

MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT & 2023 SPRING NEWSLETTER



We dedicate this Annual Report to Bruce Montgomery, who has recently passed away. One of the first people Dan Curll contacted to serve as founding members of the organization to save the Mill was Bruce Montgomery. Bruce immediately joined the cause and used his wisdom and legal expertise to secure the 501(c)3 designation of nonprofit status for the Mill Hollow Heritage Association. This designation enabled the group to raise tax deductible contributions and to apply for relevant grants. Bruce's role in all of this was pivotal. He served on the Board for several years.



Bruce Montgomery

OUR MISSION: The Mill Hollow Heritage Association (MHHA) operates Chase's Mill in Alstead, NH, as a workshop for hands-on learning and a community gathering space. Our water-powered mill embodies the history of small-town industry, celebrating New England's vibrant past while inspiring the future of sustainable power and rural technology.

LOOKING BACK: 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Music opened the summer season with a June concert on Lake Warren by musicians Randy Miller, Kathy Torrey, Andy Davis, and Laurie Lindenbaum. Twenty-four classes, workshops, and lectures drew about 300 people, with many participants returning for more than one event. Feedback about workshops and lectures was overwhelmingly positive -- everyone who filled out feedback forms indicated they would both tell others about events at the Mill and take another class at the Mill. Master woodworker Kevin Warzecha hosted open hours in the woodworking shop where neighbors used modern equipment on a variety of projects.

The Women's Woodworking class offered both skill building and improvements to the Mill such as a bookcase, built-in storage for tables, and closing in the knee wall in the Community Room.



Women's Woodworking Class

Volunteer Bob Brown assisted summer campers from the Orchard School who came to experiment with designing model waterwheels. Waterpower tours on weekends drew more visitors, among them members from the Timken Foundation of Canton, Ohio.

Timken awarded Chase's Mill \$52,362 back in 2020 to restore old machinery, furnish the community room, reclaim Lake Edith, and match the Northeast Heritage Economy Program grant.



Members of Timken Foundation Touring the Mill

In September the Mill Hollow Heritage Association received a Preservation Award from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance honoring our work in preserving Chase's Mill.

The season closed with a community discussion of the 2005 Alstead Flood live-streamed for a wider audience. Volunteer Tafi Brown curated an exhibition of photographs and designed a commemorative quilt centered on the broken culvert that caused the flood.

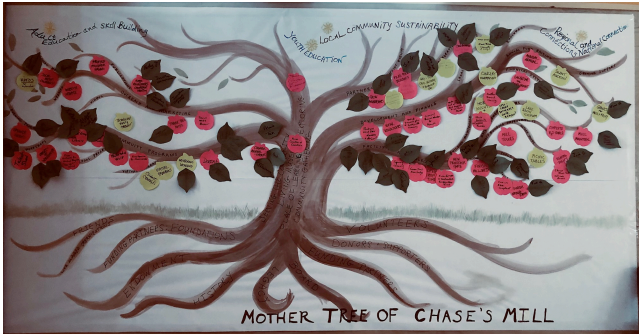


2005 Alstead Flood Discussion

Speakers included former Selectmen Matt Saxton, Joel McCarty, FEMA staffer Arlene Magoon, and Anton Elbers.

SPRING 2023 NEWS

Our January 23rd retreat grew out of a symbolic Mother Tree, its roots symbolizing origins and guiding principles, with red and green apples representing ripe fruits -- goals close to achievement, and green apples, needing another season to reach fruition.



Mother Tree

Former Board members, volunteers and the current Board filled the space with creative energy to tackle goals for 2023: broadening our social media presence, training docents for waterpower tours, and expanding collaborative partnerships with the Orchard School and Community Center, the Alstead Historical Society, Kroka Expeditions, and the Lake Warren Association.

Timber Framers Visit Chase’s Mill March 21, 2023

Bob Brown and Chris Madigan hosted Swedish members of the Timber Framers Guild who admired the Mill’s educational displays and hydroelectric demonstration as well as its ancient stonework and hand-hewn beams.



Timber Framers Guild from Sweden

What a great way to kick off **summer 2023 programs** centered on the theme **Celebrate Wood!** Our popular woodworking classes and open shop hours will be offered again this year. Learn from local foresters about Woodlot Management and join them for a Walk in the Woods visiting a managed woodlot.

