

# Stockdale Mill Foundation

## Mission Statement

**The Stockdale Mill Foundation shall engage our community to preserve an authentic water powered mill. We shall be good stewards of the mill, dam, and river as we educate the public on their historic significance. We shall endeavor to provide an affordable quality leisure activity for families and individuals.**

1.) We will keep the mill authentic.

- A) Keep the mill and dam structurally sound.
- B) Renovate intact machinery dating from 1857 through 1920 to operational form as practical.
- C) Keep mill and grounds rustic
  - \* *avoid glitz*
- D) Restore and maintain 3 water turbines and make operational as practical.
  - \* *avoid perpetuating the myth that all water powered mills used waterwheels.*
  - \* *avoid incorporating alternative power and claim it as water power.*

2) We will engage the community.

- A) The mill should be a source of pride to the local and regional community.
- B) Incorporate as many volunteers as possible in restoration, maintenance, promotion, education.
- C) Utilize unique skills and assets of local businesses and professionals.
- D) Create relationships with historical organizations, visitor bureaus, and governmental agencies to promote our unique heritage.
  - \* *Be an active member of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills.*

3) We will educate the public.

- A) On-site tours will be entertaining while being informative using accurate information.
  - \* *Docents will be trained. Topics will include: early settlement pioneer period; Eel River history; mill history; milling process; milling equipment; area agriculture; and history of restoration.*
  - \* *Docents will adjust tours to visitors' backgrounds. Is the visitor familiar with: Local area? Midwest? Rivers? Factory, industry, machinery or engineering? Agriculture? Historical structures? Carpentry and woodworking? Age: child through senior?*
  - \* *Tours will be interactive; hands-on.*
  - \* *Mill tours will be safe for visitors and will address persons with physical limitations as much as possible while maintaining the integrity of the building and grounds.*
- B) Provide special tours for schools and interested civic groups.
- C) Provide public speakers for civic groups and special events.
- D) Publish brochures; provide a presence on the internet; publish a newsletter; and issue press releases.
- E) Maintain an education room in our Visitor Center.
  - \* *Gather and present historical documents.*

4) We will provide a quality leisure activity to the public.

- A) Endeavor to continue providing cost-free access for all.
- B) Protect our unique aesthetic view from intrusion.
- C) Provide physical as well as visual access to Eel River.
- D) Cooperate with area recreationalists: canoeing; biking; hiking; photographers; artists; fishing; historical reenactors; motorcycle & auto touring; special events; etc.