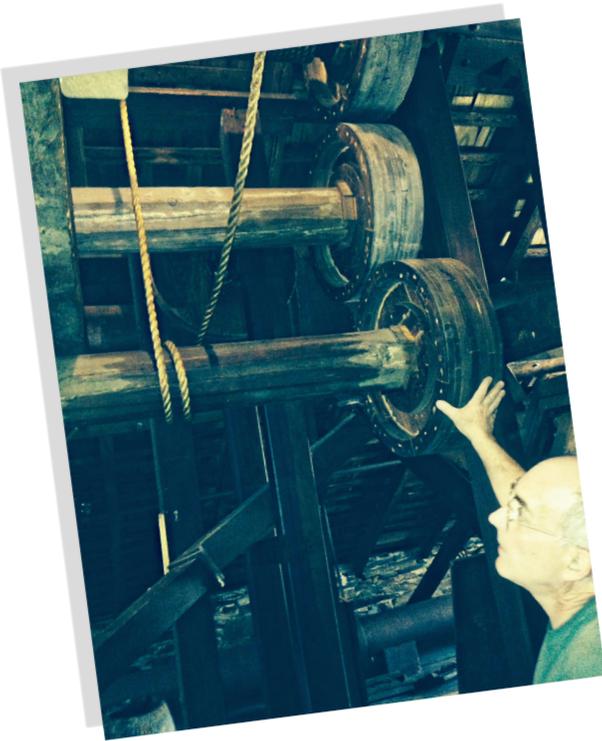


TRUE GRIST



AN UPLIFTING RESTORATION

Another part of the famed "Evans System" at Peirce Mill came to life in May when the ribbon was cut for the water-powered hoisting mechanism, which historically moved barrels and sacks of flour between floors.



Steve Ortado examines gears that power the restored barrel hoist

Visitors are encouraged to climb the stairs to the attic and watch the hoist's intricate combination of gears, belts, wheels, and revolving shafts, which saved workers from back-breaking repetitive labor. It's one of the major of the automated milling system devised by inventor Oliver Evans, much of which is installed in our mill. The restoration of the remainder of the system is on our "to-do" list.

The barrel hoist project was coordinated by FOPM President Quentin Looney and historic restoration craftsman Steve Ortado, who did much of the work on floor and window repair for the mill's initial restoration.

Among the donors who made the restoration possible was Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F, which represents North Cleveland Park, Tenleytown, and Forest Hills.

Many thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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July 23 (7-10p)

Square Dance with live music and caller
(free -- public invited)

Sept. 10 (4-6pm)

Tour and tasting: The Peirce orchard, distillery and American cider traditions, featuring a sampling of regional ciders.
(FOPM members & volunteers only)

Oct. 8

Heritage Day. Enjoy our annual autumn festival, with demonstrations of 19th century skills such as blacksmithing and dry stone wall construction. New this year: learn about bread making for Latino cuisine from area bakers; Spanish language tours of the mill.

Summer Family Workshops at Peirce Barn

Historical games, water milling toys, nature crafts, and much more. 11am – 2pm // July 9, 23; Aug. 27, Sept 10, 24.

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GREEN MUSLIMS ASSIST AT ORCHARD

The Green Muslims, a national environment organization based in DC, brought a youth group to the mill on May 7, and helped plant five new apple trees for the orchard, for which the group split the costs.



Green Muslim youth learn about water power at the mill.

The youth stayed for the day, enjoying programs on energy conservation, sustainable food production, and other environmental topics. The group's vision is to "to be a source in the Muslim community for spiritually-inspired environmental education, reflection, and action."

A NEW WEBSITE

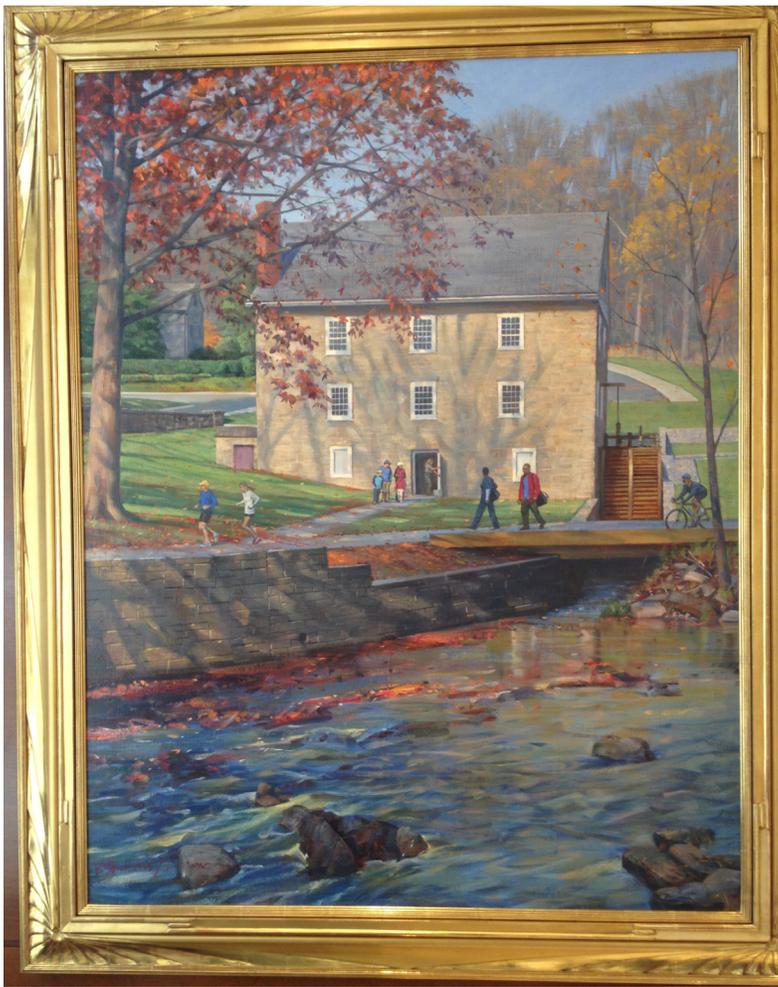
Kudos to board members John DeFerrari and Bill McLeod, along with Deborah Dougherty and William Mills, and to designer Niki Van of VanStudios for their outstanding work on the new website, which is live and can be seen here:

www.friendsofpeircemill.org



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POLICY

Since its inception, the Friends of Peirce Mill has maintained a rolling dues renewal policy. This has become cumbersome, so we are moving to a single date for renewal, which will begin on January 1, 2017. If you renew from this time period (summer 2016) forward during this rest of the year, we'll give you the entire next year. But you can always do the Friends' treasury a favor and renew again January 1. Thanks!!



A painting of Peirce Mill graces the lobby of the new Park Van Ness apartment complex at Connecticut Ave. and Yuma St. It was commissioned by the BF Saul Company, builders of the complex. Miller Jeanne Minor can be seen holding open the creek-side door to the mill.

Our new sign for the orchard, created by Wilson High School student Addie Price. Thanks to Wilson art teacher Mary Barnes for recruiting Addie.



BACK TO THE FUTURE



FOPM board member John DeFerrari recently found this 1917 photo on eBay. It shows some sort of civilian drill on the field across Tilden St. from the mill. Recall that this was the year that the United States entered World War 1.



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