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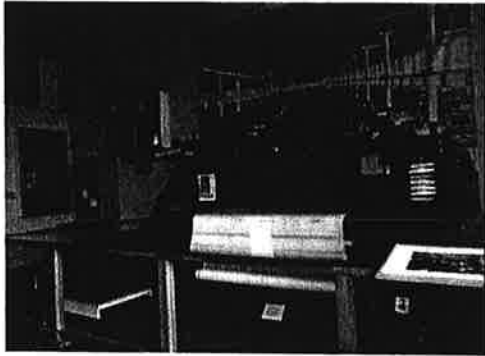
Mill Run

The Newsletter of Héritage Winooski Mill Museum ~ Spring 2009

Mill Museum to Reopen April 30

The Move

Since its inception just over ten years ago, the Héritage Winooski Mill Museum has been a project involving many people in many ways. The move to its new location on the third level of the Champlain Mill is no exception.



HallKeen, who is providing the space, has prepared it for Museum installations, adding wall space to accommodate the large photographs, refinishing the floor, painting the walls, creating a needed storage space, installing the fine wooden doors from the Museum's former space and helping with the move, especially the huge loom. A special thank you to Andrew Burnes, CEO of HallKeen's Winooski property, and Myron Wheeler, on site HallKeen engineer, for their help with this project, and John Warshaw, president of Heritage Winooski Advisory for his help in coordinating arrangements and generous support.

Moving machines, display frames, the large photo mural and the many exhibit materials is no easy task. The different space configuration has meant rethinking exhibit arrangements. Expert designer Merlin Acomb contributed helpful suggestions, artifacts and generous support. Special helpers with installations have been Jon Clark, Colm Thompson, and Jay Clark from Winooski One Hydroelectric Station, and Joe Savio from the Woolen Mill. Their ideas have been incorporated in the arrangements and design of various components.

Opening Reception

Thursday, April 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Champlain Mill, 3rd level bridge entrance, there will be a reception open to the public to celebrate the reopening of the Mill Museum. The Winooski Memorial Library and Winooski Historical Society will arrange refreshments. Look for the sign.



Tours

Saint Michael's College Professor Amy Demarest has brought her education students to introduce them to using facilities beyond the classroom. They also visited the Winooski Historical Society Museum in the building.

Penny Miller of Gardner Kilcoyne Architects with offices just down the hall brought her Underhill book club for an evening tour and discussion. Their book choice was *Lyddie*, the story of a young mill girl by Katherine Paterson. This month their choice is *The Mills at Winooski Falls*. After they will have finished that discussion, they plan to donate their copies of the book to the Essex Library for the library's discussion groups.

When the spooler railing is installed, elementary school tours will resume. Claire Myers has offered to provide tours at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays for home schoolers or regular school classes able to come in the afternoon. Myers grew up in Winooski and teaches French at Christ the King School. She has been a presenter at Mill Museum gallery talks which have featured Franco American music.

Héritage Winooski Publications

The Mills at Winooski Falls, an illustrated collection of essays and oral histories, is available at Saint Michael's College Book Store, Vermont Historical Society, Winooski Memorial Library, the Woolen Mill, Borders and the Flying Pig.

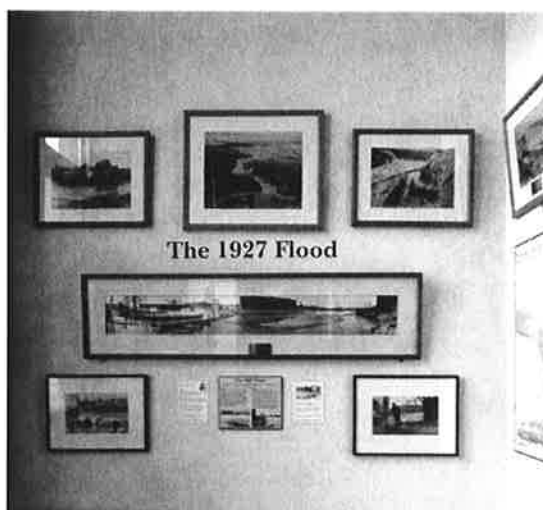
Clickity Clack: Wool and Waterpower, the interdisciplinary curriculum guide, contains background information, resources and activities relating to Mill Museum exhibits, and worksheets based on Vermont Department of Education standards.

Publications can be ordered from Héritage Winooski, Box 181, Saint Michael's College, Colchester VT 05439, or millmuseum@yahoo.com

More Pictures

There are quite a few people on the *Mill Run* mailing list from out-of-town. Some are former mill workers, had relatives who worked at the Winooski mills or perhaps grew up in this area. Others are

people with no special connection who have requested the newsletter after visiting the Mill Museum. In any case, we've included a few more photos to give an idea of some of the newly installed exhibits. Though not visible in these photos, there is a fine view of the river and the Chace Mill. The working waterpower model and the power gauge showing output at the Hydroelectric Station are in place as well.



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Héritage Winooski, a project of Saint Michael's College, is a cooperative effort of merchants, educators and historians examining the industrial and cultural heritage of Winooski and Vermont during the nineteenth and twentieth century mill era.

Partners are Champlain Mill, Chace Mill, Woolen Mill, Winooski Historical Society, Winooski One Hydroelectric Station, Winooski City Hall, Saint Francis Xavier School and Winooski Public Schools.