



Grist From the Mill

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The mission of Colvin Run Mill Historic Site is to maintain and interpret its historic buildings and collections for the enrichment of Fairfax County residents and visitors as they relate to the themes of technology & community in 19th century rural northern Virginia.

Assembling the Grinding Station



Have you been in the mill when miller Mason Maddox and his helpers are setting the stones?

Have you seen how all the parts of the grinding station go together?

If not, volunteer **Joe Pruden** has created a new illustrated step-by-step guide to show you the process.

Joe photographed Mason and volunteers **Rich Thorpe** and **Tom Milton** as they carefully maneuvered the 2000

pound runner stone over the bed stone, lowered it in place and then put the various pieces of mill furniture around the stones.

Joe wrote detailed descriptions of each step and identified individual



components of the stones, stone crane and other parts of the assembly.



A copy of this new guide will be available in the room guide binder on the main floor of the mill and it will be included from now on in the document manual for new volunteers.

If you would like your own copy of Joe's guide, ask Ann Korzeniewski for one.



The Fairfax County
Park Authority Board and
The Friends of Colvin Run Mill
cordially invite you to join the
celebration of

Colvin Run Mill's
200th anniversary on
Sunday, April 10, 2011
from noon to 3 p.m.

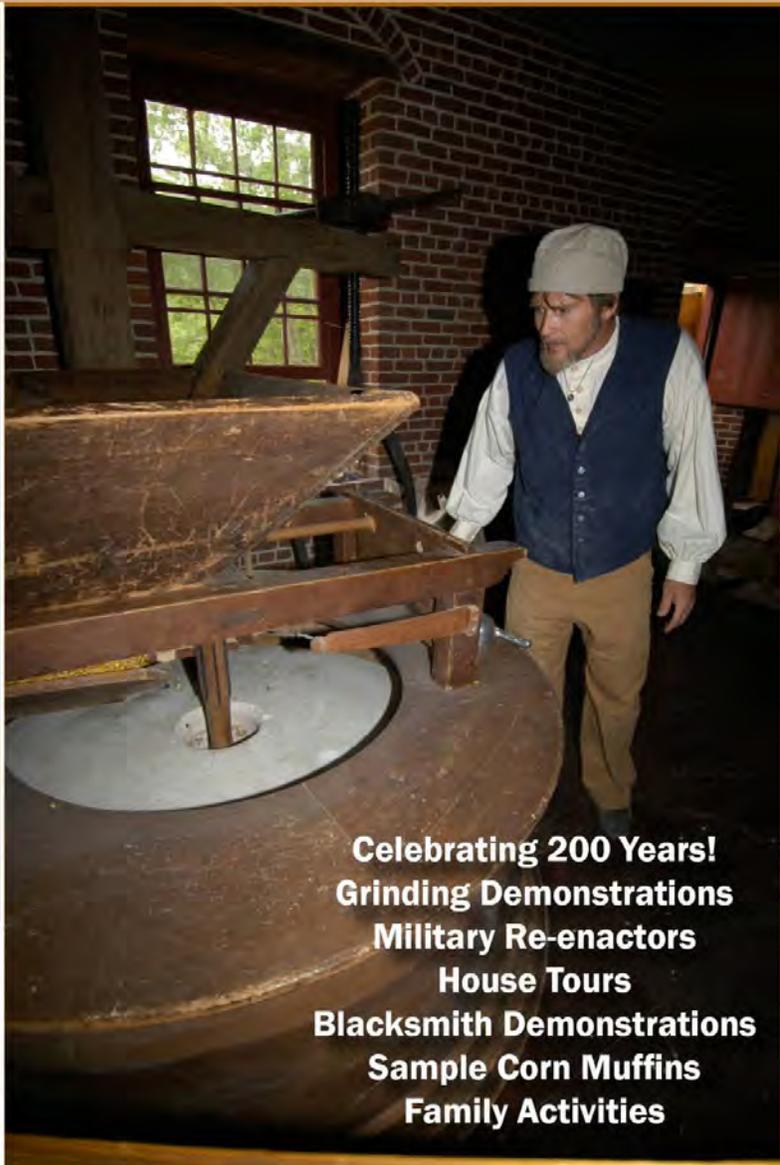
Local dignitaries will be on hand for a
short ceremony at 1 p.m.

This free celebration will kick off the
2011 grinding season.

Watch the miller grind the year's
first batch of cornmeal, sample corn
muffins, march alongside costumed
military re-enactors, tour the miller's
house, take part in family activities, and
see the blacksmith fire up his forge.

Colvin Run Mill is located at 10017
Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, VA.

For information or directions visit
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm/
or call 703-759-2771.



Celebrating 200 Years!
Grinding Demonstrations
Military Re-enactors
House Tours
Blacksmith Demonstrations
Sample Corn Muffins
Family Activities



COLVIN RUN MILL



200TH ANNIVERSARY



If accommodations or alternate formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563, TTY 703-803-3354. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada.htm

Preparing for the 200th Anniversary Bash

We're having a party — time to clean the old place up!

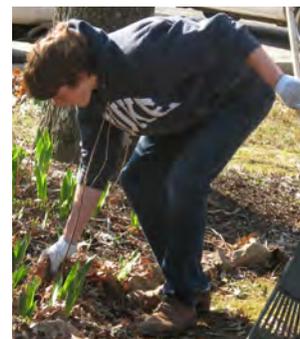
Just in time for the mill's 200th anniversary celebration on April 10, new fencing has been installed (with more to come) and community volunteers did a groundskeeping blitz. A special THANK YOU goes to the Churchill Road Elementary School 3rd graders & their teacher Colleen Boyle and to CRM's **Barbara Raymond & Rich Thorpe** who also pitched in.



New post & rail fences



Rails for new snake fencing came from North Carolina.



Thirty volunteers ages 4 to 72 came out to help spruce up the grounds.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital & the Civil War

Keith Young, past President of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, will present a program on the role of the nation's first federal mental health facility during the Civil War on Saturday, April 16, from 9:30am—noon at Frying Pan Farm Park's Visitor Center.

Washington, DC's St. Elizabeth's Hospital opened in 1855 as the *Government Hospital for the Insane*. During the Civil War, it operated temporarily as a hospital for



wounded soldiers, manufacturing prostheses and treating soldiers suffering from psychological trauma. The campus includes Civil War-era cemeteries where civil-

ians and military personnel who died at the hospital are buried.

This program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association. Non-members are welcome to attend and give a donation. Space is limited. Pre-register to guarantee a seat.

For more information, call 703-437-9101 or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp



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