



# Pine Mill News

Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill Summer 2014 Issue

## President's Column

By Tom Hanifan

Our excellent interpretive staff has been busy. We had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of May visitors ever – 1186. June attendance broke a record - 1644.

812 children, parents and teachers came for field trips in May. We love it when teachers bring classes for a day of learning. Our school program combines fun with learning about history and nature. That's what hands-on interactive learning is all about. Our spring field trips are a popular learning experience with area teachers. This year we had schools from the Muscatine area, Davenport and Iowa City, including home school groups. Their enthusiasm and interest in learning made our efforts worthwhile.

Donors have stepped up again. Without donors we would not have an interpretation program. We thank these corporate donors who have contributed since the last newsletter: Kohls Stores and Alliant Energy. We have also received a major grant from the Community Foundation of Muscatine.

We appreciate donations from families and individuals. There are too many to list here.

Since the last newsletter we have received major donations from Agnes Digney, Elizabeth Brown, Mark & Chris Post, Butch Arp, Richard Maeglin, Susan Sargent, Sue & Larry Koehrsen, Weldon Roecheare, Diana Gradert, Helen Roelle, and Don Paul.

We can always use more volunteers. Do you know of anyone who is interested in helping with events? Anyone who is interested in restoring the mill? Who would like to help rebuild the log cabin? No matter what your skill set is, we have a job for you. Besides supporting Pine Mill, you are going to have fun! You can put in just as much or as little time as you want. If you are interested in volunteering, contact one of our officers.

The Kohl's Department Stores in Moline and Davenport came again in May to help us clean and prepare for visitors. This is a huge job and they enjoy doing it. They also leave us with an important donation.

Work continues on rebuilding the 1850's log cabin. More volunteers are needed. If you can help call Gary Christiansen at 264-1499.

We are looking for a few bushels of ear corn to run through the mill during demonstrations. Do you know of a source? Call Tom at 563-263-4818.

We have had some interesting visitors lately. The mill was recently visited by the editor of Our Iowa Magazine. We hope to see an article about the mill in this magazine. We were also visited by Sue (Brei) Snyder who grew up in the log cabin that we are restoring. She left us with many memories.

Our annual Ghosts of Pine Creek family night of history will be held Friday night Oct 10th 7-8 PM.



Kohl's Department Store Volunteers

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**Mill Meetings:**  
9:00 AM the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday each month

**Check our web page**  
**for dates and**  
**locations every**  
**month.**

# Restoration Report

By David Metz



Limbs thrown onto the bridge by the flood. The park staff quickly repaired the bridge.



Floor boards dislodged in the mill's basement by the flood water.



The damaged basement window, below it the hole that flood debris punched in the mill wall.



Some of the mill's siding was torn off by the flood water. The same area had severe damage during the 1990 Pine Creek flash flood

Flash floods on Pine Creek are nothing new; the creek has a long history of them as will be related later in this newsletter. I have volunteered at the mill since 2001 and I have seen what I thought were amazing amounts of water going over the dam many times. On Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> Muscatine County got six inches of rain. I suspected that the creek would be in full flood so the next morning I went out to the mill to check on it at 7:30AM.

Normally the restoration crew works at the mill every Tuesday. After Monday's rain we had canceled work as each of us had issues at home to deal with caused by the heavy rain. When I got to the mill the water level had already dropped. The first thing I saw were two large tree limbs sitting on the deck of the bridge. One panel of the railing had been broken free and lay on the bridge deck with the limbs. Since the water did not reach the bridge deck my only thought on how the limbs got where they were is that they must have been pitched up there by the turbulent water.

On the creek side of the mill the water had torn off some siding in an area about ten by five feet near the foundation. Something, perhaps a floating limb, had punched a hole about a foot square in the side of the mill right below the window that is next to the door that overlooks the creek.

