

# THE FRIENDS of the CANTON WATERMILL OF USSEAUX



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**THE CANTON MILL**

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**It's a watermill for cereals that has been owned by the CANTON family for four generations (of which we have information). CANTON Giulio was the last miller.**



**We do not know when it was built, but we do know that in the second half of the 1800s in Usseaux, in the lower part of the village along the Rio d'Usseaux, there were already three mills in the land registry and all three, one after the other, exploited the waters of the stream.**





## THE CANTON MILL

State Archives of Turin in the Land Registry Rabbini  
1861-1866





## THE CANTON MILL

# THE AVALANCHE

**On February 19<sup>th</sup> 1930, an immense avalanche detached from Monte Pelvo and Pintas and descending down the valley swept away everything: trees, bridges, rocks and even two of the three mills, until it reached the road below. Two mills were completely wiped out, the Canton mill was only partially damaged, but it remained unusable until 1947.**





## THE CANTON MILL

# THE RECONSTRUCTION



**In 1947 the Canton family began the reconstruction work to which the young people of the village also contributed.**

**The larch wood wheel was rebuilt on site by a craftsman from Val Chisone and the building was enlarged.**





## THE CANTON MILL

# RESTART OF ACTIVITY

**The milling activity resumed at full speed at the beginning of the 50s.**

**At the beginning of the 1960s, the water flow of the Rio d'Usseaux was reduced to feed the Pourrières basin and consequently the mill was electrified to make up with electricity to the periods of lower flow.**

**The mill was fully functioning until the mid 70s.**



**Grain**



**Rye**



**Oat**



**Broad beans**

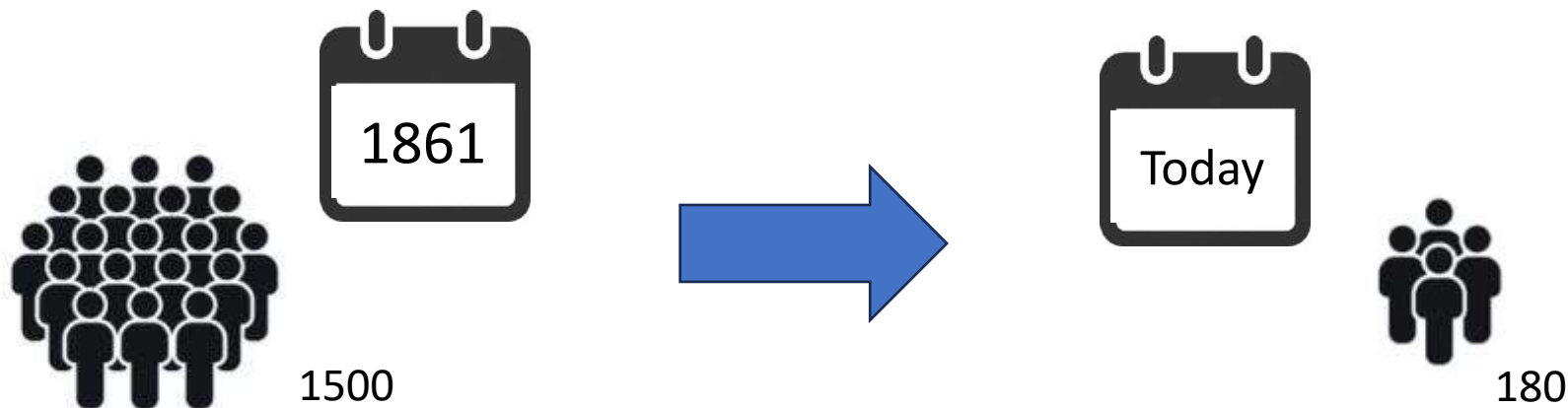


## THE CANTON MILL

### DEPOPULATION OF THE MOUNTAINS

**In the following years, the mill's activity suffered a significant decline due to the progressive depopulation of the mountain areas, the community's ovens no longer used and the reduction in the number of livestock.**

**Grinding was therefore limited to a few winter months. And when there was nothing left to grind, the millstones stopped and the mill closed for good.**





## THE CANTON MILL

### SINCE 1998 THE NEW COURSE

After being closed for several years, in 1998 the Canton family entrusted it to the Municipality of Usseaux to be used for tourism and culture.

As part of a project aimed at the tourist enhancement of the area, the Municipality of Usseaux saw in the mill a good opportunity.

It was restored and put back into operation with a complete cycle of real stone grinding and on **1 July 2001** it was inaugurated.







## THE CANTON MILL

**In the spring of 2002, the days of opening to the public officially began with free visits and demonstration of milling by a group of volunteers.**

**Since then, the mill has been open to the public in the summer months according to an opening calendar, on request for guided tours, for various initiatives, on special occasions and events.**





## THE CANTON MILL

# THE FRIENDS OF THE MILL

In 2018 the volunteers officially organized themselves and formed the **Association of Friends of the Canton Mill of Usseaux**, to which the Municipality of Usseaux, in the face of an agreement between the parties, entrusts the use and management of the Canton Mill including internal and external equipment.







## THE CANTON MILL

# THE FRIENDS OF THE MILL

**The Association aims to enhance, through maintenance, improvement, management and promotion for tourist-cultural-educational purposes the structure of the Canton Mill of Usseaux as an example of a water mill for grinding cereals.**



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## THE CANTON MILL

### ACIVITIES

**Maintain the historical memory of the operation of the mill and those who worked there.**

**Maintain and improve the mill structure and related equipment.**







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### ACIVITIES

Manage the complete grinding process and the necessary materials.







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Publicize and organize opening days for the public, accompanying them through the history, operations of the mill and products obtained.



