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“Memories at the Gamble Mill: A Historic Landmark in Bellefonte, Pa.”

Book Signing and Tours by Matt Maris

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, @ The Gamble Mill, Bellefonte

Tours at 5:00, 5:45 or 6:30 p.m. start in The Speakeasy, *RSVP Required, Tour space limited*

RSVP for one of the tour times at CentreHistory.org or call 814-234-4779

Bellefonte, Pa. – Join the Centre County Historical Society on Wednesday, August 17, for a book signing and tours of the [Gamble Mill](#) by Matt Maris, public historian and author of *Memories at the Gamble Mill: A Historic Landmark in Bellefonte, Pa.*

Matt will take you on a tour through the Gamble Mill’s fascinating history and the success story of its newest rehabilitation, as highlighted in his book. Half-hour tours will be offered at 5:00, 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. with brief book signings after each tour. Tours are free, though RSVPs are needed, and they will start in The Speakeasy event space. Tours will include climbing stairs. The Republic cocktail bar at the Gamble Mill will be open for attendees to purchase beverages throughout the event.

Book Excerpt: “In the days when most Americans did agricultural-related work, Centre County was populated with scores of grist mills. Much of 18th, 19th, and early 20th century life revolved around these water-powered mills. Unfortunately, there are few examples left standing in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The Gamble Mill is one of the survivors and has endured over two centuries, mostly serving its original purpose of grinding flour, feed, and other grains. The mill’s past, present, and future is as rich as the celebrated ‘Snow Flake’ flour it once produced.”

About the author: Matt Maris is a high school history teacher at the Bellefonte Area High School. A North Carolina native, Matt came to the area to get his bachelor’s degree at Lock Haven University. His interest in local history was sealed during his master’s degree internship with Arizona State University with the Centre County Library and Historical Museum and their summer walking tour program. Bellefonte’s rich local history inspired him to start Local Historia and move beyond the classroom by offering walking tours that are available to the general public. As co-owner, Matt feels that Local Historia “is here to shine light upon the past, connect with community in the present, and preserve local history for the future.” They do this through walking tours and engaging content on their website, and blog and social media.

Copies of *Memories at the Gamble Mill: A Historic Landmark in Bellefonte, Pa.* will be available for purchase at the event or may be ordered online at CentreHistory.org when you RSVP.

The Gamble Mill is located at 160 Dunlop Street in Bellefonte, Pa. 16823. Nearby parking is available. For general information and program updates, visit www.CentreHistory.org.

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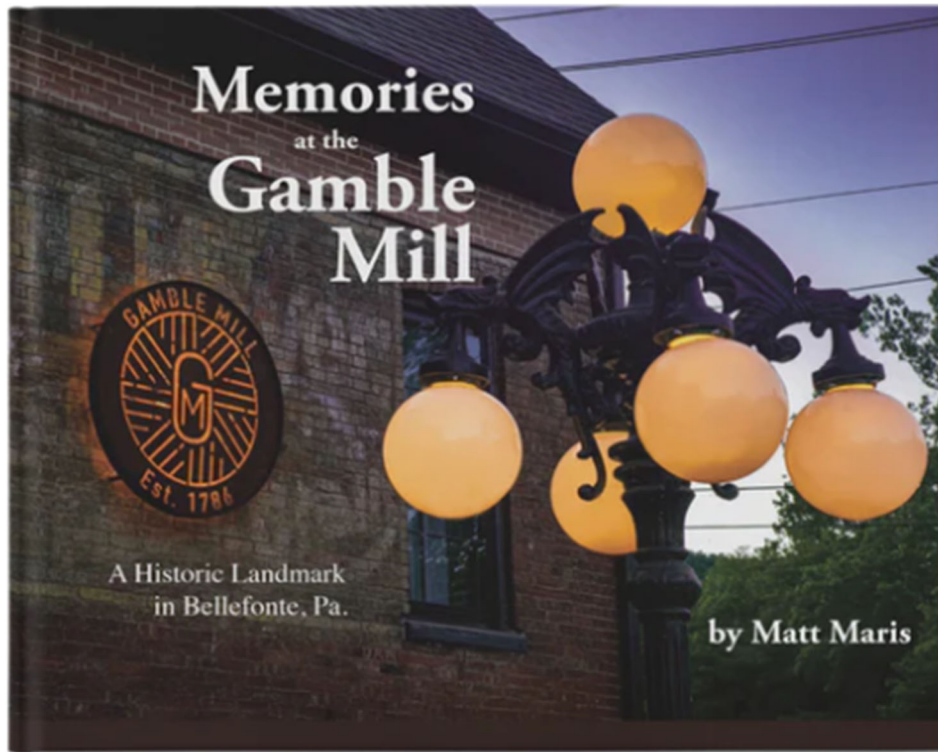
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