



Cider Mill Press

Fall 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has been a busy year! Spring through fall has been busy with our once a month Saturday work days performing interior and exterior housekeeping. Together volunteers sweep, mow, prune, weed, and clip. We have many other volunteer activities too. Volunteering is an excellent venue to meet new people while performing a good community deed. Catch a behind-the-scenes tour of the historic Kimlin Cider Mill and consider participating next year!

The summer season kicked off with our 2011 Annual Benefit Honoring Rob Rolison. It was a wonderful success, hosted by Arlene and Gregory Chiamonte in their exquisitely renovated residence perched on the top three floors of the historic Piano Factory. The event was more than special - great company, Main Course Catering, music by Foliage!, superb weather, breathtaking views of the Hudson River, generosity of local businesses and artists for our silent auction, and Spackenkill Honor Society students. The proceeds of the event are going to the restoration of the Mill's front façade.

Restoration of the front facade and stabilization of the mill are complex and detailed processes. Our challenge is to assemble the right plan, right craftsmen and right materials, and bring in the project at the right costs and schedule. Stabilizing the Mill, waterproofing the roof and tackling the front façade (the Mill's public face) are high priorities. Sherwin-Williams has donated the paint; and when the time is right, Millennium Painting has donated painting services.

This year we had wonderful younger volunteers. Stephanie LaRose joins us as a new board member and secretary. Stephen Burgess, a graphic design student at Dutchess Community College, is designing a new logo. Eagle Scouts are embarking on spring projects for a kiosk and benches. They will also remove the north shed, construct a trellis in its footprint and stabilize the press room north wall. The carpentry class at Dutchess County BOCES is fabricating in-kind replacement windows for the front façade. Mike Fraatz, a recent wildlife conservation graduate from the University of Delaware and currently a project assistant at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, is working with us to participate in Audubon and Cornell's Great Backyard Bird Count (see article).

The year has been fun, full and productive. Such milestones are only achieved through your on-going support, generosity and commitment. As we approach the close of 2011 and look forward to 2012, please continue your support at a higher level or join Cider Mill Friends for the first time as a new supporter or volunteer. You are part of our success as we move forward together. *Lisa Weiss, President*

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Left to right, volunteer Jasmine Hutchinson and board member Victoria Powell greet guests at check in.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

After months of volunteering, I have recently accepted the position of secretary for the Cider Mill Friends. This is a wonderful organization with important goals. These goals can be met, we just need your help. Donate your time one Saturday morning on a work day to get to know the group, send us your monetary contribution, or do both! You won't be disappointed.

*Stephanie P. LaRose,
Secretary*

2012 KIMLIN CIDER MILL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT by Mike Fraatz

This February we will be participating in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Great Backyard Bird Count. Every year, birders across the country come together to assess what bird species are utilizing areas after the winter season. We will be conducting a traveling survey on the grounds of the Mill and recording species as we see and hear them. Following the survey period, we submit our data sheets to the continuously growing database at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. In my past research experience, birds are the most active shortly after sunrise. I will begin the survey a half an hour after sunrise for four mornings from Friday, 2/1 through Monday, 2/20/12. Be sure to bring binoculars, wear warm clothes and a pair of shoes you don't mind getting dirty. I hope to see some of you on the February 17th!

Please RSVP to cidermillfriend@optonline.net or 845-849-1675.
More information on the Great Backyard Bird Count at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc>

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Many thanks to Theresa Dewey for volunteering her assistance with this newsletter.

YES! I want to help Cider Mill Friends preserve and protect the Kimlin Cider Mill for future generations. I am enclosing my check payable to:
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WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND SPY HILL? by Victoria Powell, Board Member



Driving east and uphill on Route 55 in the Town of Poughkeepsie, one passes a large green street sign on the right with the words "Spy Hill." Have you ever wondered what the story is behind Spy Hill? Is there a Revolutionary War tale behind this mysterious street name or other local romantic twist? Spy Hill is actually named for the Spy apple, or the Northern Spy apple sometimes known as "Northern Spie," a variety of apple native to the northern east coast of the United States and parts of Michigan and Ontario. The Northern Spy apple

is one of the later apples to ripen in mid-October to November and can retain its good eating qualities for up to 5 months in a root cellar or refrigerator¹. Spy Hill, once an apple orchard, still sports remnant apple trees scattered throughout its residential landscape.

¹Merwin, Ian. Cornell University: Homegrown Apples in New York Ecogardening Factsheet #15, Spring 1996, last updated 10/8/10.

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2012 WORK DAY SATURDAY SCHEDULE 9:30a - 12:30p

March 24	July 14
April 14	August 4
May 5	Sept 8
June 2	Oct 13

SPRING 2012 CELEBRATION WATCH FOR DETAILS!!