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COMING EVENTS

******Limited Opening******

Details/restrictions at web site:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill>

BUT NO SANTA AT THE MILL THIS YEAR!

WHAT'S GOING ON?



Despite the pandemic, the site is available to the public on a limited basis. The mill is open for tours though no milling is occurring. Tours are basically on advanced notice basis for intact family groups. visit the web site to

register: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill>



The Education Center has been refreshed and artifacts repositioned

KATHRYN BLACKWELL TO DEPART



Kathryn (left) viewing the arrival of the elevator/Archimedes screw model, September 2020

After some eight years in various capacities at the site, Kathryn is moving across the county to Utah to work for the National Park Service. Her dedication, imagination, and perseverance have been instrumental in furtherance of site objectives. Her a vision turned the Miller's house into a true representation of early American home-life. From finding authentic pieces to having reproductions made, she has made the two rooms of the house models of museum displays. We will sorely miss Kathryn but are confident she will do well in her new career.

Best of luck, Kathryn

Support Great Falls Restaurants

As we come out of the pandemic, local businesses will need to attract customers. Help Great Falls recover! Local restaurants are listed on page 3.



*With access to the Education Center prevented due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the **Northern Virginia Carvers** set up displays outside showing once again the persistence and ingenuity of those who support the Mill.*

NEW WEBSITE INSTALLED

Check out the upgraded Friends of Colvin Run Mill web site. It includes links to all kinds of useful information:

Bob Coblenz's Restoration Video

The Smithsonian's Air and Space "STEM in 30" video which highlights the use of the Mill's simple machines program

Past Friends Newsletters

And much more including recent photos of events occurring at the site.

<http://friendsofcolvinrunmill.org>

NEW TEMPORARY SITE MANAGER NAMED

County budget shortfalls and the pandemic are preventing the FCPA from selecting and assigning a full time manager to replace Mike Henry. Instead, temporary managers are being assigned to serve in that capacity while retaining responsibility for their formal assignments. **Mike McDonnell** served in this capacity from January thru October while retaining responsibility for site management at Hidden Oaks Nature Center.

Thank you Mike for your support during your tenure (Mike worked at the mill early in his county career).

Assigned now is **Sarah Oberther** who retains responsibilities as manager of Lake Fairfax. We look forward to working with Sarah as the site navigates its reopening under, at best, trying circumstances. Please welcome her to the site and pass on any suggestions you may have that might mitigate the challenges being faced.

"SANTA AT THE MILL" CANCELLED

This annual popular program is another victim of the pandemic. There is simply no way to provide a safe environment. We'll miss it as much as you!

SCOTISH WHISKEY

TASTING

On Saturday, November 21 a new program was introduced to the site. Participants were able to "come in from the cold" (actually the weather was very pleasant) to enjoy a sampling of fine Scottish single malts from different whisky-producing regions. Budding connoisseurs learned about the ancient history of Scotch whisky and the fine art of making and tasting it. They enjoyed delicious Scottish accompaniments as they assessed the unique characteristics of "the water of life" of the Scottish Highlands.

ROUTE 7 WIDENING

In case you haven't been to the mill lately, getting there can be a little delayed. The construction is moving apace but will impact accessibility for some time to come. But, the good news is that there is to be a tunnel under the road permitting access to land on the southwest side of Route 7 where one should be able to connect to the Cross County trail system.

Support Great Falls Restaurants

As Great Falls re-opens, visit the now open **Colvin Run Mill**

AND

Enjoy a meal or snack at our great, Great Falls eateries

ZAMAROD	<i>10123 Colvin Run Road</i>	<i>703-759-9300</i>
VILLAGE GRILL	<i>Great Falls Center</i>	<i>703-757-0002</i>
THE VINEYARD	<i>9603 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>800-892-4982</i>
THELO GREEK BAKERY	<i>10124 Colvin Run Road</i>	<i>703-752-2000</i>
PIO PIO PERUVIAN	<i>762A Walker Road</i>	<i>703-865-7700</i>
OLD BROGUE	<i>760 Walker Road</i>	<i>703-759-3306</i>
MOOKIES BBQ	<i>1141 Walker Road</i>	<i>703-759-2386</i>
IZUMI SUSHI	<i>9861 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>703-759-7788</i>
FINN THAI	<i>752A Walker Road</i>	<i>703-757-7052</i>
EL TIO TEX MEX	<i>9835 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>703-272-7718</i>
DANTE RISTORANTE	<i>1148 Walker Road</i>	<i>703-759-3131</i>
DELI ITALIANO	<i>9911 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>703-759-6782</i>
CHINA GOURMET INN	<i>20789 Great Falls Plaza</i>	<i>703-450-2970</i>
CHEZ FRANCOIS	<i>332 Springvale Road</i>	<i>703-759-3800</i>
BOLLYWOOD BISTRO	<i>9853 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>703-865-0450</i>
BITES	<i>9900 Georgetown Pike</i>	<i>571-407-7385</i>

