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Martintown Grist Mill Harvest Dinner

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It was a full house at the Martintown Grist Mill's annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday evening where guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings put on by caterer Shirley Dashney.

The sold-out event also featured a 50/50 draw and silent auction including a variety of items ranging from hand-crafted clocks, artwork and more.

"The majority of items were donated by all the artists who come to the Mill throughout the year," said Martintown Mill Association President Gerald Duguid as he demonstrated the various items available for bidding including an a beautifully painted antique saw depicting the Mill and other historically significant locations which was donated by Ms. Gay Young.

The event closed with the presentation of a plaque to author Jim Barton who won the Martintown Mill Authors' Challenge for his short story 'Listen to the Silence of the Stones – The Legend of Jacob.' "My dad owned the mill from 1931 to 1971, so I grew up with him as a child playing and later working in the mill," said Mr. Barton who was able to draw from his personal experiences to develop the story.

Proceeds from the Harvest Dinner go towards the costs needed to restore and preserve the mill for future generations. "We're raising money to redo all of the masonry pointing at the mill," explained President Duguid who is hoping to raise an additional \$12,000 to complete the work.

For those wishing to support the restoration efforts, contact President Duguid at 613-933-1415.