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Volunteer at Newlin and Love What You Do!



Volunteering is a labor of love. Newlin Grist Mill is a site that inspires people to donate their time to help preserve its history and natural resources. The gift of time is very precious, and one that Newlin Grist Mill needs to continue its long tradition of serving the community.

Over the last few months Lauren Vitelli, Newlin Grist Mill's new Volunteer Coordinator, has crafted a comprehensive volunteer program. When someone chooses to donate their time, they will become part of the Newlin Grist Mill team and be able to help in areas and projects based on where their interests lie.

Each new volunteer will be asked to fill out an application form and meet with Lauren to discuss how their skills might best fit in at Newlin Grist Mill. Next, every volunteer will complete the Newlin Grist Mill Volunteer Introduction 101 course. This course is a basic introduction to the site's mission, history, and an outline of volunteers' responsibilities. At the end of the course, volunteers will take an orientation tour of the property and buildings.

A manual with guidelines for each position will be provided to every volunteer. Volunteers will have the opportunity to build their manual with additional information depending on the type of activities they choose. For example, education guides will receive tour materials to take home and review, which they can add to their manual binder.

Volunteers will be scheduled on a monthly basis and be kept up-to-date on Newlin happenings by a quarterly volunteer newsletter. Each Newlin Grist Mill volunteer will be given the tools and training to help make a difference at the site.

Volunteers are respected members of the staff and are honored in a yearly appreciation event. Volunteers will also be invited to attend exclusive lectures throughout the year on topics of historical and environmental interest. Come and discover how fulfilling a volunteer experience can be and become a caretaker of history! Interested in signing up? Contact Lauren at 610-459-2359 or email her at lvitelli@newlingristmill.org.



Top to bottom (Left to Right): Volunteers helping with colonial games, cleaning the mill stones, providing mill tours, working in the blacksmith shop, and helping children with craft activities.

Remembering the Past



From Left to Right: Ralph Kauffman working on a wood pile and on the Newlin Grist Mill Tractor

Remembering Ralph: Ralph Kauffman was one of the first employees of the Nicholas Newlin Foundation. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a non-profit organization, it is only fitting to remember those who helped make Newlin Grist Mill the wonderful place it is today. Ralph was instrumental in reconstructing and restoring many of the historic structures on the site including the first log cabin, the scout cabin, the spring house, the mill race, and the blacksmith shop. He put his all into his work - both at Newlin Grist Mill and for Sun Oil cleaning out railroad tank cars. He considered Newlin Grist Mill his oasis and he certainly helped shape the park into the sanctuary it is today for families, community members, and everyone who comes to visit our site.

Ralph was also very involved within the community. He collected clothing and other gently used items to donate to people in need. An avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Ralph brought a certain energy and livelihood to Newlin Grist Mill and everyone he came into contact with. One of his favorite expressions was “everything’s beautiful.” He used this expression so much that the old Newlin Grist Mill tractor was christened and named “beautiful.”

Newlin Grist Mill certainly is a wonderful and beautiful place where visitors can encounter both history and nature. Ralph’s legacy remains throughout the park. When you are walking around Newlin Grist Mill, take the time to remember Ralph and to remember that “everything’s beautiful.”

Susan Lucas and A Time of Sharing, June 18th



Another employee and volunteer instrumental in developing Newlin Grist Mill was Susan Lucas, or “Susie” as she was often called. Susie was very active in the historical community and worked at historical sites around Delaware County. At Newlin Grist Mill, Susie was instrumental in developing many of the historic and living history programs for which Newlin Grist Mill became known. Her interest in these historic techniques came from both of her parents, but especially her father.

One of Susie’s main contributions to Newlin Grist Mill was her involvement in historic cooking and foodways. It was Susie who first had the vision to build a historic bake oven on the property. She led historic cooking workshops for adults, families and kids ranging from root beer making to bread and butter. She was also very involved with Past Masters in Early American Domestic Arts, a group that still leads historic cooking workshops at Newlin Grist Mill each fall.

It is the memory of Susie Lucas and all of her contributions to Newlin Grist Mill that will be commemorated on Saturday June 18th as part of our Time of Sharing Program. This program will feature various historic cooking and craft demonstrations throughout the day. If you have a favorite historic recipe to share let us know or just come to learn some new ideas, tips, and techniques. This event is from 10:00am-4:00pm and will be followed by a ceremony in memory of Susan Lucas. All are welcome to attend.

From Top to Bottom: Open Hearth Cooking Class, Susie Lucas teaching Summer Discovery, and Susie at Fall Harvest Festival



Preserving for the Future



Sheep Shearing and Fiber Arts Day, April 16th

Join us on April 16th for a day of sheep shearing and a celebration of fiber arts. Spinners, weavers, various kinds of needle workers, and other fiber artists from the region will be demonstrating their skills throughout the day. Visitors will be given the opportunity to try carding and spinning for themselves.

This special Fiber Arts Day commemorates the long relationship Newlin Mill has had with fiber. Sheep used to graze in pastures around the property and many in the community still remember the Sheep Shearing Festivals held each spring. The Friends of the Miller's House used to host an annual Needlework Show to raise funds to support collections in the house. Admission to this event is \$5.00 per person and includes a tour of the mill and the miller's house.



