

# Cider Mill Press

Fall 2017



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lisa Weiss, RLA

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year we celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Old-Fashioned Cider Tasting," our annual fundraiser. Please join us on Saturday, October 14, 2017; 11am-3pm; at the historic Kimlin Cider Mill, 140 Cedar Ave, Poughkeepsie, rain or shine (see insert). Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <http://cidermillfriends2017.eventbrite.com>; purchasing your ticket online enters you in an online-only raffle for a growler of our very own Kimlin Sweet Cider.

As of this printing, we welcome these local cider donors:

- Yankee Folly, New Paltz (hard)
- Pitchfork Hard Cider, Poughkeepsie (hard)
- The Grand Brewery, Poughkeepsie (hard)
- Wilklow Orchards, Highland (sweet)
- Angry Orchard Hard Cider, Walden (hard)
- King's Highway Fine Cider, Millerton (hard)
- Kimlin Cider (sweet) pressed with local apples from the Hudson Valley Research Laboratory in Highland



On another note, a big thank you to Jill Weintraub for her time spent as a board member, and now for her continuous support as a most welcome volunteer!

## VOLUNTEERS

Over the years, Cider Mill Friends has provided a special place for community service opportunities to many students from our local schools and home schoolers. Schools include Todd Middle, Spackenkill High, Oakwood Friends, Our Lady of Lourdes, Dutchess Community College, SUNY New Paltz and Vassar College.



Todd Middle School volunteers using the corn sheller in Museum.

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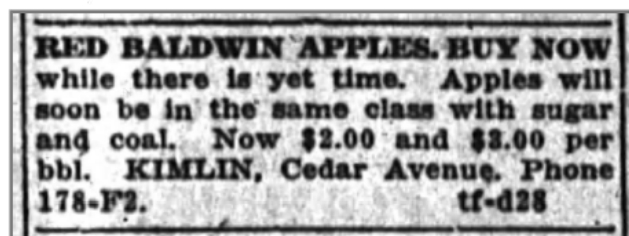
## 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENT: ORCHARD PLANTED!

We created homage to the apple orchard the Kimlins used to maintain: a mini orchard of 12 apple trees. In April, honoring Earth Day, volunteers helped us plant 6 Baldwin and 6 Honeycrisp apple trees.



Planting apple trees.

Baldwin apples were a very popular cider apple at the time. The Kimlin orchard definitely included Baldwin apples, since they were advertised extensively in Kimlin Cider Mill advertisements from the beginning of the century. Other apple varieties included Spy and Greening.



Classified advertisement from 12/29/1917.



## 2017 EVENT: HISTORIC TAVERN TRAIL

On Friday, August 11 the Kimlin Cider Mill hosted a Prohibition-Era Lawn Party as part of the Dutchess County Historic Tavern Trail. Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian, delivered an enlightening presentation about Prohibition in Poughkeepsie.

Guests enjoyed light fare by Chocolate Mousse Catering, sipped summer cocktails, listened to 1920s-era music, played croquet, learned about the 100+ year history of the Kimlin family and Mill, and tried their luck at raffles!



Tour guide dressed for the occasion.

## WESTERVELT HOUSE

The Westervelt House – formerly the Treasure Chest and more recently Coppola's – was located on Route 9 (Albany Post Road) and IBM Road. The original house was built as a residence circa 1744. The house later served as an inn, then restaurants, going through numerous renovations and additions over time. The Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union purchased the property and demolished the house this year. The Town of Poughkeepsie Historic Commission requested that certain architectural details be salvaged and we received them. Artifacts include fireplace mantles, stair railing, a metal fire back, and more. Some items are in our museum, and others will be appropriately placed.

## 2017 EVENT: DRIP AND SIP

On June 4, we hosted a special event at Paula's Public House sipping wine while painting the Mill under the guidance of Allison Wiand of Hudson Valley Drip and Sip. It was great to see everyone's artistic talents and take on the painting!



## UPCOMING 2017-2018 EVENTS

Sat, 9/16 – Arlington Street Fair, Raymond Ave  
Sat, 10/14 – Old Fashioned Cider Tasting @ Mill  
Sat-Sun, 12/2-12/3 – Fair Trade Bazaar, Hellenic Center  
Fri-Mon, 2/16-19/2018 – Great Backyard Bird Count  
June 2017 – Open House @ Mill  
Sat, 10/13/18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cider Tasting @ Mill

## 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: ROOF WORK, HISTORIC PLAQUES & ROAD DRAINAGE

Thanks to generous grants from the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust and the Greene Wiegand Charitable Fund, Cider Mill Friends continues with roof work. The Mill roof was coated with aluminum paint to prevent future rusting and localized repairs were made.



We installed these historic plaques on the front façade. They show that the site is on the National & State Registers of Historic Places, and a Poughkeepsie Historic Landmark.

We also partnered with Dutchess County Public Works for the installation of stormwater remediation from Cedar Avenue. Thank you DPW!



## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We are constantly compiling memories and oral histories of the Mill and welcome your memories at <http://goo.gl/yFVZoi>. The following Memory of the Mill excerpt is from a visitor to the mill in the 1970s:

*"I recall fondly the golden Indian summer afternoons when several classmates and I would bicycle out to the Kimlin Cider Mill for warm cider and molasses and ginger cookies right out of the oven. In the crisp fall afternoon air and soft diaphanous sunlight, we would lean our bikes against the mill and head inside for our reward. It took a few moments for one's eyes to adjust to the sudden darkness inside the mill. And the first thing you saw was the Museum of Antiquity, which always slightly startled me: a dusty taxidermy display of local critters such as raccoons, squirrels and rabbits. As I remember, they were displayed behind a chicken wire screen. I can still smell the cool, musty air mixed with the aroma of apples inside the mill."*

## 2018 SATURDAY VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

9:30am-12:30pm – Dates are tentative

March 10	June 9	September 8
April 7	July 7	October 6
May 5	August 4	

Volunteers get together and work to clean, maintain, and restore the Mill and landscape. Check [cidermillfriends.org/events/upcoming-events](http://cidermillfriends.org/events/upcoming-events) to confirm the dates.

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