“Acknowledging Ancestors: Exploring Indigenous Lands, History, and Culture,” will feature Ko’asek Chief Paul Bunnell leading a land acknowledgment blessing ceremony and Barb Davis offering a workshop on making an acknowledgment plaque. Archeologist Robert Goodby will present “Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire” and Gail Golec will describe a Christianized Native person who lived in Alstead—see our website and Facebook page for schedules and registration.

Board of Directors Transitions:

This year we welcome three new Board Members.

Allan Kauders is retired from a banking career with a broad range of domestic and international experience in the large corporate, middle market, and small business sectors. His expertise will facilitate decision making in the business aspects of our nonprofit.



Perley Lund grew up in Westmoreland and served in the Army where he completed tech classes at Fayetteville Community College in North Carolina. He received training at Brennan Weldment in North Walpole, NH and has been the owner operator of Lund’s Welding and later Alstead Iron Works. A lover of history, antique tools and forged iron, he collects anything old and rusty—plenty of that in the Mill!



Kerry Hughes was a television executive for 23 years with companies such as MTV Networks, Walt Disney/ABC, and Warner Bros/DC Comics. Her expertise in marketing and promotion will help fill a gap in our publicity and outreach capabilities.



We also bid farewell to two long-serving Board members, Betsy Anderson and Bryony Romer. Betsy served as Board Secretary and managed governance issues. Bryony handled donor relations and fundraising. While their Board service will be sorely missed, we look forward to seeing them every summer when they return to East Alstead. Richard Towne and Charlie Montgomery also left the Board due to the pressure of other obligations.

IN OTHER NEWS

Jill Hall has been promoted from part time Programs Director to Administrative Director. A graduate of Yale, Jill brings years of experience in private and public education and museum work. Her new role as Administrative Director recognizes her indispensable skills in organization, record keeping, finance, outreach, and marketing.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDING

An anonymous donor awarded Chase's Mill five years of significant funding to hire a part time steward to assist with events, to support use of Mill spaces by individuals, groups and organizations that have a community focus consistent with our mission, and to contribute to costs for speakers and workshop leaders. This gift, the **Turps Fund**, complements the **Dan Curll Community Programs Fund** begun in 2021. Together these gifts ensure that we can provide a diversity of high-quality workshops, classes, and evening programs, as well as enhancing the openness and accessibility of the Mill.

LOOKING FORWARD IN 2023

We hope you will visit the Mill this summer, when Waterpower Tours will again be available on a drop-in basis from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and other times by appointment. Activities that we are planning this year are centered around the theme of Celebrate Wood!

Wood in all its forms has been important to local residents as long as people have lived here. From the days of the first people living in the area to modern times, forests have been a source for food and shelter, and provide rich habitat for the animals. Today, we appreciate the forests' beauty and serenity. Wood has also been central to much of the history of Chase's Mill. It was outfitted as a sawmill in the mid 19th century. It produced lumber and wood products such as shingles and dowels. It was then rebuilt in the early 20th century and furnished with water-power woodworking tools.

From July 1 - September 1 classes, lectures, and workshops will explore this theme with a presentation on woodlot management, a walk through a managed forest, a class on turning bowls, and a Beginner Woodworking for Everyone class series. The Mill will also offer returning favorites like papercrafting and watercolor painting. In addition, we will honor and learn about the first people of what we now call the Monadnock region with a series of events throughout the month of July. Check the website in June for the full list of events. We look forward to seeing you!

IN AND AROUND CHASE'S MILL Watch for changes as we continue improvements to our historic site. Grant applications are underway to build an accessible restroom and drill a well. Water from Warren Brook has been used in our wash sinks and pumped uphill to the big tank that supplies the wet table used for children's activities. But cyanobacteria blooms in Lake Warren mean we now need a reliable source of clean, potable water. Inside the Mill, Heman Chase's grandson, Nathan Perry, will continue restoring the historic 24-inch planer, machine lathe, and two star-wheels that control the influx of water into the turbine that drives the water-powered planer and band saw. New Board member Perley Lund has volunteered to install a tighter water-saving gate to the penstock, improving the ability to offer waterpower demonstrations when millpond water is low.

