



# Leonard's Mills Gazette

A publication of the  
**Maine Forest and Logging Museum**  
Founded in 1960



Remembering 2019, looking forward to celebrating in 2020

A note from the Executive Director

Sherry Davis

Progress in all directions at the museum!  
We had a very busy 2019—events, tours, building projects and groups helping out with service projects. The Tuesday Crew Volunteers are often working other days of the week, joined by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Upward Bound, students from highschools or Construction Engineering Technology students from UM.

All that prep work on the grounds—a new walkway over the dam, an addition to the blacksmith shop, a new roof on the bean shed, road work to re-configure the parking lot, completion of the new outhouses, a new building for the Donnell clapboard mill, tons of brush clearing AND a major new Eagle Scout project by Colby Stokes—a dream biscuit shed! Amazing!

Not to forget work projects with displays and solar power in the visitor center, a new chainsaw display, general maintenance of the grounds and garden, continuing work on the mill equipment and machinery of all types, organization of the workshop and storage facility, it is a long list!

All that work is being done with one goal! Every visitor to the Maine Forest and Logging Museum should have a good experience learning about the forest products industry and its importance in the history of Maine's 200 years as a state. Safety and accessibility improvements, new artifact displays, more hands-on opportunities and varied events continue to improve our ability to share a bit about the hard work and ingenuity that built the State of Maine.

The beautiful museum grounds, with Blackman Stream running under the covered bridge, the walkway over the dam, spring alewife run and foliage in the fall, are an added bonus to make you fall in love with

***Your Place in the Woods!***  
***Come celebrate 60 years of MFLM!***



Eagle Scout Colby Stokes and Troop #44, made the biscuit crew really happy...hungry visitors, too!

## Calendar of Events 2020

**May 23 Alewife Day 10-1 Donations welcome!**  
See the alewives swim up Blackman Stream, under the covered bridge and up the fish ladder. Smoked fish, kids games, mills running and buildings open.

**May 28, 29, June 4, 5 Children's Days 9-1 \$7each**  
Reservations required, not included in membership.  
Historical hands-on activities, games and demonstrations, wagon rides, alewives to catch!

**June 27 Summer at Leonard's Mills! 10-4**  
**Adults \$10, children 3-17 \$5**  
Steam Lombard, machinery and sawmills running! Everything in action, beanhole beans and biscuits too!

**July 25 Leonard's Mills is 60! Come celebrate! 10-4**  
**Adults \$10, children 3-17 \$5**  
Family fun to celebrate 60 years of sharing 200 years of the industry that built Maine! Hands-on blacksmithing for the whole family, Lombards running, mills running. Beanhole beans, biscuits and shortcake!

**October 3, 4 Living History Days 10-4**  
**Adults \$15, children 3-17 \$5**  
Re-enactors 1790- and Civil War- style, sawmills and Lombard log haulers running, cider pressing, beanhole beans and biscuits

Watch the website for more events, contact the office to arrange a private or school tour.

[www.maineforestandloggingmuseum.org](http://www.maineforestandloggingmuseum.org)



2019 was a busy year at MFLM! Winter work included assembling the new Lombard sled made by Terry Harper's students at Presque Isle Regional Career and Technical Center. The Breton family has loaned the gas-powered Lombard log hauler and a dump truck to share with visitors at events.



Winter weather doesn't slow down progress--the Tuesday crew tackled putting an addition on the back of the blacksmith shop. Much needed storage! Lots of snow blowing and shoveling to get to the projects like putting a new roof on the bean shed and finishing up the new outhouses. Projects moved on to spring and working around blackflies!



UM Construction Engineering Technology student projects this year included making more parking space and re-designing the roadway. One long awaited project started with a roof over the Donnell clapboard mill.







The long-awaited footbridge over the dam--the alewife run in the spring brings a crowd to the stream--provided a safer viewing spot, thanks to the crew and the Davis Family Foundation grant.

Volunteers are generous with time, talent, donations and equipment. 'Bring your tractor to work' days are so helpful--lots of heavy bits to move, stumps to pull, logs to move. Bucket trucks, trailers, chippers, winches, chainsaw and hand tools. Individuals and businesses have been very generous with the loan of right tool needed for the job at hand. We never know what work will greet the crew after one of the wind events we have been having.



Event season started with the alewife run--some smoked--, school tours and Children's Days. So many volunteers help with crafts, games, dipping fish, demonstrations and more, they make learning exciting.





Every event or project at MFLM involves many volunteers--doing everything from running machinery and sawmills, sharing skills like blacksmithing, cooking over an open fire or making beanhole beans, to selling tickets, running the gift shop and taking care of trash. Lots of prep work for every event is done by volunteers, who often bring everything they demonstrate, especially at Living History Day in October.

Call the office or email to join the crew that loves to keep the museum alive! Sherry Davis 974-6278  
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**Join us in 2020! Help make our 60th Anniversary special!**

## Gifts of time, expertise, equipment and funds all keep the museum running!

In-kind donations from many businesses, labor by UM students, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brewer students and many individuals, along with donations and memberships, made it all happen in 2019. Please join us in 2020!

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**For 60 years**, members have supported the great place Leonard's Mills has become. Deciding to create a living history site, early members of the Maine Forest and Logging Museum chose the place Oliver Leonard had a mill 200 years ago. Maine is celebrating 200 years as a state, and a visit to the museum gives a taste of what life was like in those early days as the forest products industry began to grow, and build, Maine.

Your membership benefits the museum by sustaining the facility and artifacts and supporting the growth of opportunities to share with more students and visitors. You benefit by being a part of a truly unique museum! Free events and daily admission; discounted classes and workshops, and a 10% discount in the gift shop are tangible benefits of membership. The intangible benefits of being part of Your Place in the Woods are great memories, coming back year after year and bringing friends and family. *Children's Days not included.*

We look forward to seeing you at the museum!

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