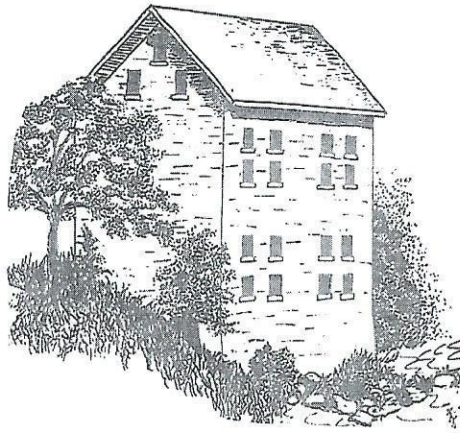


A newsletter from
The Motor Mill Foundation
of Clayton County

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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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Look for photos and current happenings at:

www.claytoncountyconservation.org
& www.motormill.org

Updates:

- The Big Blue Sky Band will be back this year at the Elkader Opera House on Saturday November 24. Tickets are \$15.00 a seat. A silent and live auction will be held during the concert with all proceeds going toward the restoration efforts at Motor Mill.

- Big Blue Sky Band CD sales from the 2006 concert have been a huge success. A new order has been placed. CDs are \$15 each with proceeds goes toward Motor Mill current projects. You may contact the Osborne Office for more information.

- Funds are currently being raised to replace the windows in the Cooperage. The Foundation is looking for sponsors for the 12 windows to be replaced at \$200 each. If you would like more information or to donate you may contact the Osborne Center at 245-1516.

Mill Window Replacement Project

The Motor Mill Foundation began a fund drive to replace the 38 windows in the mill. The total cost of each window opening was \$200 and donations were sought.

The drive was a huge success and by the middle of August all the money was raised to complete the project. In September the order for the windows was placed and we hope to have them installed by winter.

The Motor Mill Foundation would like to thank all of the donors for this tremendous gift in helping move the project forward:

Les and Mary Klink
Renee Klink
Harold and Beverly Klink
Fred and Ila Mae Fenchel
Doug and Cheryl Klink
Douglas and Marcella Klink
IMO Ernie and Dorothy Klink
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Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation
Roger and Betty Buchholz
Clara Swan and Daryl Braxvoort

Thank you.

Cooperage Windows

The Motor Mill Foundation is seeking donations to replace the 12 windows in the cooperage. Each window opening will cost \$200 each. If you would like to make a donation to this project please contact the Osborne Office with your contribution.

Motor Mill Out and About

If you have been out and about this summer visiting the many events held through out Northeast Iowa and Clayton County, you may have seen the Motor Mill Foundation present.

Volunteers this summer took Motor Mill on the road. Foundation members constructed a float about Motor Mill and participated in the Garnavillo, Elkader and Clermont parades.

Foundation members were also present at the Clayton County Fair, Plagman Barn and will be present at Osborne Park's Heritage Days.

The purpose of these outings is to raise awareness of the Motor Mill Site. This also gives members a chance to visit with folks on our upcoming planned projects and progress reports of our current projects. Be sure to stop by if you see them out and about.

Robert Grau Memorial Savanna

The fight with garlic mustard has seen great strides with the ridge top reaching a monitoring level. The side hills are still a fight to get this invasive plant under control.

Plans for next year include a pre-scribed burn, inter-seeding some of the ridge top with native grasses and forbs and the construction of an extended trail system.

Big Blue Sky Concert

The Big Blue Sky Band will be back in Elkader for a Motor Mill Benefit concert on Saturday November 24 at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be \$15 each. Tickets can be purchased in advance or purchased at the door.

Along with the concert this year will be a silent and live auction during the performance. One auction item is a one of a kind 1860's doll. The ladies of the Civil War Camp, which was held in May, donated the doll for Motor Mill. The doll is dressed in period clothing and it has a wooden carrying case.

Several other items are planned for the auction as well. You may visit the Motor Mill website for upcoming information regarding the concert, ticket locations and auction item list. Thank you for your support.