Above the dam is the penstock gate operating structure. After seeing it get smashed by ice coming down Pine Creek many times we removed most of it this spring and left just the operating rod in place. During the flash flood the steel rod caught an amazing amount of grass that got washed down the creek. The grass gave us a pretty good indication that there had been at least four feet of water going over the dam at the floods highest point. The grass built up to about a foot in diameter around the rod and the increased drag bent the operating rod into a "C" shape!

With some trepidation I unlocked the mill and turned the lights on so I could inspect the basement. Not surprisingly I found the basement floor had a thick coating of slimy mud. Some items like the wood signs and benches had been knocked over and a couple of floor boards dislodged. The basement was a slippery mess and the building was making strange creaking noises that I had never heard before. Thankfully the damage to the mill was slight other than the mud all over the floor.

To keep visitors safe the Friends closed off the basement for tours until the mud could be cleaned up. During the weekend Jim Ohi the park manager hosed the basement down and fixed the hole in the mill wall. Jim got the bulk of the mud washed out and things looked vastly better after he cleaned it up (thanks Jim!).

The next Tuesday the restoration crew was back at the mill with some extra volunteer help to put the finishing touches on the clean up. We had three volunteers from Families, Inc. a social services firm that sent two adult supervisors and one teenage worker. Butch Arp who does the announcing at Heritage Day came to help and we all got to work.

The volunteers got to work right away cleaning up the flood debris that had accumulated outside the south boiler room door. So much had piled up there that the door could not be opened. Outside Jerry Kieth and Butch Arp removed the gate operating rod and repaired it. Clarence Klauer and I worked in the basement. Just so I could say we got something new done I had Frank Kelly fabricate two new "Do Not Tamper" signs for the mill that the interpretive staff had requested.

Even though all the mud had been washed from the floors before we started there still remained mud splatters on the walls and mill equipment. Our volunteers cleaned

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# Spring School Field Trips

By Julie Whitehall

The 2014 Spring Field Trips at Pine Creek Grist Mill were a huge success again this year. There was a total of about 812 students, teachers, and parents who attended.

The season opened on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was cool, but beautiful. This is the first year in many that we did not have to go into a rain schedule mode for any of the scheduled field trips.

## We hosted the following schools:

Ainsworth Elementary  
Blue Grass Elementary  
Buffalo Elementary  
Franklin Elementary  
Grant Elementary  
Iowa City Home School Group  
Louisa – Muscatine Elementary  
Madison Elementary Davenport  
Madison Elementary  
Mulberry Elementary  
Muscatine Home School Group  
Riverside Elementary  
Washington Elementary  
Wilson Elementary Davenport

As the students unloaded the bus they were transported to the mid 1800's. Their tour began with a walk through the Mill as the staff turned on the machines to demonstrate the process of grinding the grain.



Next students were divided into groups and went to stations that were designed to meet their school's individual needs. Stations could include:

Pine Creek Grist Mill Tour and stories  
Grinding Station including a corn pancake to taste



Butter Station with making your own butter and tasting it.

Experience a one room school house at the Melpine School.

Nye Cemetery with grave witching included.

