

# **BWPOSECC**

**Blue & White Pottery / Old Sleepy Eye Collectors Club**

**Convention Seminar 2015**

**speaker**

**Mr. Dennis Netten VP**



# OLD SLEEPY EYE COLLECTORS CLUB

Founded 1976 in Monmouth, Illinois,  
the home of Western Stoneware Company,  
the plant where Sleepy Eye pottery was produced.

*To preserve the history of the Old Sleepy Eye Flour Mill  
and the now collectible advertising items that were created by the mill.*

# Charter Members

- January 1976: A group of Sleepy Eye collectors met at the Martin farm in Monmouth, IL and formed the Old Sleepy Collectors Club of America
- Any member who joined prior to the 1976 convention or at the convention was granted charter member status.

# Charter OSE Members

Norman Alligood	Mrs. James E Anderson	Glenn Applegate	K.V. Ashton	
Caroline Ault	Arthur Bardeleben Jr		Rex Beech	Mary Bender
Otis & Kay Bennett	Mike Bennett		Mary Bland	Glenn & Evelyn Breeding
Irene Bumer	Arthur Bushing Jr		Pat Carson	Carl Christensen
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Penny Durrow	Mrs Charles Foster		Marlene Galiher-West	Gaylord Gamble
Jack Ghere	Gertrude Gilbert		Wilbur Goodhur	Ralph & Mary Goslar
Joe & Maxine Gray	Willard & Betty Griffith		Fay Gustafson	John Hales
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James Jackson	William Jahn	Kenneth & Elsie Jenks	Fred Jenks	
Robert James Johnson	Delmar & Jane Keith		EW Kolbe	Virgil, Joyce & Michael Krug
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Suzanne McGovern	Dr. Thomas McMorrow		Bill & Janet McVey	Richard Merrell
Elinor Meugniot	Leonard & Shirley Mielewski	HE Mihlheim		Clyde & Patricia Miles
Leroy & Juanita Morley	Nelson Morris		Fred Odendahl	Jim O'Hare
Gerald & Jane Olsen	Clare & Laura Osgood		Charles Peat	James & Corina Perrine
Wallace Pfeifer	Robert Porter	Dick Reed		Adrian & Mrs Ries
Herb Ripley	Nancy Ruetz	Rudolph Sama		Russell & Rogene Schier
Glenn Schoenholz	EL & Mrs Scott		Michael Seeman	Russell Sheese
Ted Sherman	Shirley Simpson	Joan Smith		Ron Steidinger
Mrs Max Sunderman	Kenneth & Virginia Threlkeld		Joseph Tonelli	Oren & Mary Vamer
Walter Watkins	Tom Webster	Robert Webster		Charles & Patricia Westerdale
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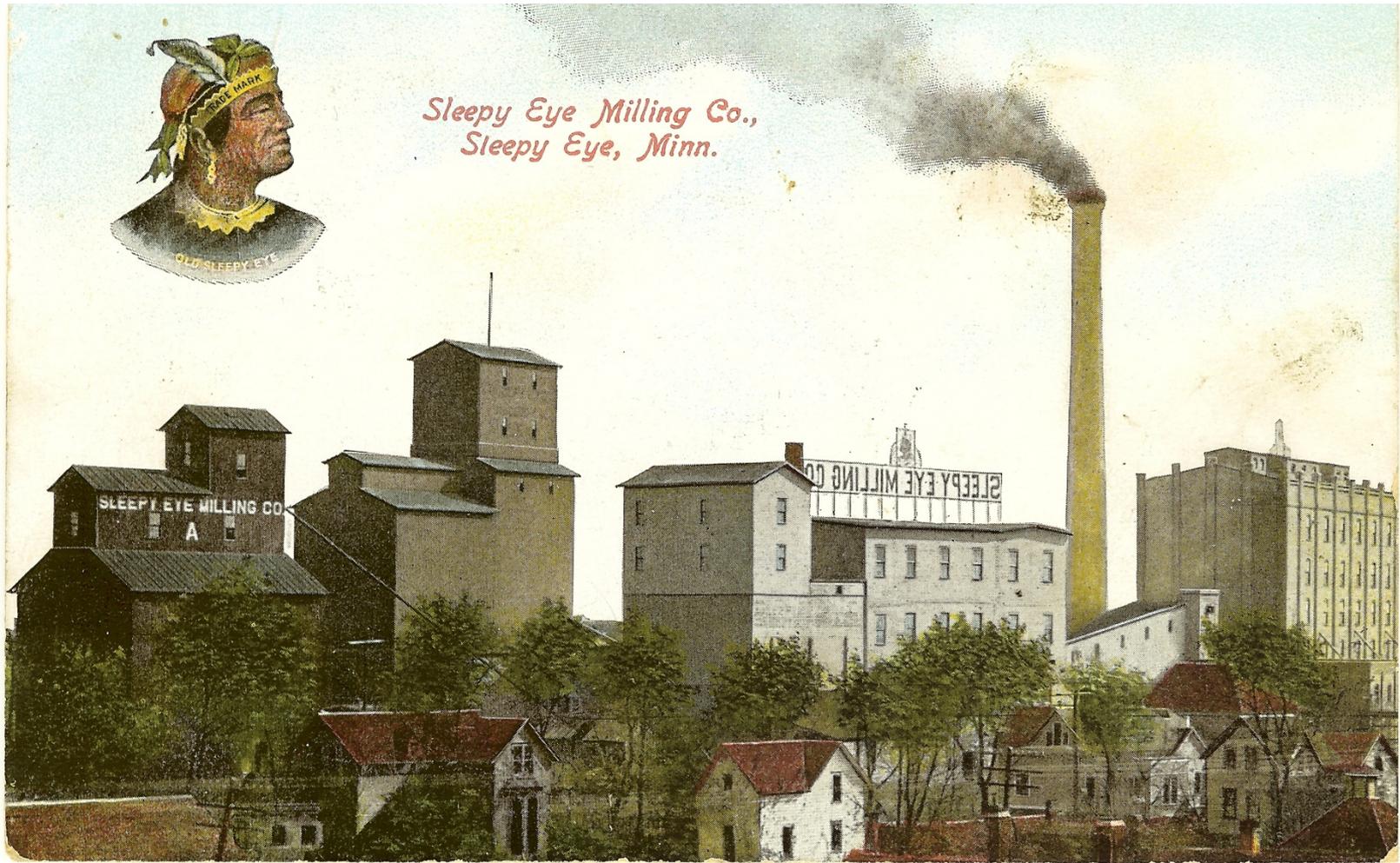
# Mission Statement

