor Day. I encourage Scribner's Mill Preservation members to visit the mill and homestead to view the changes and progress made in the past year. Members could also consider volunteer options. Interacting with visitors is always important, but, please remember that there are a number of behind the scenes opportunities that are essential in keeping things running smoothly. If interested call me at 207-743-5277.

Peter Hammond

## Annual Meeting

**This year's annual meeting will be August 22. Mark your calendar so you will not forget. Potluck Supper starts at 5:45 followed by a round up of business happenings for this past year and a look toward the future.**

## Parting Shots



Peter Hammond and Rick Jackson finally found the problem with the cylinder saw, just a simple wedge did the trick.

**FYI:** Loon Echo Land Trust will be holding their annual meeting at Scribner's Mill on Friday August 22. The mill and homestead will be open for those interested in a tour.

**Thanks to the Town of Harrison** for installing pedestrian caution signs at the mill site. Lets hope the vehicles who speed down the hill and pass the mill will slow down.

**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.*

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







