



LEONARD'S MILLS GAZETTE

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The Spring Event

The Spring Event was held at the Museum June 5th. It was a beautiful day: the sun was out and the bugs took the day off. The gas Lombard's were running, giving rides to guests throughout the day.



The Axe Women Loggers of Maine were demo-ing sawing, chopping and throwing on the green and log-rolling in the mill pond, much to the dismay of the resident turtles. This event marked the introduction of the newest Axe Woman to the team—Cierra, who came out to do a story about the Axewomen for Channel 7 news, and then ended up joining the team!



The blacksmith was busy in his shop bending metal. The woodworker and his apprentice guided guests as they tried their hands on the shaving horse using the draw knife to make bench legs. Across the lawn, volunteers running the

water-powered sawmill engaged guests with the workings of the gears and blade.

Up in the Mill Complex, the Tuesday crew ran the shingle mill and rotary sawmill. They also ran our Fairbanks



Morse engine, both gas Lombards, and Cletrac. The Maine Trappers Association had an impressive display.

The Giftshop was happy to receive watercolor paintings, printed notecards, and books by Conrad Young for sale. He and his wife Penny, came to the Museum to turn the items over. Lots of good stuff there. The Youngs also donated a

watercolor scene of winter horse-logging to the Museum. The beautiful painting can be found in the Visitor's Center.



Check out a video of the event:

<https://youtu.be/rJaItR2rGeU>

After the event, the "Annual Meeting" was held. Museum members enjoyed meeting outside at the Leonard's Mills picnic area for the first time in 2 years. Members voted unanimously to reappoint Terri to a third term as director.



Jack Donovan served refreshments and regaled attendees about the early years at the Museum. This is his 39th year serving refreshments! The Wetherbees kindly grilled hot dogs for the group.

Garden

Several volunteers have stepped up to help with the Museum's gardens, as our dedicated volunteer and amazing tractor wrangler, Jim, has had to step back due to illness. Bonnie, Peter, and Fran have done a wonderful job getting the vegetable garden ready for planting, planting it, and tending to it. Despite the best efforts of the hares, turtles and rodents, the garden is looking great



We also have a lovely new display in front of the biscuit shed. Volunteers placed and filled planters that really brighten up the area. New plantings at the Caretaker's House have also greatly enhanced the front yard.

The ever-present problem with the Museum's gardens is water: getting it from where it is to where we need it. We are currently trying to devise a way to get the water to the plants that's less work for the volunteers. Any ideas/suggestions welcome!

Thanks to Hutching's Greenhouses for the many wonderful plant donations and Home Depot for discounts on the supplies.

Membership has its benefits!

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:

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Around the Grounds

Byron found and bought a used riding lawn mower, and he fully refurbished it. It has low hours and runs like new. Bob Spencer comes in weekends and mows the grounds. The place is looking pretty good!



Tim Beaulieu cut and donated many hemlock logs we will turn into lumber for museum projects.

Rod Stanhope repaired our International Tractor and Lew repaired our golf cart, both a big help.



Upcoming Events

Heavy Metal: Summer at Leonard's Mills
Saturday, July 24th, 10am to 3pm
Adults: \$10, Children 3-17 \$5
Family \$30 (at least 4 people, same household)

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Living History Days
October 2-3
Details TBA