COME SEE US AND STAY IN TOUCH! We love hearing from friends old and new. If you see activity at the Mill, stop in and satisfy your curiosity. Bring your summer visitors—chances are they've never seen real waterpower at work. Share posts on Facebook and check out our YouTube channel. Check the website for the schedule of events and workshops, a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends. **CHASE'S MILL—THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE IT!**

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**Thank You to Our Many Dedicated
Volunteers**

Without the many hours of dedication and contributions of time from our volunteers, our programs and activities at Chase's Mill would not be possible.

We salute the members of our FOUNDERS CIRCLE for their early significant financial leadership that was critical for restoring Chase's Mill.



Thank You to All Our Donors

All contributions, regardless of the amount, are greatly valued and appreciated. We know that some are able to give more financially than others and would like to recognize all donations without listing them by category of amount. We also recognize that many individuals and organizations give of their time which is also critical for the future of Chase's Mill. Donations designated for the Dan Curll Community Programs Fund were \$34,469 in 2022.

Anonymous	Martha & Maury Collins	Annie Hess
Ann & Rees Acheson	Sandra & David Conant	Lisa Hix & Jim Kyle
Anne Adare & Jeff Smull	Joyce Curll	AJ Howard
Karin Akerfeldt & Mike Howard	Roya Daemi	David Howard
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Lindsay Bartlett	Ann DeLancey	Lea Kablik
Robert Beck	Nancy Dennett	Allan Kauders & Maggie Cohen
David & Kim Bergeron	In memory of Tobias D. Dennett	Karen Keim
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Tafi Brown	Cathleen McPherson	Sue Spencer Mitchell & Chris Mitchell
Robert Brulle & Miranda Spencer	Gagnon	Ashley Montgomery
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Elliot & Sara Burch	Anne & Michael Golden	Katherine Montgomery
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Organizations/Foundations

DB Architects – Dan Bartlett
Alstead Iron Works – Perley
Lund
Jacqueline Lyon Charitable
Fund
Daffy Charitable Fund
New Hampshire State
Council on the Arts
Land & Community Heritage
Investment Program
(LCHIP)
The Bailey Charitable
Foundation
Lake Warren Association
New Hampshire Preservation
Alliance
Catalyst Fund
The Monadnock
Conservancy
Savings Bank of Walpole
Orchard Hill Farm
Fuzzy Brothers LLC
The Bay Paul Foundation
The Timken Foundation
Woodell & Daughters Forest
Products
Metal Mazing LLC

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Sharon & Carl Spaulding

**MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE
ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

INCOME

Donations	\$84,067
Grants	\$10,000
Program Registration Fees	\$1,019
Merchandise Sales	\$1,028
Total Income	\$96,113
Cost of Goods Sold	\$62
Gross Profit	\$96,051

EXPENSES

Wages	\$16,670
Payroll Taxes	\$1,805
Payroll Costs	\$528
Honoraria	\$2,473
Consulting	\$4,488
Bank Charges	\$563
Insurance	\$16,218
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,967
Licenses and Permits	\$450
Utilities	\$1,718
Printing	\$4,192
Postage	\$857
Mileage	\$110
Equipment Rental	\$1,592
Office Supplies & Software	\$22
Legal & Professional Services	\$3,025
Equipment for Programs	\$658
Minor Equipment	\$913
Supplies & Materials for Programs	\$2,505
Repairs & Maintenance	\$514
Facility Enhancements	\$3,055
Contractors	\$2,500
Purchases	\$51
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$66,874

NET OPERATING REVENUE \$29,178

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES

Interest Income

	\$112
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DEPRECIATION EXPENSE \$38,914

OTHER NET INCOME (\$38,802)

NET SURPLUS (\$9,624)

**MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE
ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	\$184,382
Perpetuity Fund	\$25,414
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS	\$209,796

Accounts and Pledges Receivable	\$1,371
Prepaid Insurance	\$6,328
Undeposited Funds	\$3,604
Total other current assets	\$9,932
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$221,100

FIXED ASSETS

Land and improvements	\$34,236
Building and Rehabilitation	\$824,566
Furniture and Fixtures	\$5,782
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$133,248)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$731,3360

TOTAL ASSETS \$952,436

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

	\$0
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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$0

EQUITY

Unrestricted Net Assets

	\$962,060
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Net Income

	(\$9,624)
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TOTAL EQUITY \$952,436

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$952,436