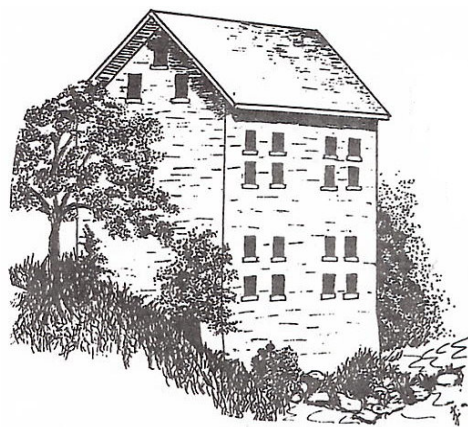


A newsletter from
The Motor Mill Foundation
of Clayton County

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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:

Contact us:

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29862 Osborne Rd.
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563-245-1516. Email:
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Milling Around is available electronically. Email addresses are welcomed to save postage. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know.

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

Motor Mill Open House

The Motor Mill Foundation will be hosting an Open House on Saturday June 6 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This will be a great time to come down to the mill and enjoy an outing for the day.

In appreciation for the support given to the mill restoration project, the Motor Mill Foundation will furnish a picnic meal for you to enjoy served between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Foundation Members and volunteers will be available throughout the site to show case the work that has been completed and explain the scheduled projects.

After your visit to the mill, you are invited to the dedication of the Sherman Swift Tower in National. The short program and ribbon cutting will begin at 2:00 PM.

Floors and Windows

During the past year, volunteers have been hard at work in the mill. Several members of the Motor Mill Foundation along with additional area volunteers have been busy replacing the floor joists and flooring in the mill.

They have several floors completed and are currently working on the fourth floor. The Foundation decided to leave two bays open from the second floor so one can gain a perspective of the height and the sheer mass of the Motor Mill. This project will be completed by the end of June.

As the floors are being replaced, windows are also being replaced as they work their way to the roof. Shutters are being built and installed on the 1st and 2nd floors to protect the windows from damage. During work days and tour days, the shutters can be opened for light.

Roof Replacement

With the flooring and window replacement project nearing completion, the next big project is the replacement of the roof on the Motor Mill and on the Inn. The project also includes the replacement of two brick chimneys on the mill that were removed sometime in the past.

Roof Replacement Continued

Fund Raising

The Motor Mill Foundation and the Clayton County Conservation Board were recently awarded two grants to help with the roof project. The first award was from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. The grant was for \$1,000. The 2nd grant was from Alpine Communication and was also for \$1,000. The MMF and the CCCB greatly appreciates their support in what is happening at the mill.

Raffle Tickets

Additional fund raising efforts are underway with the sale of raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. The prizes include a butternut pie safe valued at \$800. Other items include several prints of the Motor Mill. Tickets are on sale until October 11th when the winners will be drawn at Heritage Days at the Osborne Center. You may see the prizes on the Motor Mill Website. Ticket information is available there as well or by calling the Osborne Center at 563-245-1516. Buy early, buy often and buy again!!

Buy a Square

Yet, you still have another opportunity to help with the Motor Mill Roof Project. You can buy a square of shingles. By purchasing a square of shingles for the Motor Mill for \$200 you will help meet the required matching funds needed for our grant funds through the Historic Site Preservation Grant.

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Updates from the Mill

Tour Dates

The dates the mill will be open this summer are now posted. You may visit the Motor Mill Website for the dates. The first weekend will be Memorial Day weekend May 23-25. Times are Saturday from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday and Monday from 12pm to 5pm.

The People's Choice Award

The Motor Mill Site was one of the top three sites listed as the People's Choice Award presented by Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area. Several Motor Mill Foundation Members were present for the awards presentation in Cedar Falls. Thank you to all of you who voted this year.

Flood Recovery

The Motor Mill area is still working through some flood recovery efforts. The campground will remain closed until at least the 4th of July. The area has been tilled and seeded. The latrine will be replaced soon. Work remains on the water system yet as well. Until these issues are completed the campground will remain closed.

The canoe ramp is open and all are welcome to park near the canoe landing. But again, no camping will be available.