

# YATES MILL ASSOCIATES, INC.



## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK

MAY 2, 2018

## 2018 Yates Mill Associates Highlights

**Keeping the wheel running.** It was a challenging winter at Historic Yates Mill County Park, with a great deal of ice collecting on Yates Mill's waterwheel and flume. Fortunately no substantial damage was done and head miller William Robbins was able to slowly thaw the ice off the structure when temperatures began to rise. Thanks to William's scrupulous attention, Yates Mill didn't require any major repairs this year. In addition to the routine maintenance that goes on year-round, William fabricated and installed new shims between the waterwheel axle and hub assembly and replaced a missing bucket board. He also lifted and repositioned the waterwheel.

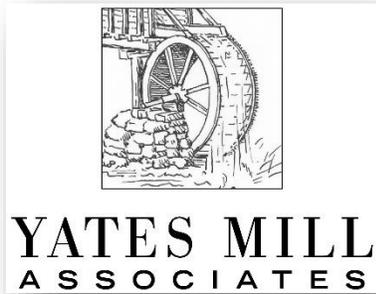
**All the news that fits, we print!** We're used to seeing our photogenic mill in displays, advertisements and photo essays all over North Carolina and 2017 was no exception. WRAL News is one example, using the image of Yates Mill in its promotional material after visiting the park to take footage of visitors enjoying the grounds. Our organization itself, Yates Mill Associates, was featured in Cary Magazine in June 2018. The article, "Wheel in Motion: Yates Mill Associates," was one of a series featuring local nonprofits and encouraging support for their work.

**Who's minding the (general) store?** Please welcome YMA's new business manager, Melissa Beard! Melissa brings a wealth of nonprofit experience to this important role supporting YMA's all-volunteer board, getting our activities organized, and keeping us on track toward our goals of mill restoration, fundraising and community involvement. That includes reviving our long-held dream of creating a country store on the park grounds. And with your invitation to this meeting, you received a membership letter and card that Melissa created for us – don't forget, your annual membership entitles you to a bag of cornmeal!

**A toast to our supporters in the business community!** This year marks the first time Yates Mill Associates will honor a "business partner of the year." Trophy Brewing, whose production brewery is up the road near the State Farmers Market, was a great customer and supporter, buying 800 pounds of cornmeal in 2017 to brew their "Yard of the Month" cream ale. Trophy even featured YMA's logo on cans of the beer! In the future, we'll be sure to honor other business supporters such as La Farm Bakery, Photo Miracles and Side Street Café, even as we work with new partners on events, fundraising and delicious cornmeal products.

**Tooting our own horn.** You may have noticed that YMA's bimonthly electronic newsletter, Grist from Yates Mill, has landed in your mailbox a couple of times lately. We'd like to thank volunteer writer/editor Janet Kelly-Scholle for helping to revive this outreach with the support of business manager Melissa Beard and YMA President (and reformed journalist) Margaret Lillard. Would you like to submit a short story or a blog post about the mill, YMA or the park? Let any of these three ladies know and they'll help you get started!

**A packed calendar and a packed park.** YMA was in the thick of park activities this year, again participating in the popular Harvest Festival and staging holiday photos with Santa inside Yates Mill. Super-volunteer Arlene Lord ran her usual array of craft sales at every opportunity. We'd love to get more contributions for the craft sale at the Harvest Festival in September, so let Arlene know if you have any needlework, jewelry, wood crafts or home-made treats to donate.



**AGENDA**  
**YATES MILL ASSOCIATES**  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Historic Yates Mill County Park**  
**May 2, 2018**

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:  "Flora of Historic Yates Mill County Park: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."	Tom Wentworth, Ph.D. Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Department of Plant and Microbial Biology NC State University
Nominations Committee Report <i>Jill Adams, Bob Harkness, Margaret Lillard, Karena Potter, Marsha Ragsdale</i>	Margaret Lillard
Election of New Directors and Recognition of Outgoing Directors	Corinne Dunn and Leslie Meadows, Executive Committee
Presentation of Business Partner of the Year Award	Margaret Lillard and William Robbins
Presentation of Henry Marshall Award	Margaret Lillard and Mae Marshall
Unfinished Business	Margaret Lillard
New Business (including raffle)	Margaret Lillard and Marsha Ragsdale

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	2007	J.D. Davis
1997	William Robbins	2008	Jeanne Robbins
1998	Not awarded	2009	John Vandenberg
1999	Ann Caldwell	2010	Gary Coates
2000	Steve Bambara	2011	Howard Harrell
2001	Fairley Bell Cook	2012	George Lennon
2002	Elizabeth White Perry	2013	Jenny Haase
2003	Linda Rudd	2014	Arlene Lord
2004	Carolyn Solomon	2015	Robbie and Sheila Hunter Wooten
2005	Mabel Dorsey	2016	Margaret Lillard
2006	J.D. "Dick" Thompson	2017	Bob Harkness

## Directors, Class of 2018

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

Jill Adams  
Bob Harkness  
Margaret Lillard  
Marsha Ragsdale  
Robbie Wooten