



LEONARD'S MILLS GAZETTE

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Winter 2018

A Note from the President

Herb Crosby

A special thanks to members and supporters who make our museum possible. Thanks also to our Executive Director Sherry Davis and over 200 dedicated volunteers. Winter began with a major salvage timber harvest to recover trees blown down in the wind storm last fall. Volunteers and students from Brewer High School harvested over a hundred logs for lumber. We sold 3 tractor trailer loads and sawed up an additional 12,000 board feet of lumber for museum projects.

We were fortunate to receive a Davis Family Foundation grant for 3 needed projects and began construction. Students from the University of Maine Construction Engineering Technology program replaced the aging roof on our horse hovel with a beautiful new cedar shake roof. They also built 2 attractive new ADA accessible tank privies. Volunteers are building a deck and safety railings across the dam. All of the projects used lumber from our salvage harvest.

This spring we built a new brick forge in the blacksmith shop that saw much use. Our rebuilt water-powered sash sawmill also ran frequently. This is one of the last working water-powered sawmills in the country and all enjoy seeing it run. It was featured in short movies by New England School of Communications students and Maine Public Television.

Hundreds of school children visited in May for Children's Days and enjoyed the many working activities, machines and mills. They also loved the spectacular alewife return in Blackman Stream with over a half million fish. This reportedly is the most productive alewife stream per acre in North America.

July Heavy Metal Day featured our Lombard steam log hauler, the only one actively running in the world. Many visitors come to enjoy this landmark Maine invention. We also ran our sawmills, Grady Machine Shop, blacksmith shop, and a sand casting demonstration.

We were fortunate to have wonderful work campers at the museum this summer greeting guests. Mary and Marty Konopacki kindly volunteered first followed by Tina and Eric Wardlaw.

Living History Days was our most popular event with over 1,500 visitors. Dozens of volunteers operated every display and truly brought our living history museum to life. The autumn leaves were spectacular.

We encourage each of you to visit Maine Forest and Logging Museum. It truly is a hidden gem that astonishes guests each visit. Your visit will not only improve your quality of life, it is sure to get you very excited about your membership and volunteering opportunities.

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 Alewife Day 10:00-1:00

See the alewives swim upstream! Smoked fish, kid's games, mills running, Machinery Hall open.

May 22, 23, 24 Children's Days 9:00-1:00

Historical hands-on-demonstrations, wagon rides, and alewives returning! Reservations required.

June 15 Spring Runs 8:30-4:00

5K Cross Country Race! Alewife migration, Lombard running, sawmills running too!

July 27 Summer at Leonard's Mills 10:00-4:00

Heavy machinery and hands-on-blacksmithing for the whole family. Bean hole beans, biscuits, sawmills and Lombard log haulers running!

October 5-6 Living History Days 10:00-4:00

Our most popular event of the season. Re-enactors showcasing livestock, historic demonstrations. Fresh pressed cider, bean-hole beans & biscuits, and soup. Lombards and sawmills running.



Salvage timber harvest of trees that blew down in October 2017 windstorm. Tuesday Crew worked with students from Brewer High School and built storage shed for lumber. Lumber was used for several museum new buildings.



Volunteers helping with Children's Days in May. Over 800,000 alewives returned to Blackman Stream.



Volunteers helping with On The Run event in June. Trapper's cabin was rebuilt by the Maine Trapper's Association.



Tuesday crew building new forge, museum signs, ADA accessible privy, repairing batteau, and maintaining grounds.



University of Maine Construction Engineering Technology students replaced the roof on the hovel and built 2 new ADA accessible tank privies. New England School of Communications students made 2 professional movies of our museum.

QCD? Museum supporters who have reached the age of 70 ½ are able to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**. If you direct any portion of your required withdrawal from your IRA to come to the Maine Forest and Logging Museum (a 501c3 charitable organization), you will avoid paying income tax on those funds. Benefit the museum while saving taxes!

Donations of every size (and shape) made things happen in 2018!

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Thanks to you, 2018 was a wonderful year! Please join in making 2019 great!



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Since 1960, members have supported the great place Leonard's Mills has become. Deciding to create a living history site rather than a static museum, early members of the Maine Forest and Logging Museum chose the site where Oliver Leonard had a mill. Starting with clearing land in the 1980s, members and volunteers have pitched in and built buildings, restored artifacts and participated in events and school programs to share some great Maine history.

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