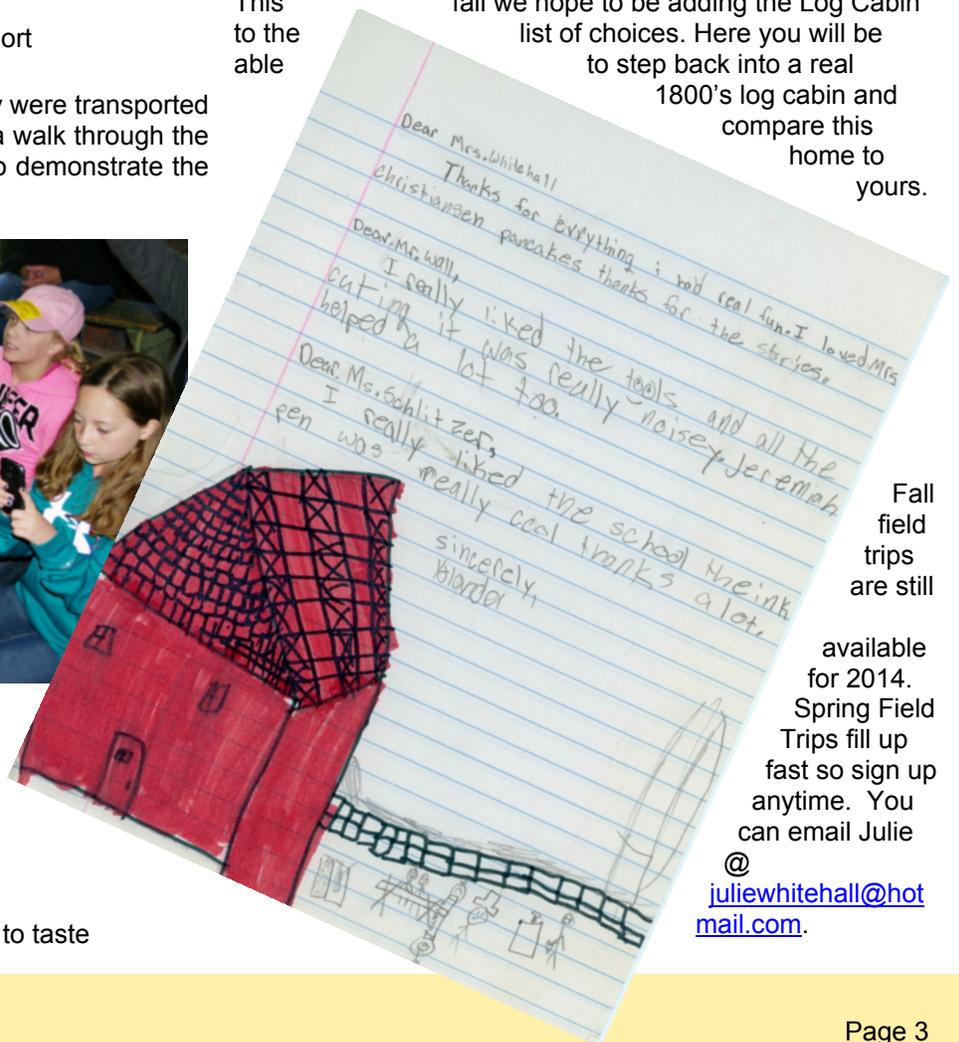
Old Time Tools where students can see a log with a two man saw, drill, and hammer square nails.

Take a trail hike and learn about the flora and fauna along the way.

Learn the history of games and play some of the most popular ones of the 1800's.

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to the  
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fall we hope to be adding the Log Cabin  
list of choices. Here you will be  
to step back into a real  
1800's log cabin and  
compare this  
home to  
yours.



Fall  
field  
trips  
are still

available  
for 2014.  
Spring Field  
Trips fill up  
fast so sign up  
anytime. You  
can email Julie  
@  
[juliwhitehall@hotmail.com](mailto:juliwhitehall@hotmail.com)

# Flash Floods on Pine Creek



Those of us that work regularly at Pine Mills are used to seeing the creek dry up to a trickle during the summer. It is easy to forget that like Mad Creek to the west Pine Creek can quickly turn into a raging torrent during a heavy rain. According to the DNR's hydrographic map of Pine Creek its watershed covers an approximately 45 square mile area that ranges from Bluegrass, Iowa to three miles west of the mill and three miles north of highway 61. During a six inch rain fall potentially over 10,000,000 cubic feet of water falls on the creek's watershed. Not all of that rain soaks into the ground thus the creek has to carry away to the Mississippi a huge amount of water. It is no wonder that the creek floods!

The most recent flood that damaged the mill prior to this one occurred on June 2, 1990. The late Ken Hyman managed the park at that time; he provided his photos of flood to me. Like this last flood it occurred after a day of heavy rain. The water reached the deck of the bridge and as the photos show damaged the creek side of the mill. Water flowing around the front of the mill eroded a deep hole in front of the mill that required several dump truck loads of dirt to fill.

