



*The Saint Vrain Mill
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Report to the Members— 2018 Activities of the Saint Vrain Mill Preservation and Historical Foundation

Introduction: This report to you, our faithful members, provides an accounting of the Foundation's activities in 2018, outlines our anticipated activities for 2019, and provides transparency regarding our financial status and prospects. At the end of 2018, we had approximately 90 active, paid-up members.

Activity in 2018:

Public Events:

- **May:** The Mill was the site of a quilt show in conjunction with the New Mexico Fiber Arts Crawl.
- **June:** Our annual membership meeting, on the first floor of the St. Vrain Mill, hosted a presentation by NMHU Professor Emeritus, Dr. Jim Abreu, for 40 or so members and guests.
- **September:** A Labor Day weekend open house was held in conjunction with the annual Cleveland Roller Mill Fallfest.
- **October:** The St. Vrain Mill again hosted a quilt show as part of Mora's third annual Fall Fest.
- **Memorial Day to Labor Day:** The Mill was open for "drive by" visitors most weekends throughout the summer.

Physical improvements:

- As reported last year, in January 2018, Hayward Baker Construction completed the grout injection to stabilize the north-end of the Mill.
- Built a retaining wall at the near end of the drainage sluice and filled in behind it to make a safe-walking path at the back of the Mill.
- Leveled the first-story platform and replaced floor joists.
- Repaired the second-story north wall with replacement of several missing stones; it is now basically weather- and bird-proof.
- The New Mexico Historic Preservation Dept. and NM Dept. of Transportation installed an Historic Roadside Marker with Ceran St. Vrain's life story on one side and the Mill's history on the other.

Grants and Loan Status:

- Our grant application to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for \$10,000 for wall repair was not approved. We have resubmitted a much smaller application for window replacement for 2019.
- In December 2018 we were notified of two grant opportunities. The National Parks Department has a program for restoration of National Register Site properties in rural areas: grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. We are in the process of applying for funds to cover wall repair, gable replacement, and roof replacement. The request could total \$175,000 or more, and no match is required. Also, the New Mexico Historic Resources Department is offering grants up to \$25,000 with a 40% match.
- In January, we received a \$60,000, ten-year loan from two members to allow us to pay Hayward Baker in full. We made two loan repayments and currently owe \$54,000. The pledged donations are earmarked for the loan repayment.

Anticipated Activity in 2019:

- *January-March:* Completely replace first-floor platform flooring and complete second exit stairs and doorway.
- *Spring:* Build a walking path from the front of the Mill to the historic marker at the rear of the site.
- *May/October:* The Mill will once again host an event, most likely another quilt show, for the Fiber Arts Crawl, and if the Fall Fest has another quilt show, the Mill will be the venue.
- *September:* Annual members meeting.
- *Beginning in the summer:* If we receive the NPS grant, we will let contracts for wall, gable and roof repair. If we receive the DAR grant, we will replace the first story windows.
- We intend to again have the Mill open for visitors on weekends throughout the summer and participate with a booth at the Cleveland Roller MillFest in September.

Financial Overview: The Foundation took in approximately \$27,811 in 2018. The sources were as follows:

Member Dues	\$ 1,714
Member Donations	\$ 8,173
Pledged Donations	\$12,925

We received one (unsolicited) grant for \$5,000 in 2018.

Total expenses for 2018 were \$101,638; however, \$87,658 was for the stabilization project. Other expenses for the year totaled only \$13,980.

As of December 31, 2018, the Foundation had \$16,168 in our savings account (construction reserve) and \$5,368 in checking.

Certifications: The Foundation continues to meet all the requirements as a 501(c) (3) federal non-profit organization. We also are current regarding documentation required of charitable organizations by the NM Department of State and the NM Attorney General's Office.

Respectfully Submitted by:
The Saint Vrain Mill Foundation Board of Directors