- Our club is dedicated to collecting and preserving the items related to the Sleepy Eye Milling Co. and Blue & White Pottery.
- It is also active in educating the public about the history of Sleepy Eye as well as recruiting new members to BWPOSECC

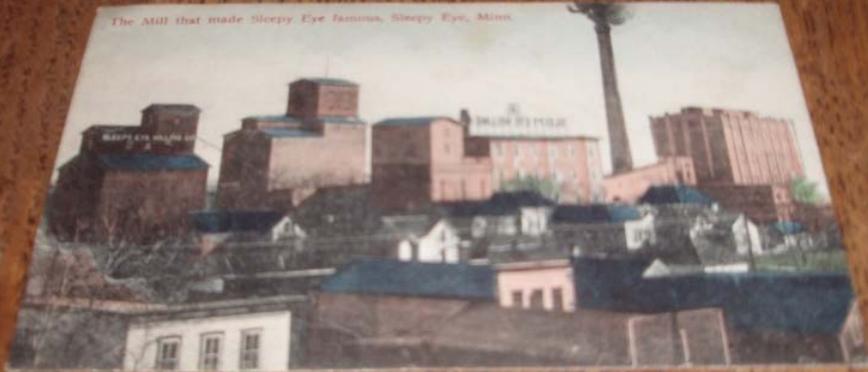
# Sleepy Eye Milling Company

- 1883: The first mill was built capacity 700 barrels
- Operated from 1892 to 1921
- 1894: They made Cream, Apple Blossom, Gold & Snowflake, Chief & Cyclone Brands of flour.
- 1902: The second mill was built under President A.C. VonHagen capacity 5000+ barrels
- At one time the mill owned 27 elevators in MN and SD and had its own copper shop that made the barrels for the flour.
- Not all flour was sold in barrels, much was sold in cloth sacks.
- They also manufactured another brand of flour by the name of Hummer, which used hummingbirds as its trademark.
- 1904: Sleepy Eye Flour was the grand prize winner at the St. Louis Exposition
- 1917: mill was sold to Kansas Flour Mills
- The mill mainly produced flour although they also produced other cereal products, Pankako and Koffeeno from time to time.
- The mill was one of the largest and most famous in the country competing with flour all over the world.
- The mill had several collectible items that were placed in the flour sacks as a premium.
- The flour mill sold or gave away not only the pottery but a variety of other items including advertising cards, cookbooks, rulers, breadboard scrapers, silver spoons, table linen, wigwams and pillow tops, a brass Trademark Indian bust and barrel labels.