Pine Mill's most famous flood is the one that occurred on February 1883 when a freak rain thawed deep winter snow. Visitors to Pine Mills are all told of this flood when they see the sign showing the high water mark on the first floor that is at

least three feet above their heads. We have three historic accounts of this flood. The most entertainingly named of the three is that of Elbert Clemens a local school teacher who called his short history *The Reminiscences by an Aged Goose, or Concerning the surface of the Earth that is situated between Wild Cat Den State Park and the Mississippi River*. He describes the flood as follows



The 1990 Flash Flood

## The Flood (not Noah's)

*In the winter of 1883 while the ground was frozen and covered with a foot of snow, came two days of warm thawing weather and then a heavy rain storm. The water came down Pine Creek in a volume never seen before or since by a white man. The water at the dam rose to the level of the floor of the second story of the mill\* broke through the windows, ran through the mill, broke down and carried away the addition on the south side, and a hundred or more sacks of flour which were found the next day on the top of the ice in the middle of the Mississippi River; It also broke through the earth embankment above the mill and washed all the earth away from the foundation walls off the mill. Only the strength of these stone walls and the great weight of the building saved the mill from destruction, it also partly wrecked the bridge at the mill and carried away the one near the mouth of the creek. The damage done to the mill by the flood wrecked Huchendorf*



The 1990 Flash Flood  
Ken Hyman photo

## Flash Floods on Pine Creek Continued

financially; but the people of the whole community came forward with donations of money and labor and enabled him to repair the damage and continue business.

The second account we have is from the Muscatine Journal dated Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 1883.

### **EBB AND FLOW Interesting Notes About the Flood Railroad News**

The Journal finds nothing to add to its full report of the effects in our city of the storm of Thursday night.

From Montpelier comes the most interesting incidents thus far reported from the county. The flouring mill of Herman Huchendorf situated on Pine Creek received a damaging deluge from the flood. The mill stands at a considerable depression below the dam. At the height of the storm the water was pouring over the dam at a rise of 18 feet! It swept through the mill carrying away 1,000 bushels of wheat, 300 sacks of flour and 300 bushels of rye. The miller and two men were in the building and the two latter were borne away with the wreck of produce and saved themselves by catching to the county bridge which spans the stream a short distance below. Mr. Huchendorf was carried off his feet, but recovered himself and lost no time in climbing to the third story of the mill. He says he looked out the window and could have touched the water with his hand! Undoubtedly the water looked very high but undoubtedly the miller's eye balls hung out considerably. Mr. Huchendorf estimates his damage at \$3,000, mostly on account of his loss of grain and flour, the mill being but little damaged.

Jacob Hartman lives some distance above the mill on the creek. The water washed through his castle at a depth of over five feet, but Hartman and his family were a little ahead and reached his barn in safety, where they are gratefully domiciled. A considerable amount of household goods were swept from the dwelling.

The Pine Creek Bridge was hit hard by the flood, and if moved but six inches more would have been carried away. It has been damaged to the extent of \$600.

To put Huchendorf's financial losses in perspective I used a web inflation calculator. His \$3,000 loss in 1883 works out to a loss of \$79,000 in 2013 U.S. dollars, a severe blow to him.

Finally we are very fortunate to have the account of the 1883 flood written by Edgar Kemper in 1775 where he comments on Elbert Clemens writings.

