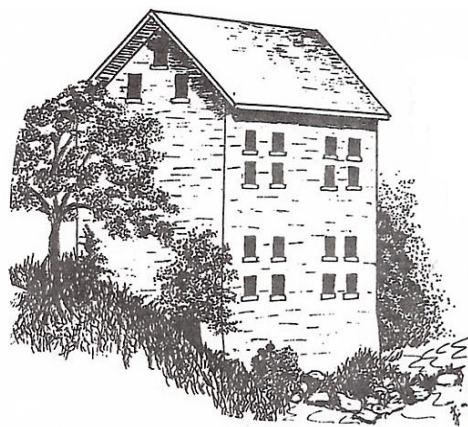


A newsletter from
The Motor Mill Foundation
of Clayton County

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Milling Around



Join us:

The Motor Mill Foundation is made up of dedicated volunteers from diverse backgrounds. They meet regularly for planning or work projects.

Nested within the foundation is our Friends of Motor Mill group (FMM). Our friends share information, gain support for and help on various endeavors. To sign up:

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Look for photos and current happenings at:
www.claytoncountyconservation.org
& www.motormill.org

Roof Replacement

In February of 2007 the MMF received a \$55,400 grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa to repair the roofs on the Mill and the Inn. The project also included the replacement of two brick chimneys on the mill. The estimated total cost of the project was \$111,200. For their part, the Foundation must raise \$55,800 in matching funds to complete the projects.

The project has been completed; the Mill and the Inn now have new roofs. The two chimneys have been replaced on the Mill and the chimney on the Inn has been tuck-pointed.

The final cost of the project was \$71,598.83. The Inn roof was \$8,209.08, the chimney work was \$14,593.10 the mill roof was \$28,274.19 and the scaffolding was \$20,522.46 which totals \$71,598.83.

Roof Replacement continues

Several changes occurred with the project from planned. We were not able to use metal shingles as planned but had to put on asphalt shingles instead. The second change was we had to bring in scaffolding to reach the mill roof. The scaffolding was placed on the road and river side of the mill.

The project was completed in November of this year. Since the cost was less, our needed matching funds are less as well. The MMF will need a cash match of \$35,803.54. We are still short of this goal.

Buy a Square

As part of this fund drive, the Foundation has suggested that donors consider donating \$200, which is the approximate cost of one square of roofing. Your donations are still needed to help meet our financial goals for the roof.

Raffle Tickets

The MMF held a raffle drawing this past summer and fall. Raffle items included a hand built butternut pie safe won by Robert Hansmeier of Waukon, several prints were given away and the winners were Jackie Robertson of Anamosa and Stan Delagardelle of Cedar Falls. A silent auction quilt was won by Myra Voss of Elkader. The raffle raised about \$1,400 in funds which went to the roof fund. Thank you to all of you who purchased tickets your support is appreciated.

Floors and Windows

A few final small projects are left with replacing the floors. On the main floor, the planks are being pulled up and will be used for joists on the 6th floor which is a loft area. There is enough pine flooring left to rebuild the removed main floor and finish the patching of the other floors.

During the summer our volunteer crew was able to use jacks and shims to straighten the interior beam system. They raised the beams about an inch which straightened them out. This also helped close the gap in the roof on both ends.

Windows are being installed as they work their way to the top floors.

Interpretive Planning Grant

The Motor Mill Foundation and the Clayton County Conservation Board received a grant from the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area for the development of a Visioning Plan for the educational efforts at Motor Mill. The award was for \$2,500 with a cash match of \$2,500.

The Foundation will be working with consultant Tom Woods from Oconomowoc WI. Woods will guide the Foundation through an educational visioning process and help to develop main themes, topics, major related themes and create program goals and strategies and management goals that will map the future planning process for the Motor Mill Site.

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Motor Mill Campground

The Conservation Board was able to have the campground at Motor Mill open for Labor Day. The new latrine was installed and fire rings placed in time for the weekend. At this time we still do not have water at the campground.

A new well has been drilled and is out of the flood plain. This winter, plans are being developed for a well house and plumbing for it. We hope to have bids go out early this spring for the construction of the well house and for the plumbing with the work being completed in the spring or early summer.

Updates from the Mill

Volunteers Needed

The Motor Mill Foundation is looking for more volunteers. The core members and tour guides that help keep the mill open on weekends are looking for additional help. As the summer progresses and each year passes, we are finding out that we simply do not have enough help to have the mill open and attend special events like parades, fairs and city events to help promote and educate folks about the mill.

If you would like to volunteer we can help you. Training and working with an experienced guide is available. Please give us a call to find out more information or stop at the mill during an open weekend. Thank you.