**USSEAUX (Torino)**  
in Alta Val Chisone

**CHI VA AL MULINO...S'INFARINA**

**Domenica 28 aprile 2024**  
dalle 14 alle 18

**Mulino Canton aperto e funzionante**



**Si macina e  
ci si infarina  
come una  
volta!!!**

**Visite con accompagnatore**  
**Gruppi formati sul posto**

**Mulino Canton 2024**

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**USSEAUX (TORINO) - ALTA VAL CHISONE**  
**Mulino Canton**



**Sabato 18 e domenica 19 dalle 14 alle 18**  
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### ACIVITIES

**Recover economic funds that allow to carry out the various activities.**

**A bag of flour from  
the mill for a  
free offer**





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### ACIVITIES

Carry out activities and initiatives of various kinds for promotional purposes.

Increase the activities aimed at children and schools.



**ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA AMICI DEI MULINISTORICI**

**seconda edizione 2018**

**LA SEZIONE PIEMONTESE DI AIAMS ORGANIZZA**

**maggio-luglio 2019**

**mostra delle opere selezionate al concorso fotografico**

**"MULINI STORICI D'ITALIA"**

ARCHITETTURA, TECNICA, CULTURA, TRADIZIONE E REALTÀ TERRITORIALE

**UN ITINERARIO IN PIEMONTE PER CONOSCERE MULINI ED ECOMUSEI E VISITARE LA MOSTRA CHE ESPONE LE FOTOGRAFIE DEL CONCORSO**

Dopo le tappe di:  
 Mulino du Detu di Gavierno Via Beale, 8 - Gavierno (To) - Ecomuseo Alta Val Sangone  
 Mulino di Bobbio Pellice via Molino 5 - Bobbio Pellice  
 La mostra prosegue il suo percorso con possibilità di visita a mulini ed ecomusei ospitanti:

**Dal 25 maggio al 16 giugno 2019**  
 Ecomuseo del Freidano via Ariosto 36 bis Settimo Torinese  
 Apertura: sabato e domenica ore 15/19. In settimana su prenotazione

**Dal 25 giugno al 21 luglio 2019**  
 Ecomuseo "Colombano Roman" Sede Parchi Alpi Cozie - Via Fransuà Fontan, 1 - Salbertrand (TO)  
 Apertura: consulta il sito [www.parchialpiccoze.it](http://www.parchialpiccoze.it)

**Dal 4 al 25 agosto 2019**  
 Mulino Canton Usseaux (To)  
 Apertura: tutte le domeniche e giovedì 15 agosto (Ferragosto) ore 15/18

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## ACIVITIES

The Association actively participates in the initiatives promoted by the Municipality of Usseaux and the ProLoco 5 villages of Usseaux.

**USSEAUX (Torino)**  
in Alta Val Chisone

*È PRIMAVERA!!*

**IL MULINO CANTON**  
**VI ASPETTA**  
**A PASQUETTA**

**Lunedì 1° aprile 2024**  
Mulino aperto e funzionante  
dalle 14 alle 18  
Visita con accompagnatore

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Comune di Usseaux

**GIORNATA BANDIERE ARANCIONI**

**Autunno in Borgata**  
USSEAUX  
Alta Val Chisone  
gusta la tradizione

**USSEAUX**  
domenica 17 settembre 2023  
dalle ore 10:00 alle 17:00  
Gofri  
Pignatta per i bambini (nel pomeriggio)  
Prodotti tipici  
Mulino Canton aperto  
Musica dal vivo

*Vi aspettiamo per festeggiare insieme l'arrivo dell'autunno!*

In caso di mal tempo la manifestazione sarà annullata  
Per maggiori informazioni [info.usseaux@gmail.com](mailto:info.usseaux@gmail.com)

**inSTALLArte** 10<sup>a</sup> edizione

**8, 9, 10 Dicembre 2023**  
dalle 10:00 alle 17:30  
Usseaux - Balboutet - Pourrieres

- Mercatini di Natale nelle stalle e nelle piazze delle borgate Usseaux e Balboutet
- Atelier di pittura e prodotti tipici
- Attività al Mulino Canton di Usseaux 8-10 dicembre
- Borghi in Cammino 10 dicembre
- Mostra di fotografia e premiazione concorso fotografico
- Spettacoli
- Presepi a Pourrieres
- Forni aperti a Balboutet e Pourrieres
- Assaggi di prodotti tradizionali
- Mostra dei loghi realizzati dai bambini della scuola di Fenestrelle per le Miniolimpiadi di Valle 2024
- Un simpatico omaggio per chi visita tutte le stalle

Navetta Pourrieres - Usseaux - Balboutet

**10 Dicembre**

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**BORCHI IN CAMMINO**

CON IL PATROGGIO DI:

Logo of the Municipality of Usseaux, the ProLoco 5 villages of Usseaux, the UISP, the Regione Piemonte, and the Comune di Usseaux.





## IL MULINO CANTON I VISITATORI

# THE VISITORS

**In recent years, the number of people who have visited the mill has been registered.**

**Here are some figures**

in 2020 .....	1.219
in 2021 .....	2.039
in 2022 .....	1.610
in 2023 .....	1.603





## THE CANTON MILL

# THE EXPERIENCE

**The working mill amazes, excites and involves visitors, especially children. Many of the visitors don't expect to see it grind.**

**And feel.....**

- ... the sound of the water pushing the big wheel ...**
- ... the squeaks of the tumbler .....**
- ... the gloomy noise of the gears .....**
- ... the rhythmic noise of the millstones .....**
- ... the smell of the wood of the hopper .....**
- ... the scent of freshly ground wheat .....**
- ... between the fingers the difference between flour and bran**

**..... and going out with a powdered nose is the first time for many!**



## THE CANTON MILL

**To all visitors and to those who  
in various ways contribute to  
preserve this beautiful mill**

**THANK YOU!!**