*In Mr. Clemens account of the flood, he was very conservative as to the amount of snow. I can remember as a child people telling me, about the winter of 1883 when the wind blew the snow into drifts and it would get so hard that the*

*horses could, pull a sleigh over the snow without breaking through. They would drive right over the rail fences without any trouble. There was a good deal more, I think, than a foot of snow. The two men that were in the mill the day of the flood, besides Huchendorf, were Otto Kroeger and Mike Missel. It was told to me that they carried flour up to the second story all day because they were afraid of what would happen, but they were still a long way from having it all up. As the water came through it pushed down the south side of the mill and the flour was scattered all over the timber and out into the river. As the water came in they decided to leave the mill, it was dark and as they stepped out and were going to make it to higher ground they were swept away. They caught themselves on the bridge. They couldn't go west so they went off the east end of the bridge as the west end was carried away. They walked a mile to a neighbor and stayed there overnight. Huchendorf, who stayed at the mill, became very frightened and went way to the top of the mill and they say he tore a blanket to pieces and tied himself to one of the big posts up there.*

*Of the flour that was picked up off the ice on the river, they cut the sacks open and the flour had formed a paste of about a half inch thickness and the rest of it v/as just as good as when it had been milled. The people in the area gathered enough flour out of the timber between the mill and the river to keep themselves in good supply for that winter. Most of this information is what I heard from my dad and the neighbors in times gone by and I also checked with Mike Missel who was running the mill at the time the state took it over, we also got that information from his dad who was in the flood, so I think it's pretty accurate.*

Years later Hermann Huchendorf said that one of the reasons he sold Pine Mills to the Missel brothers is that he had tired of the flash floods on Pine Creek. He told his family that one of the reasons he choose to build his new flour mill in Durant, Iowa is that no body of water flowed through the town. He stayed high and dry in Durant until he sold his mill to his nephew Otto Kruger when he retired. Back at Pine Mills, we are still a little damp.

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### *Restoration Report Continued from Page 2*

all of that mess up while Clarence and I wiped down the steam engine and lubricated it and all of the rest of the machines. When we got done things looked pretty much back to normal.

There is still more work to do, the turbine and flywheel pits are full of mud and debris that has to be removed. Every time there is high water on the creek more mud builds up in the pit. It is time again to wash all it out. We plan to use the volunteer kids for this messy job! Till they are available again it is back to working on cleaner restoration projects.



**Bunker Mill on the English River**

Michael Missel began his career as a miller in 1883 when he and his brother Joseph went to work for Hermann Huchendorf at Pine Mills. Michael must have enjoyed his time working for Huchendorf for he spoke often of his respect for Huchendorf and that he considered him to be a great man. Michael had his own ambitions however and wanted to have a mill of his own. This led him in 1884 to lease Bunker's mill in Washington County, Iowa. Bunker's mill was located on the English river between the towns of Kalona and Richmond. Built in 1839 the mill was one of the earliest in operation in Iowa. David Bunker owned and operated the mill. Upon his death in 1883 his son took it over until he leased it to Michael Missel.

Until Michael had himself established at Bunker Mill Michael left his wife "Maggie" and his children behind in Muscatine. His letters to them in the spring of 1884 show that he had become very fluent in English, something his family took great pride in. His letters tell of how lonely he was and how he missed his family. Work was slow at the mill that spring for the bridge across the river near the mill had failed. The farmers from the south side could not come to his mill until the bridge had been repaired and this hurt his business. He had found a "Bohemian" German church to attend on Sundays and worried about the English river flooding in the spring. On a lighter side he commented that while his own appetite was poor due to a cold, his "old ladies the chicken and cat and dog" are always first to the kitchen and have good appetites.

Michael's family soon joined him in Kalona where another of their children was born. How long Michael leased Bunker mill is not known. The Bunker family sold the mill to Henry Ord in 1890. Thus it is safe to say that Michael returned to Pine Mill sometime before the sale of Bunker mill. Back at Pine Mills he found Huchendorf modernizing the mill in 1890, converting it to the latest roller mill technology.

Huchendorf was not happy with the remodeled mill however. Huchendorf family tradition is that he grew tired of the flash floods that Pine Creek was prone to. Huchendorf decided that he wanted to operate a mill anywhere but on a creek, thus he sold Pine Mills to Michael and Joseph Missel in November of 1893. The brothers paid Huchendorf \$5,000 for the mill (\$117,870 in 2009 dollars).