# Sleepy Eye Milling Company Photos

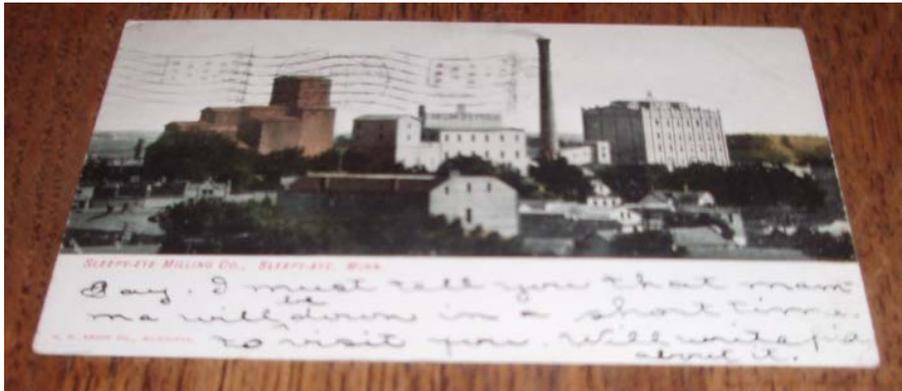


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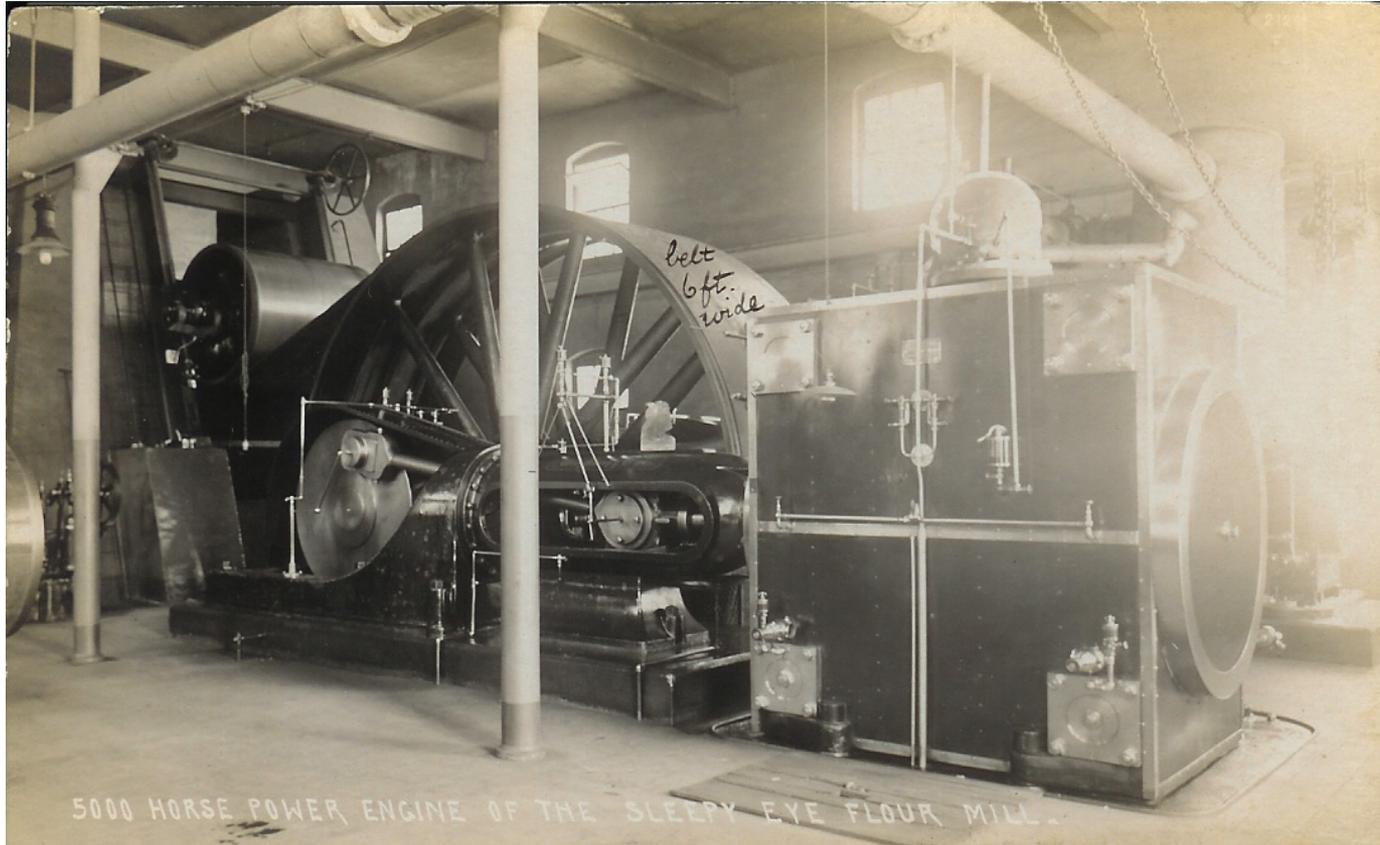


Sleepy Eye Milling Co., Sleepy Eye, Minn.

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Mill Engine