



St. Vrain Mill, Mora, New Mexico

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Report to the Members—2020 Activity of The Saint Vrain Mill Preservation and Historical Foundation

Introduction: This report to you, our members, provides an accounting of the Foundation’s activities in 2020, outlines our anticipated activities for 2021, and provides transparency regarding our financial status and prospects.

Activity in 2020

Public Events:

- Due to COVID-19, no events, even being open for casual visitors, took place this year.

Physical improvements:

- Installed safety fence at the head of the tailrace at the rear of the building.
- Rebuilt/recreated the loading platform at the front of the building.
- Completed installation of all but one of the 11 windows.
- Replaced eight of the twelve treads of the first floor stairs, final four are nearly done.
- Almost completed installation of electrical junction box inside the building, only few hours’ work remains.
- Purchased and installed a National Historic Register Plaque.

Grants, Fundraising, and Loan Status:

- Our grant application (Dec. 2019) to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for rear steps and doorway was approved. This grant is for \$5,284 and requires a dollar-for-dollar match.
- USDA awarded us a \$8,330 grant (equipment only) for lighting fixtures and conduit for the first floor. Funds will be available in 2021, reimbursed after expenditure.
- We solicited and received “sponsorships” for the stair tread replacement, for a total \$3,000.
- We paid \$6,000 on the private-party loan taken out in 2018. Outstanding balance is now \$42,000.

As in 2020, opportunities for significant grants in 2021 appear to be limited. The HPD Historic Preservation grant will not be available again this year. At this point in the restoration process, we need funds on the order of \$50,000 to, say, \$75,000 for wall repair, and maybe \$25,000 for roof replacement. Most of the available grants are smaller, many capped at \$10,000, and not much help in funding large projects that cannot be done in discrete steps. One solution may be to embark on a targeted, multi-year fund raising campaign.

Anticipated Activity in 2021:

- *January-March:* Complete the rear steps and entry door. Specifications and design drawings are complete. Knutson Construction anticipates completing the work in the winter slow season.
- February-March: Partial rebuild of the interior stone wall surrounding the northernmost window of the east wall (next to the large crack). This will stabilize that part of the wall and allow for the last window installation.
Late spring: Install lighting on the first floor with the USDA grant funding
- *Summer:* Assuming COVID-19 restrictions are loosened, the Mill will be open weekends for visitors. Annual members meeting could be held in June. We may participate with booths at Fort Union Days in June, the Cleveland Mill Fest in September, and the Santa Fe Trail bicentennial observance at Bents Fort, La Junta, Colorado, in September.
- The Mill could be the site of events, such as a quilt show during the Mora Fall Fest, IF such events take place.

Financial Overview: The Foundation took in approximately \$23,747 in 2019. The sources were as follows:

Members' Dues and Contributions	\$18,065
"Adopt a Stair Tread" Contributions	\$3,000
DAR Grant (50%)	\$2,682

Total expenses for 2020 were \$20,025. Of that, \$7,405 was for the platform reconstruction, tailrace safety fence, and stair-tread material and labor; \$1,872 for architect fees; \$7,160 for the loan repayment; and \$610 for the National Historic Register plaque. Other expenses (utilities, insurance, etc.) for the year totaled \$2,978.

As of December 31, 2020, the Foundation had \$9,197 in our savings account (construction reserve) and \$12,847 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