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NEWS FROM THE MILL

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The Mill at Anselma to Use Historic Wheat Grinding Stones for Flour Production for the First Time Since 1880

Chester Springs, PA – August 6, 2025 — This Friday, August 8, the Mill at Anselma will mark a historic milestone with a special flour grind event—the first time in nearly 150 years that the mill’s original wheat grinding stones will be used to produce flour.

While the Lightfoot Mill at Anselma has long been celebrated as one of the oldest, most well-preserved grist mills in the country, this event represents a remarkable return to its 19th-century roots. Since the mill’s extensive restoration, all flour production has been conducted using the corn grinding stones. The second set of stones—traditionally used to grind wheat—has remained silent since 1880. That changes this Friday.

"As miller, I am proud to carry on the tradition of making flour using our wheat grinding stones," said David Rollenhagen, miller at the Mill at Anselma. "We’re not just preserving history; we’re bringing it back to life in a way that’s both tangible and meaningful."

Typically, the Mill produces and sells flour made using corn grinding stones, which are still powered by the original water system. For the first time since 1880, however, the Mill will be using its wheat grinding stones for flour production. The flour produced during this grind will be available for purchase at the Mill’s Visitor Center, offering the public a rare opportunity to take home flour made using a historic milling method that has not been in use for nearly a century and a half.

The Mill at Anselma, a National Historic Landmark, continues to serve as a working example of colonial-era technology and agricultural life. Operated by the Mill at Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust, the site regularly offers educational programs, tours, and seasonal events for visitors of all ages.

Stay connected with the Mill at Anselma on www.anselmamill.org and its social media pages for photos and updates from this historic grind.

About the Mill

The Mill at Anselma, established in 1747, predates the United States by nearly half a century. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2005, the Mill operates as an independent, non-profit historic site along Pickering Creek in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. Spanning 22 acres, the site showcases Chester County’s industrial history, preserving original colonial-era power trains and industrial equipment from the late 1700s to the mid-1900s.

The Mill is open to the public on weekends from April through December and offers educational and entertaining events. It is located at 1730 Conestoga Road, Chester Springs.

Website: www.anselmamill.org

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[PHOTO ATTACHED]:

Mill Stones

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