

MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 & SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022



Current and former MHA Board Members, August 14, 2021

The Mill Hollow Heritage Association (MHA) operates Chase's Mill in Alstead, NH, as a workshop for hands-on learning and a community gathering space. Our water-powered mill embodies the history of small-town industry, celebrating New England's vibrant past while inspiring the future of sustainable power and rural technology.

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Looking Back: 2021 Highlights

What a busy year it was! Many of you participated in our summer workshops and classes. We owe so much to the instructors and workshop leaders, many of whom returned their honoraria as gifts to the Mill. Those who attended our August opening celebrations celebrated with us the remarkable achievements of the past year: opening with or in spite of the pandemic and offering a full season of programs, finishing rehabilitation of Chase's Mill, and hiring Jill Hall, our indispensable Programs Manager. In addition to her administrative duties, Jill is now taking on bookkeeping.

In 2021 we extended partnerships with local nonprofits and educators to broaden our reach to the next generation of mill enthusiasts. Volunteers from Kroka Expeditions in Marlow have helped for years with cutting firewood and moving artifacts from the Mill. This year Kroka and LEAF Charter School students helped clear invasive plants from Lake Edith, the small waterway across Forest Road. In summer 2022, children will again be able to perch on the dam that Heman Chase built in 1961 and launch wooden boats or experiment with waterwheels made in the woodworking shop.

LEAF Charter School students in a Human Ecology class learned about archeology and helped map foundations of a blacksmith shop, sheep barn, and old mills on Warren Brook. A 2021 grant from the Bailey Charitable Foundation is financing mapping and signage that will guide visitors exploring the history of Mill Hollow. Signs will have a QR code linked to information on our website about historic sites. In September experienced and amateur timber framers finished the handsome new Hill Shed that will house tools and maintenance equipment. Neighbors and friends donated timbers, windows, and the door, and helped shingle the sides and roof.



Looking Forward

Board Member Transitions

Board terms expired at the end of 2021 for architect Dan Bartlett, and grant writer Helen Frink. Dan, a founding member of MHHA, served as project architect for the rehabilitation of Chase's Mill. His personal commitment and his professional expertise were critical in bringing the

project to fruition. Helen Frink joined the Board in 2015 and became the link to major funders of historic preservation in New Hampshire such as the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program and the Preservation Alliance (NHPA). Bryony Romer, who manages donor relations, now co-chairs MHHA's Board with Jim Gruber.

MHHA is fortunate to welcome two new faces and new energy to the Board:



Charlie Montgomery of Walpole earned a BA in French Literature and a Masters of Art and Religion from Yale. He received an M.D. in 1961 from Western Reserve Medical School and served in the USAF in the Philippines. He practiced Internal Medicine, 1961-2006, then moved from Cape Cod back to his ancestral home in Walpole, where he lives with his wife, Mary Louise.

Lea Kablik graduated from Roger Williams University with a B.S. in marine biology. She gained experience over the next several years as a biological technician doing everything from freshwater turtle nesting surveys to catching sharks. She went on to work for Mad Science of Western New England and gained an interest in informal education, especially program development. While earning her M.S. for Environmental Science (concentration in Environment Education) at Antioch University, she volunteered on the MHHA Programming Team. Lea now works as the Community Garden Coordinator for Keene Housing.

2022 Opening Plans

Summer events will focus on the theme "Celebrate Water!" Programs in the works include public presentations on the Connecticut River and on Native Americans and river settlements. Watch for community discussions of cyanobacteria and climate change and how they threaten Lake Warren and other bodies of water. Plan to join a community conversation remembering the 2005 Alstead Flood.

In the Mill yard we'll build a ram pump and a wet table where children can splash and squirt, experimenting with fluid dynamics. After all, who doesn't like to play in the water?

Fundraising

Longtime supporter Joyce Curll provided a \$50,000 challenge gift to start the Dan Curll Community Programs Fund in memory of her husband. Dan was a principal

founder of the Mill Hollow Heritage Foundation back in 2012, one of the first to envision what Chase's Mill could become. MHHA has nearly completed double-matching that pledge with multi-year support from generous donors, providing a solid base of support for our next five years of programming.

In December we received our third grant of \$10,000 from the Bailey Charitable Foundation. Last year's Bailey grant supported our archeology, mapping and signage project with the LEAF Charter School. This year's award will fund our "Celebrate Water!" events.

New Hampshire Humanities has given MHHA \$7,500 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for general operating expenses.

The Bay and Paul Foundations of New York contributed \$15,000 in unrestricted funds. This donor was one of our earliest supporters with a gift of \$25,000 toward matching our very first LCHIP grant back in 2016.



Tiles made in Workshop



LEAF Students at Lake Edith



Nature Path



Pencil Drawing Class



Timber Framing Classes



Workshop Intro to Lathe

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AND THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS!

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**MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE
ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

INCOME

Donations	\$69,517
Grants.....	\$22,016
Program Registration Fees.....	\$3,794
Merchandise Sales.....	\$1,505
Total Income	\$96,832

EXPENSES

Credit Card Service Charges.....	\$521
Dues and Memberships	\$1,358
Fundraising	\$1,306
Payroll and Related.....	\$6,741
Insurance.....	\$9,749
Licenses and Permits	\$870
Postage and Office.....	\$3,100
Professional Fees	\$15,045
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,912
Tools, Equipment and Supplies	\$15,170
Utilities.....	\$1,677

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$59,449

TOTAL OPERATING INCOME \$37,383

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES

Interest Income..... \$37

DEPRECIATION EXPENSE \$36,738

OTHER NET INCOME (\$36,701)

NET SURPLUS \$682

**MILL HOLLOW HERITAGE
ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Bank Accounts.....	\$ 151,656
Perpetuity Fund	\$19,523

TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS \$171,179

Accounts and Pledges Receivable..... \$16,018

Prepaid Insurance

\$7,324

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$194,520

FIXED ASSETS

Land and improvements

\$34,236

Building and Rehabilitation

\$824,566

Furniture and Fixtures

\$5,782

Accumulated Depreciation

(\$93,334)

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS \$770,250

TOTAL ASSETS \$964,770

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

\$2,710

TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$2,710

EQUITY

Unrestricted Net Assets

\$961,378

Net Income

\$682

TOTAL EQUITY \$962,060

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY..... \$964,770