

SCRIBNER'S MILL PRESERVATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement: *To preserve a rural Maine sawmill and homestead, providing educational opportunities related to the life and times of a family operated farm and lumbering business.*

Website: scribnersmill.org

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2022 Calendar for Mill and Homestead Tours

Saturdays 1—4 pm Adults \$5

June 18, July 2nd & 16, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17

4th July Parade in Bridgton 12 noon

Barnstorming tour July 23, 10 am to 3 pm

Annual Meeting August 24, 6:30 pm bring a desert.

Timber Frame is Up and Siding On

The big news since last fall's newsletter is that the timber frame was raised and sheathing placed on the roof in November. December, there was one day warm enough to install the metal roofing on the south side of the building. This spring the metal roofing was finished and the siding applied. The next step is to install the windows, then move the items to be placed on exhibit.



It was an absolutely perfect day to raise the Exhibit Shed with a large crew to manage the parts, Henry Hudson with his crane, and a group of spectators to cheer us on.

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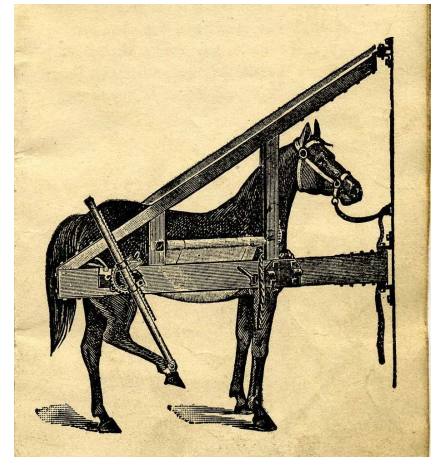


Top left: Crew who helped stand the shed.
 Top right: Putting the roof sheathing on.
 On the right: Installing the metal roof.
 On the left: Good days work with the siding in place and door on.

Thanks to the Davis Family Foundation, the Brook Family Foundation, the Narragansett Number One Foundation, & the Norway Savings Bank for their financial support to make this project possible, also to all the volunteers (too many to name) and our contractor Ed Somers Woodworking. Now to create the old machinery exhibit related to the early mill.

The Barcus Horse Stocks, given to Scribner's Mill years ago, will finally have a new home in the Exhibit Shed. Left: Using our Farmall tractor to skid them from the Long Shed to their new location in the open end of the Exhibit Shed.

Picture provided by Robert Schmick of the 19th Century Curnann Farm Village in Orrington, ME



Left to right" Jim Gaff, Peter Hammond, Merrill Rollins, & Martha Denison.

Cooperating with other Nonprofits

July 4th Parade in Bridgton. Come be a spectator and cheer on the DAR members as they ride in our vintage 1953 flatbed truck. Featured this year will be



2021 4th of July Parade

re-enactors President Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln who will be joining the DAR members dressed in period clothing.

Mystery Barnstorming Tour

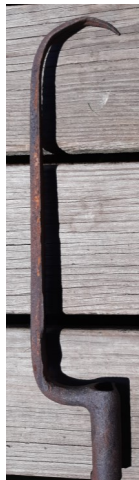
The Rufus Porter Museum has asked us to participate in their Mystery Barnstorming Tour to be held on Saturday July 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm. The Homestead Barn will be one of the seven barns on this tour. Tickets can be purchased from the Rufus Porter Museum. The tour begins at the Museum where you pick up your tour map. www.rufusportermuseum.org.



Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting is to be held on Wednesday August 17, 6:30 pm at the Homestead for dessert followed by the annual meeting, then a special presentation by Peter Hammond on the *Little Unknown Facts About the Civil War*. His talk will connect facts of the war with 18 year old Bourdon Scribner and the artifacts that we have of his service.

The question is why was the end of Bourdon's bayonet bent into a hook?



The Big Reshuffle

Now that the Exhibit Shed is ready for occupancy there will be a big reshuffle of equipment in the barn and Long shed. Our goal is to bring together in the exhibit shed, the equipment that is part of the Mill's history. The barn will focus on the old farming equipment that has been stored out of sight under the barn, and the Long Shed will be reorganized to show interesting early machinery and other items. A line shaft will be installed to allow some of the machinery to be operated.



The 1847 Johnson shingle mill and a Ricker planer was moved into the shed prior to the installation of the siding due to their size.



New Timeline Exhibit in the Mill

Barrows/Scribner's Mill "The granite Dam Enterprise"

Visitors can now follow the Mill's historic timeline with a new exhibit that was recently installed to the left of the Mill's exit. The picture on the bottom left is a temporary and will be replaced as the timeline expands to include additional strides that are made to restore the mill. The next major restoration step is to rebuild the east end addition of the mill that collapsed in 1974.

Membership Renewal/Gift Form

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

Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Select membership level of support:

___ Student (under 18) \$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 in a prominent place, plus a life membership.)

Your continued support is appreciated.

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