

Friends of RHP report to RJRD

April, 2024

Restorations

Garfield Hall As requested, we are submitting a report on the history and current conditions of Garfield Hall.

Major construction at Amity House is wrapping up, and we can't do major work on Kirby's Mill until August due to restrictions in the SAT grant process. Even then, it will be a professional team performing the construction. With that in mind, we have the availability and funds for the work on Garfield. We are looking forward to your decision on whether we can move forward with the champion application.

Kirby House We had hoped to open a dialog based on our March presentation, but we were advised that the formal application is still needed before that can happen. This will be submitted soon.

Amity House just tidying up the last few odds & ends. The paperwork is almost completed and will be submitted to the Summit County Building Department.

We're happy to answer any questions on this or the proposed restoration projects.

Organizational

2024 Annual Meeting. The Friends' annual meeting for members was held in the Lodge on April 17th. The theme was celebration of our 15th anniversary of existence and our 10th anniversary of partnering with RJRD. We reflected on our past and considered our future. We also ate a lot of cake. Our fund-raising campaign for the Mill this year is "10/15". In recognition of our dual anniversary, a generous donor is offering a \$15 match for every \$10 donated toward Kirby's Mill.

The 2024 annual report is now available both online and in hard copy.

Mill docent training is Sunday, April 28th 2-4 pm at Kirby's Mill. Training includes an in-depth tour of the mill, history of water power, quirky Kirby stories, and general RHP information. There is no cost or obligation. Those who decide to commit to the program may sign up for shifts and receive info about volunteering at RHP. Interested in attending? Let Lynn know (lynndragonwing@gmail.com) or sign up on RecDesk. Be sure to bring a camp chair.

The Friends **assisted with the RJRD's "Total Eclipse of the Park"** event by organizing and staffing a booth offering a kids craft that shows how the moon seems to cover the sun during an eclipse.



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