



Ralston Cider Mill Museum

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Vintage Artifacts Donated



Longtime museum supporter Marsha Wilkie, whose husband William Wilkie was active in the restoration of the mill, contributed a stoneware jug that bears the stamp "O.H. Smith & Bro. - Flemington NJ." Operated from 1888 to 1894 by Oliver and Lincoln Smith, the company employed fifteen people and produced vases, crocks, jugs, pails, pie plates, and pots. This jug is contemporary to the Ralston Cider Mill's period as a gristmill, and relates to the era of local industrial sites in Mendham.

Gifted artifacts illuminate the products produced at the Ralston Cider Mill Distillery



Sally Zimmerman donated century-old bottles of Tiger Applejack and Loughlin's Peach Brandy. These spirits were produced at the mill beginning in 1910, and the Peach Brandy bottle is labeled with that same year.

These unopened bottles, with their labels remarkably intact, indicate that they were produced in Mendham. They date from the mill's pre-prohibition years. They are the first such examples in our collection.

We appreciate Ms. Zimmerman's gift on behalf of the estate of her mother, Jeanne Zimmerman.



Meet Our New Director

James Malchow has recently joined the mill as its first director.



James has a background in non-profit work and historic preservation. He has a master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Columbia University and helped oversee the restoration of the historic Hudson River Sloop *Woody Guthrie*. James' interest in local and industrial history are especially relevant to the Ralston Cider Mill, and he has enjoyed leading tours to share its historic importance with the public

An Experience for All Ages

The mill delighted visitors of all ages this year, including guests from South Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, Wisconsin, and London, England.



NJTV Reporter Lauren Wanko

A tour group of 30 seniors visited the mill on a day trip focused on historic Mendham.

More than fifty 5th graders from Mount Arlington visited the mill and tried their hand at pressing fresh cider for themselves in our visitor center.

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes from St. Joseph School in Mendham learned about their local history on a group visit.

Two Girl Scout and Brownie troops visited the mill, learned about its history, and enjoyed tasting fresh cider.

Reporter Lauren Wanko from NJTV public television visited the mill on our October 13 Pressing Day to film a story on the day's activities. The news segment can be viewed at www.ralstoncidermill.org under "News."

Professionals from the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) visited the mill for a tour and special presentation by Ray Nadaskay about the mill's construction techniques and the history of its restoration.



Millers press fresh cider with St. Joseph School students.



Pressing Day attendees share their enthusiasm with NJTV.

CSI visitors with Ray Nadaskay after his presentation to their group.

Your Donation

will insure continued restoration and provide operating funds for the coming year. Thank you for your support. Please use the return envelope to mail your donation. You can also donate online at www.ralstoncidermill.org and support the mill through AmazonSmile.

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Volunteers

are the core of the Museum's team. We are happy to train new volunteers to lead tours and bring the mill experience to the public. Please indicate your interest in volunteering on the enclosed envelope.

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