



Grist From the Mill

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It Was Quite a Party!

The official kick-off to the 200th grinding season was Sunday, April 10. More than 400 visitors, dignitaries and volunteers were on hand for the celebration [more photos inside].



left to right: Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust; FCPA Board Chair Bill Bouie; FOCRM President Mary Allen, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova and Bob Lundegard.

Proclamation:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby congratulate Colvin Run Mill for the 200th anniversary of its first production of flour.”



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.



Colvin Run Mill Manager Mike Henry addressed the crowd.



No birthday party is complete without cake — we served cornbread ‘cake’ of course!

More 200th Anniversary Photos

War of 1812 re-enactors: Baltimore United Volunteers, part of the 5th Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry.



Visitors had a busy afternoon . . .



...they did chores & played old-fashioned games,



made birthday cards for the mill,



toured the millers' house,

shelled, ground & sifted feed corn,



watched a blacksmith at work,



met the millers,

and took home free cornmeal & a recipe!





Dawn Kehrer's new timeline of the mill's history.

“Bun Venit,” Rafael Rehad!

Like many Northern Virginians, Rafael Rehad has passed the mill many times while driving along Leesburg Pike. The waterwheel piqued his interest, and one day last month he stopped at the park to see what was here and find out about volunteering. He returned the next day and spent a couple of hours helping to build the new snake fence.

Coincidentally, a paid seasonal position as miller's assistant opened up that same week, Rafael applied for it, and — as they say — the rest is history!

A native of Romania, Rafael lived for several years in Germany before relocating to Florida in search of good weather. He moved to Virginia last summer with his 6 year old son Nicholas.

He describes himself as a tinkerer who “always has a model airplane” around. He's interested in the engineering and technology in the mill and is eager to learn all about it and share its history with others. He is also interested in preservation — both historic and environmental.



Rafael says he's a shy, reserved guy. So the challenge to Colvin Run Mill's paid and volunteer staff is to seek him out, practice either their Romanian or German by saying “bun venit” or “willkommen,” and get to know him!



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COLVIN RUN HISTORICAL STREET FAIR

The Story of "Industrious" Neighborhood Character: 1811 to 2011

FREE ADMISSION
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011
12 NOON TO 4 PM



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GREAT FALLS, VA
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Colvin Run Mill.....Colvin Run Road.....Colvin Run Schoolhouse

ENJOY DAILY LIFE, 1811 TO 2011, AT THE COLVIN RUN SCHOOLHOUSE
 A School Reenactment...Descendants Reflect...Historic Artifacts...The Story in Photos...Local Historians

DELIGHT IN COLVIN RUN TODAY, 2011, ALONG COLVIN RUN ROAD
 Face Painting...Balloon Animals...A Magic Show...Old Fashioned Games...A Historic Costume Competition...
 Food...Popcorn...Ice Cream...Local Merchants...Country Music...

EXPERIENCE MILLING, SINCE 1811, AT THE COLVIN RUN MILL
 Watch a Grind...Shop at the General Store...Speak with Historic Interpreters...Enjoy the Dulcimer Band