Community Fishing Day, May 8th

Fishing is a long-standing tradition at Newlin Grist Mill. Held in partnership with the Sporting Gentleman, this event will feature a variety of family-friendly and hands-on activities from 9:00am-4:00pm on May 8th. Make a fish print to take home with you, learn some fishing techniques, or just come out to enjoy a beautiful spring day. Our Community Fishing Day is the perfect opportunity to learn how to fish! Regular fishing costs apply to be able to fish in our ponds: \$5.00 per person and \$4.00 per fish.



Barn Dance, May 21st

Come dance the night away at our very first Newlin Grist Mill Barn Dance on Saturday May 21st. This event is the perfect time to enjoy the warmer weather while experiencing some good old-fashioned fun. Our barn dance will feature traditional colonial dancing led by experienced dancing master George Tolton. All are welcome—new and experienced dancers alike. Lessons are from 6:30pm-7:30pm to help everyone learn some of the basic steps and dances. The dance itself is from 7:30pm-9:30pm. Period dress is welcome but not required.

This event honors the barn raising and restoration of the Newlin Grist Mill barn. All proceeds from this event will help fund other restoration and historic preservation projects at Newlin Grist Mill. Tickets cost \$25.00 per person and reservations are recommended. Contact Andrea Gomez at 610-459-2359 or agomez@newlingristmill.org to sign up. We hope you'll join us as we kick up our heels up and enjoy spring!



Tavern Night, September 24th.

You are invited to an evening of good food, a warm fire, and 18th-century fun on September 24th! Recreate the experiences of a colonial tavern as you dine on tavern fare accompanied by a selection of well-prepared punches and libations. Enjoy public amusements with rousing music and dancing or challenge your skills with tavern games.

The Newlin Mill Tavern Night honors the historical traditions of the Newlin family's Nine Ton Tavern and commemorates the dedication of the Newlin Foundation to historic preservation. Proceeds from the event will be used to stabilize and restore the historic farm buildings on the property.

Reserve your place at the table now. Do not miss out on an unforgettable evening! To reserve a seat (\$40 per person) contact Tony Shahan at (610) 459-2359 or tshahan@newlingristmill.org.

Archaeology: Uncovering the Past at Newlin Mill



For over three centuries, the people who lived and worked at the Newlin Grist Mill have left evidence on the landscape. In November, work began to unearth this evidence at the Miller's House.

Investigations were initiated to take advantage of the removal of a buried oil tank in the back yard of the house. The goal of this archaeology is to better understand how the landscape around the historic buildings changed through the centuries. During the first excavation, profiles revealed that the back yard was raised by at least 1 foot two times in the past. Excavation on the south side of the house was inconclusive because of the presence of large amounts of stone. The evidence may suggest remains from construction but wet weather halted work until spring.

Newlin Mill is partnering with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Chapter 21 in 2011 to continue investigations. Public archaeology days will begin with a class for volunteers on March 19th from 10:00am-12:00pm. Public archaeology days will be held from 10:00am-3:00pm on: April 23, May 28, June 25, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, and Oct. 15. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lauren at 610-459-2359 or lvitelli@newlingristmill.org.

Project leader, Keith Doms and volunteer from the Pennsylvania Archaeology Society

2011 Fishing Opens

Trout fishing is an important tradition at Newlin Grist Mill. Generations of families remember fishing (often for the first time) in the ponds and streams. During fishing season it is common to see grandparents with their grandchildren and parents (who often fished here when they were younger) teaching their children how to fish for the first time. It is also a common sound to hear laughter, shrieks of joy, and celebratory shouts when families are fishing together. We are proud that our ponds are a source of joy that allow for family bonding and the creation of many family memories.

Fishing opens on Saturday April 2nd this year. Pond Fishing is on Saturdays and Sundays only from 9:00am and close at 3:00pm. The stream is available for our stream members only. Stream members may fish when the park is open from 8:00am-dusk. We hope that you will join us for fishing this year to make your own memories fishing at Newlin Grist Mill.

Grandmother and granddaughter fishing together in our stream.

Pond Fishing at Newlin Grist Mill

\$5.00 per person to fish

\$4.00 per fish caught

\$1.00 for bait

All fish caught must be kept.

Cane poles included in cost of fishing.

Stream Club Membership

Individual Membership \$80 per year

Family Membership \$100 per year

Fly fishing only.

Catch and release only.



Summer Discovery

Registration is now open for Summer Discovery and Discovery workshops. We are holding 7 sessions and 14 afternoon discovery workshops this year in July and August. Each week of Summer Discovery will be centered around a theme such as reptiles and amphibians, the Bad Boys of Nature, or Let's Fly. There are great environmental and historic topics for children ages 4-12. For details, information, schedules, and pricing, please visit our website at <http://www.newlingristmill.org/>

One of our goals with our Summer Discovery camp is for children to encounter nature and the environment. We use a wide variety of recycled materials to help promote environmental stewardship among our staff, community, and campers. Please help us gather materials for camp by recycling your everyday items with us. We are looking for: well-cleaned gallon milk and OJ jugs, well-cleaned ½ gallon milk and OJ cartons, toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, egg cartons, newspapers, shoe boxes, and margarine and butter containers. Please call or email Andrea (agomez@newlingristmill.org) to arrange a donation time.



