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Restoration Complete at Colvin Run Mill

What goes around comes around. And Colvin Run Mill, going around for over 200 years, has come around to its glory days.

After several months of repairs and restoration, the historic mill will be grinding again this spring. The Restoration Celebration takes place on April 19, 2015. There will be an official grand re-opening ceremony open to the public at 1 p.m.

The restoration was required after a crack was found in the mill's main shaft during a routine inspection last year. Over the winter, the shaft and other parts of the mill were replaced. The broken shaft was found during a period when the second grinding stone at the mill was being restored. The mill had been using only one of its two stones since its original restoration in the early 1970s, and the combined efforts over the winter mean the mill will be running at full capacity for the first time in decades.

The restoration of "the newest old mill in Fairfax County" has been "exciting, frustrating and challenging," said Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Manager Mike Henry. Staff has been testing the restored mill this spring and tweaking mill mechanisms, such as adjusting belts and refining the connections of teeth and gears. The mill also is getting a thorough cleaning so that the grain that is ground is ready for human consumption. The historic mill's grain is sold at the site.

Following the Restoration Celebration, the mill will return to its regular schedule of grinding from noon to 3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of each month from April through October.

Colvin Run Mill is at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, VA. More information about the mill is on the Fairfax County Park Authority website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/. For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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