

# Pine Creek Grist Mill wins national award

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MUSCATINE, Iowa — When the shafts and cranks at the 159-year-old Pine Creek Grist Mill began turning, grinding out pulverized grains and bright yellow meal, visitors' faces take on expressions of youthful amazement and nostalgic appreciation.

For the dedicated Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill, the joy this restored Muscatine County icon brings others may be a reward in itself.

But recognition and appreciation for their work has

gone far beyond Muscatine County.

The Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill, a non-profit organization, was awarded a 2007 President's Award from the National Association of State Park Directors in Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 6.

"We have received local and state awards before," said Tom Hanifan, president of



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This is a closeup of the award presented at the the Grist Mill.



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Tom Hanifan, President of the Friends of the Pine Creek Grist Mill, holds the President's Award he and his fellow volunteers were given by the National Association of State Park Directors. The Friends are shown here at the Friends' annual Heritage Day celebration at Wild Cat Den State Park in September. Pictured are, left to right, Friends, Scott Gibbs, Dave Metz, Department of Natural Resources chief of Iowa State Parks Kevin Szcodronski, and Friends Ken Hyman, Agnes Digney, Mitch White, Dale Awbrey and Bob DeLong.

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