

YATES MILL ASSOCIATES, INC.



**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK

MAY 3, 2017

2017 Yates Mill Associates Highlights

Weathering the storms. Hurricane Matthew brought torrential rains to North Carolina, but Yates Mill once again withstood the storm. Our ever-vigilant head miller, William Robbins, reported minor damage including the loss of some bucket boards on the waterwheel, but repairs were made in time to resume tours when tree debris was cleared from the mill yard and the area reopened.

Harvest Festival grinds to a halt. Well, not the festival itself, which saw another popular and successful year – including another craft sale staged by our talented volunteer organizer, Arlene Lord. But corn-grinding was stopped during the September event when a few little rocks worked their way into the millstones. William quickly halted the machinery and tours continued Saturday without the equipment running. William figured out the problem and fixed it in time for corn-grinding to resume for Sunday's tours.

We're keeping an (electronic) eye on Yates Mill visitors. An abundance of KEEP OUT signs has failed to deter some park visitors from trespassing under Yates Mill, so the Yates Mill Associates Board of Directors voted to install cameras underneath the building. The solar-charged, battery-powered cameras were installed by YMA friend Tim Thomas, along with William Robbins and YMA Vice President Bob Harkness. Our partners at Historic Yates Mill County Park have arranged for Wake County's security staff to link to the system and keep an eye out for intruders. Thanks to all those who helped with this important security boost!

A Trophy for the Big Bosses of brewing. Yates Mill cornmeal is making a splash at two Raleigh breweries for another year. Big Boss again served up a batch of its barrel-aged sour, Saints and Sinners, made with our stone-ground corn. And Trophy Brewing is buying hundreds of pounds of cornmeal for its summer-long run of Yard of the Month cream ale – on tap now! Stop by Trophy's brewery and taproom on Maywood Avenue (near the State Farmers Market) for a taste.

Seeking professional assistance. YMA is always looking for ways to improve operations, and this year that meant hiring a business manager. Scott Oates joined the team in October and helped us through the year-end appeal and a special board meeting in February, at which we reviewed our priorities and goals for the coming year. Scott has unfortunately been obliged to step down, so the Executive Committee is now on the hunt for a replacement. We hope to have someone in place in June.

Chickens are roosting this spring. YMA's executive committee elected to postpone this year's Chickin Pickin', our popular annual barbecue, to give planners a chance to carefully review the event and come up with ways to pump up the fun! We'll consult with our pitmaster, Jim Kellenberger, in order to bring a new and improved barbecue to the park next year. Suggestions and organizers/helpers are welcome. Y'all come!

We've been good, for goodness' sake! Santa Claus visited Yates Mill again this holiday season to pose for pictures with kids and parents. Stan and Alice Gilliland of Photo Miracles and park program manager Rebeccah Cope once again helped organize the event, which benefits Yates Mill Associates' repair fund. Guests ordered photos on-site after posing, while YMA volunteers and park staff kept things festive with craft activities and sales.



AGENDA

YATES MILL ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Historic Yates Mill County Park May 3, 2017

Welcome	Margaret Lillard, President
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Jill Adams, Secretary
Treasurer's Report	Corinne Dunn, Treasurer
Head Miller's Report	William Robbins
President's Report	Margaret Lillard
Guest Speaker: "Country Dancing: The Original Social Network"	Karena Potter ... and willing members of the audience!
Nominations Committee Report: <i>Susan Bloomfield, Corinne Dunn, Larry Hancock, Leslie Meadows, John Vandenberg</i>	Robbie Wooten
Election of New Directors and Recognition of Outgoing Directors	Robbie Wooten and Margaret Lillard
Presentation of Henry Marshall Award	Margaret Lillard and Mae Marshall
Unfinished Business	Margaret Lillard
New Business (including raffle)	Margaret Lillard

Adjourn*

**The YMA Board of Directors will meet briefly in the HYMCP Resource Room to elect officers.*

Henry Marshall Award

Since 1995, Yates Mill Associates has presented the Henry Marshall Award to an individual who has provided outstanding contributions to the restoration, promotion and demonstration of historic Yates Mill. This award is named in honor and memory of Henry Marshall. Henry was a dedicated and tireless volunteer whose individual efforts for many years, while serving as the N.C. State University Farm Superintendent, saved the decaying mill from an early demise. In his retirement, Henry continued his commitment to the restoration of Yates Mill by spending countless volunteer hours working at the mill. It is in his honor that the following individuals have been recognized as recipients of the Henry Marshall Award.

1995 Henry Marshall

1996	George Lewis	2006	J.D. "Dick" Thompson
1997	William Robbins	2007	J.D. Davis
1998	Not awarded	2008	Jeanne Robbins
1999	Ann Caldwell	2009	John Vandenberg
2000	Steve Bambara	2010	Gary Coates
2001	Fairley Bell Cook	2011	Howard Harrell
2002	Elizabeth White Perry	2012	George Lennon
2003	Linda Rudd	2013	Jenny Haase
2004	Carolyn Solomon	2014	Arlene Lord
2005	Mabel Dorsey	2015	Robbie and Sheila Hunter Wooten

2016 Margaret Lillard

Directors, Class of 2017

For their service and leadership, we thank these members of the Yates Mill Associates Board of Directors whose terms expire at this meeting.

Gary Coates
Corinne Dunn
Larry Hancock
John Vandenberg
Art White