From Left To Right: Images from the following camps: Reptiles and Amphibians, Native Americans, and Who Live Here?

Second Annual Dabbs Day Family Fun and 5K Run



Newlin Grist Mill, the Concord Township Historical Society, and the Concordville/Chadds Ford Rotary will once again hold Dabbs Day Family Fun and 5K Run to remember Dabbs Woodfin. Join us on Saturday June 4th for a day full of exciting hands-on activities. The day begins with a 5K run through the Newlin Grist Mill property. The race will end by the visitor center, so come on out and cheer on our runners! To register visit: <http://www.walkjogrun.net/events/running/Dabbs-Day-5k/1938437>.

From 10am-3pm there will be a wide range of activities that include mill and house tours, a fun walk, live music by The Blue Jays, duck races, food and raffle baskets. Try your hand at colonial games such as ball and cup, hoops and graces, and quoits. Try your skills in identifying animal behaviors and the natural world at Newlin Grist Mill. The blacksmith shop will also be open and demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the day. The cost of the event is \$5.00 person.

All proceeds from this event help support causes that Dabbs supported. Proceeds fund scholarships through the Concordville/Chadds Ford Rotary, collections care at the Concord Township Historical Society, and internships at Newlin Grist Mill.

This summer the Dabbs Woodfin Intern at Newlin Grist Mill will be an archival intern involved in inventorying, processing, and cataloguing the collection. This will allow for greater access to the information housed in the Newlin Grist Mill archives. We are currently accepting resumes of interested candidates for this position. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please email agomez@newlingristmill.org for more information. It is because of Dabbs Day and the Woodfin Memorial Fund that important projects like this can happen. Thank you in advance for your support - we look forward to seeing you on June 4th.

Images (Left to Right/Top to Bottom): Dabbs Woodfin, Fish Prints, The Blue Jays, and The 6th Maryland Infantry



Meet Brian



Brian McBride is currently working at Newlin Grist Mill as an intern for the spring semester. He is an American Studies student at West Chester University who is interested in historic preservation. Brian will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in American Studies in May. Brian is also a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honors society and is a resident of Springfield, Delaware County.

At Newlin Grist Mill, Brian is working on compiling a structural report on the Grist Mill complex. He has been hard at work examining deed records and noting changes and improvements over time in the mill. His work will help us gain a more complete understanding of how this building changed over time, informing how we furnish, preserve, manage, and interpret the mill. Thanks for all your hard work Brian!!!

2011 Calendar of Events

March 19th

Archaeology Class for Volunteers, 10:00am-12:00pm

April 2nd

Trout Fishing Opens

April 16th

Fiber Arts and Sheep Shearing Day, 10:00am-4:00pm

April 23rd

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

May 8th

Community Fishing Day, 9:00am-4:00pm

May 14th

Heritage Walk: Landscape, 10:00am-11:30am

May 21st

Barn Dance, 6:30pm-9:30pm

May 28th

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

June 4th

Dabbs Day Family Fun and 5K Run
10:00am-3:00pm

June 18th

Historic Foodways: A Time of Sharing
10:00am-4:00pm

June 25th

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

July

Summer Discovery and Discovery Workshops

July 16th

Heritage Walk: The Tress of Mortimer Newlin
10:00am-11:30am

August

Summer Discovery and Discovery Workshops

August 20th

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

September 17th

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

September 24th

Tavern Night, 7:00pm-9:00pm

October 1st

Fall Harvest Festival, 10:00am-4:00pm

October 2nd

Cooking Workshops, Times TBA

October 15th

Heritage Walk: Waterways, 10:00am-11:30am

October 15th

Community Archaeology Day, 10:00am-3:00pm

November 5th

Lenses on Newlin Art Competition
10:00am-4:00pm



Thank You For Your Support!

The following people and businesses generously provided donations to Newlin Grist Mill from November 2010 through March 1, 2011. It would not be possible to provide the programs and services we offer without your support.

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Blue Star Initiative

Newlin Grist Mill will once again join 900 museums in all 50 states to offer free admission to active duty military personnel and their families as part of the Blue Star Museums program. This initiative is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities, Blue Star Families, and, of course, the many museums participating in this program.

Last year the network of Blue Star Museums welcomed over 250,000 active duty military personnel and their families. As members of the Blue Star Families stated, this program “brings the gift of our culture heritage to our families and gives families a wonderful way to spend time together over the summer.”

Free admission is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members and up to five immediate family members. Newlin Grist Mill will be offering free admission for mill and house tours from Memorial Day through Labor Day as part of this program.

We gratefully thank those who make sacrifices for this country, and are glad to show them our appreciation for their service.

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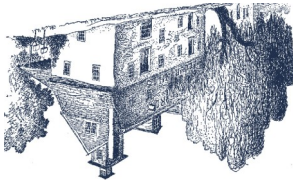
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