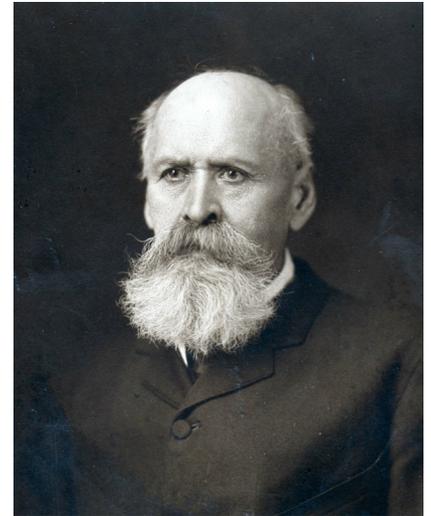
# Kalona's Bunker Mill

## Michael Missel's First Mill

Today no trace of Bunker Mill exists, the dam and even the foundations of the mill have vanished. The bridge problems that caused Michael Missel problems during his time at Bunker Mill were solved when the county erected a modern Pratt truss bridge at the site in 1887. Except for the 70' long approach to the span the bridge is identical to the one that crosses Pine Creek. In the 1990's the county closed the bridge and in 2013 budgeted \$80,000 to have it demolished.

An arsonist then set fire to the wooden bridge planking causing severe damage to the old historic bridge. It looked like the end of this last remaining link to the long gone mill

when a group of local history buffs formed the Friends of the Bunker Mill Bridge. Amazingly they convinced the county board of supervisors to sell them the damaged bridge and to donate to the Friends the \$80,000 that had been budgeted for its destruction. In the last year the Friends hired a construction company to restore the bridges steel work. Currently they are in the process of raising another \$30,000 to replace the wood deck.



**Michael Missel Sr.**

If you wish to learn more about the Bunker Mill Bridge and the progress the Friends are making in its restoration go to <http://www.bunkermillbridge.org/> The bridge is easy to find, when you come into Kalona, Iowa on highway 22 from the west turn south on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge is a short drive down the gravel road.

**Bunker Mill Bridge on the English River**



# A Visit to Clinton, Iowa's Sawmill Museum

Over the years we have had articles about the other grist mills and milling museums in our region. This issue we're going to another museum that while it is not about milling grain, it is about milling wood and our Iowa industrial history of the later 1800's. From the Civil War to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Clinton, Iowa billed itself as the "Lumber Capitol of the World." Logs were rafted down the Mississippi River from the forests of Minnesota and Wisconsin to sawmills along the river in Iowa where the logs were turned into dimension lumber, doors, windows and other useful items for the growing cities.

During this same period Muscatine, Iowa was also a major lumber milling center. The huge Hersey sawmill covered most what we now call South End Muscatine, the site of the current McKee Button Co. to where GPC is located. The Sawmill Museum gives us window of what the industry must have been like here in Muscatine.



Besides interpretive exhibits on the lives of the lumberjacks and the raftsmen that brought the logs down the river the museum has a log lumberjacks camp exhibit and in a separate read a special events room. While I was at the museum a kid's birthday party was going on there. The museum has plenty of hands on things to keep even small children occupied so don't worry about grandkids being bored while you look at historic machinery. If you are really adventurous you can take the kids for a ride on the museum's trackless electric powered kiddy train.

Speaking of machinery, if you are interested in historic machines you are going to love the Lumber Museum. They have an exhibit of antique saws and chainsaws and other lumberjack tools. In another area they have restored wood working machines from Clinton's Struve Mill that operated from the 1860's to the 1980's. The machines are all from the age of heavy cast iron construction and in perfect condition.



**The Operating Saw Mill Exhibit**

At the south end of the museum building is their most impressive exhibit. Behind a glass wall is a complete and fully operational saw mill powered by a Caterpillar Diesel engine. The mill is used to saw logs into dimensional lumber just like Clinton's historic lumber mills once did. Demonstrations are done large scheduled groups and on weekends if volunteers are available to operate it.

## How to Get There

The Lumber Museum is located on the north side of the city in what is called the Lyons district. The address is: 2231 Grant St. Clinton, Iowa 52732. If you are coming from the west on highway 30, at the edge of town turn north onto Mill Creek Parkway. Stay on the parkway until you reach Main Ave. highway 136. Turn left (east) on Main. Stay on Main as it heads toward the river and goes through the Lyons historic district. One block from the river levee is Grant Street. Turn right (south) on Grant, the museum is on your left.

**Admission:** Adults: \$4 Children (4-12): \$3

**Phone:** 563-242-0343

**On the web:** [www.thesawmillmuseum.org](http://www.thesawmillmuseum.org)

## A Lumber Planer one of the many Historic Machines on display





# Opportunities for you at Pine Mills

a crank). All that is needed is for someone to supervise the demonstration and interpret the machine for our visitors. The seed cleaner is all ready to go, all it needs is some seed like soy beans poured into it.

Another opportunity for someone that can do leather work is the restoration of our historic blacksmith's bellows. We do know that blacksmith shops were often associated with country grist mills. It would be nice to have these bellows restored so they could be displayed at the mill as a new interpretive exhibit. We have all the wood and a metal parts, what needs to be done is to replace all of the leather and glue some of the wood parts back together. This is a good job for someone to do in their home shop this winter.

## The Clipper Seed Cleaner at Heritage Day 2007

The Friends of the Mill have some unique opportunities available. Are you looking for a fun project, a new activity, fellowship and a chance to learn something new? This could be your chance to help Pine Mills. Here are some opportunities for you and your family. If you are interested in any of these projects please contact either Tom Hanifan or David Metz, our contact info is on page 11.

Our first immediate need is for someone to take over the job of managing the mill's grain supply. This is another of the many jobs that the late Ken Hyman did for the Friends. The mill's interpretive program needs a steady supply of ear corn and wheat to demonstrate the mill's machinery. We have sources lined up, what is needed is for someone to keep track of the grain supply and bring fresh supplies to the mill when needed. In case you are wondering we used about 40 bushels of ear corn and 350 pounds of wheat each year.

Do you know someone that has something that would be an interesting historical exhibit at Heritage Day this year? The Friends have some historic machines that could be exhibited. For example did you know that the Friends have a complete set of historic manual broom making machines? Donated to the Friends by the Muscatine Industry Museum the machines came from Muscatine's Metzger Broom Factory. At Heritage Day 2007 Ken Hyman demonstrated them making whisk brooms. It would be great if someone would step up to learn how to make brooms and demonstrate this craft at Heritage Day again. It is a shame that these machines (there are three of them) not being seen by the public so they can appreciate this almost lost craft.

The friends also own a historic Clipper seed cleaner. Once farmers used these hand cranked machines to clean weeds and other undesirable material from their seed stock. The Old Barn museum once demonstrated our machine at Heritage Day and it was a big hit with the kids (Kids love anything with

You can be part of our spring school field trips or the fall Ghosts of Pine Creek historical event. We need interpreters for nature walks, to demonstrate old time tools and to depict historical characters during Ghosts every year.

One of the most important areas where the Friends need assistance is with fund raising. We can use your expertise and personal contacts. Fund raising is vital to our continued operation and success.

This newsletter always needs new editorial material and photos. Is there some aspect of local history that interests you? Here is your chance to share your work with this newsletter's readers. The feedback from our readers is that they enjoy the articles on regional history the most. Articles about events at the mill and stories about the other mills and industrial history in our region are also very welcome.



Ken Hyman making brooms at Heritage Day 2007

# WILDCAT DEN STATE PARK RUN/WALK

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13  
2014 AT 8:00 AM**

**LOCATED BETWEEN MUSCATINE  
AND THE QUAD CITIES**



Run or walk the scenic roads and trails of Wildcat Den State Park. The course is a 5K route beginning and ending in the upper picnic area. Most of the course is off road following mowed and marked trails through the parks scenic natural areas. Wildcat Den State Park is located one mile north of Iowa Highway 22 and is halfway between Muscatine and Davenport. You can also reach the park from Highway 61 by going south on Vail Ave.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill and Wildcat Den State Park. All proceeds go to Pine Creek Grist Mill. If you have questions,

contact Tom Hanifan at 563-263-4818 or email at [tomhanifan@yahoo.com](mailto:tomhanifan@yahoo.com).

**Entry Fee:** \$20 through September 11<sup>th</sup>. Late entries are \$22. Make checks payable to Friends of the Mill. Additional donations to support the mill are appreciated

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners. Medals will be awarded to the first three male and female finishers in each category. The categories are 14 & under, 15 - 19, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60 & over.

**Shirts will be distributed on race day**

Register online at: <https://secure.getmeregistered.com/WildcatRun>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 9-13-2014 \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: Adult: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_

**Waiver:** In consideration of you accepting my entry, I intend to be legally bound for myself, my heirs and executors, and administrator, do hereby refuse and discharge Wildcat Den State Park, The Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill, and / or any other race organizers and sponsors or their spouses from

any and all liability arising from illness, injury and damage I may suffer as a result of my participation in this event. I read the entry information and certify my compliance and also certify that I trained suitably for this event by my signature below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (age 17 and under participant) \_\_\_\_\_

**Register with this QR  
code on your smart  
phone**



Send this registration form and entry fee to:

Barb Hyman  
2095 Vantage Point Road  
Muscatine, Iowa 52761

# Pine Creek Grist Mill's Heritage Day

September 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 4PM



Free Fun  
Activities for the  
Whole Family

Buckskinners  
Rendezvous  
Sept. 19 - 21

See Pine Mill  
Grind Flour

Melpine One  
Room School

Antique Cars &  
Farm Machinery

Join us at Wildcat Den State Park  
for a fun filled day of celebrating  
our pioneer heritage. Free to the  
public, Heritage Day has lots of  
activities for kids and adults alike.  
Food service on the ground and  
free shuttle service between areas in  
the park.

Wildcat Den State Park

Located between Muscatine and Montpelier Iowa on  
Highway 22 or Highway 61, just follow the signs.  
For information, call 563-263-4818 or check our web page:  
[www.pinecreekgristmill.com](http://www.pinecreekgristmill.com)

Historic  
Exhibits

Pioneer Cooking  
Demonstration

Blacksmith

Old Time  
Music

New this year  
Pine Mills  
Pioneer Log  
Cabin

## Have you Considered Planned Giving?

To keep Pine Mills open and the Friends of the Mill in action we have to raise over \$25,000 every year. That is a huge sum for a small non-Profit like the Friends. This is why your donations are so important. One way you can help keep the Friends in action is to consider planned giving. There are many ways you can do this; some of them offer you tax advantages.

Besides cash donations (and we love those), you can donate securities, life insurance by making the Friends the beneficiary or making a bequest in your will. All of these can be used to ensure the long term financial stability of the Friends.

Below is our donation form. Using it you can sponsor a special event, day or week where you are keeping the mill open for the public to visit. If you wish you can dedicate your gift to a loved one.

Keep in mind that while the dues you pay help, they do not begin to cover the costs of our programs - such as opening the mill to visitors, school field trips or restoration. Our visitor's donations and sales at the mill cover don't cover our costs either. Did you know that it costs about \$18,000 a year to have an interpretation program? And that the Friends receive no funding for interpretation from the Department of Natural Resources? The Friends rely totally on your donations to continue our programs.

There can be tax advantages to donating to the Friends. Your donation of historical items, supplies or other material may be tax deductible as well. Contact your tax preparer or the Friends for more information on this. The Friends have been granted 501(c)(3) non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service.

### The Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill officers are:

David Metz edits your newsletter, contact him if you have any questions about or material for the newsletter.

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*The mission of the Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill is to restore, operate and maintain the Mill and to share the historical significance of the site through educational programs, public tours and events.*

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