

The Friends' Quarterly *Newsletter of the Enfield Shaker Museum*

Sharing history and hospitality.

Dolores Struckhoff, Executive Director



Fall 2015

Upcoming Events

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| November 15 | Annual Meeting |
| November 16 | Garden Workshop:
Herb Condiments and
Complements |
| November 20 | Garden Workshop:
Garlic and Onions |
| November 30 | Moravian Star Workshop |
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| December 1 | Shaker Gift Drawing
Workshop |
| December 3 | Garden Workshop:
Holiday Herbal Wreath
Making |
| December 5 | Festival of Trees Opening |
| December 6 | Moravian Star Workshop |
| December 11 | Extended Hours with
Festival of Trees Display |
| December 13 | Holiday Cookie Fair |
| December 18 | Extended Hours with
Festival of Trees Display |
| December 19 | Festival of Trees Gala |
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| January 10 | Shaker Sing |
| January 30 | Snowshoe Festival |

Call for Papers

2016 Spring Shaker Forum

April 22 - 24, 2016

A weekend conference at the Enfield Shaker Museum

The Enfield Shaker Museum's Annual Forum on the Shakers will be held on April 22 – 24, 2016. The Museum is seeking proposals for papers and presentations for Saturday, April 23 from 9 am – 4 pm. Preference will be given to proposals based on primary sources such as, but not limited to, journals, ledger books, oral histories, newspapers, artifacts, correspondence and maps. Each lecture must be no more than 45 minutes with an additional 15 minutes for questions and answers. **Shaker Workshops** will once again award a **\$500 cash prize** to the presenter demonstrating the highest standard in new, outstanding scholarship. **All presenters will receive a free weekend package.**



Tour of the 1854 Cow Barn at last year's Spring Shaker Forum.

The Forum will include lectures, tours, receptions and meals. The audience will be 75 – 100 people, primarily from New England, having a general interest in Shaker studies. A welcome reception, dinner and program will be held on Friday, April 22. Programs, presentations, tours, receptions and

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Executive Director's Message

by Dolores Struckhoff

Dear Friends,

As I celebrate my fourth year as Executive Director I am excited by the changes we have made and the relationships we have built since I arrived.

Last week I attended my first NEMA (New England Museum Association) annual conference in Portland, Maine. I participated in several educational sessions facilitated by leaders in their fields. I was proud of how often I was able to share some of the best practices of our board and staff attained over the past few years.

In this issue of 'The Friends' Quarterly, our lead article is a Call for Papers for this year's Spring Shaker Forum. I hope the 2016 Forum will follow in the footsteps of last year's program with new scholar participation and new work presentations.

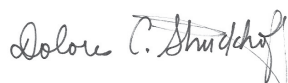
The Museum's collection has also increased. Since the last update, our Curator has logged in over fifty new objects from seventeen donors. Thanks to these generous donors, a one-column newsletter update has turned into a full-page article!

We have also made major changes in our event management. In the past, we have had a strong focus on weddings. Our new objective is to focus on more diverse and lower impact use of our facility space, encouraging events that can introduce new audiences to our Shaker history.

Finally, with the holiday season upon us, we are gearing up for exciting new workshops and popular classics like the Cookie Fair, and the Festival of Trees (see page 6 for details). I invite you to stop in from December 5 through December 19 to enjoy some holiday cheer!

I want to thank all of you for your commitment and ongoing support of this historic site, and for the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary Museum.

Warm regards,



Preservation Update



Timber-framing in the East Brethren's Shop has been completed and the reproduction windows have been installed so the building is ready for its new clapboards. The last four Preservation Wednesdays have been spent priming the more than 7,500 board feet of newly sawn clapboards, fortunately the weather cooperated and allowed our volunteers to paint out of doors. It is our hope to have the installation completed before winter.

2016 Spring Shaker Forum

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performances will be held all day on Saturday, April 23. A dinner and program will be held on Saturday evening. Site-related programs and tours will be held on Sunday morning following breakfast.

To Submit a Proposal: Send an abstract of 500 words or fewer and a CV or resume by January 15 to Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 NH Route 4A, Enfield, NH 03748, or email to education@shakermuseum.org. Please include your name, address and a phone number in your email. Applicants will be notified of the presenting schedule by February 12. Those eligible for receipt of the Shaker Workshops' Award will be asked to submit their papers (preferably by email) by March 11. The winner will be announced on Saturday, April 23. Applicants with Abstracts not chosen may participate in a poster session shown throughout the weekend.

General Registration: Weekend package rates for the general audience are double occupancy \$275 per person and single occupancy \$350 per person, including all meals and programs. Saturday overnight package double occupancy is \$160 per person; single occupancy is \$200 per person, including all meals and programs for Saturday and Sunday. Register by calling the Enfield Shaker Museum (603) 632-4346 or emailing info@shakermuseum.org.

2015 Annual Appeal

We are hoping to hear from each of you...your gift will make a difference!
Your investment in the Enfield Shaker Museum today insures the future of our historic Shaker legacy for tomorrow.

Recent Museum Acquisitions

by Michael O'Connor, Curator

Over the years, thanks to the generosity of donors like the following, the Museum has built a considerable collection. This collection preserves the material culture of the Enfield Shakers and allows us to interpret the history of the individuals who made up this community. In addition to being displayed for our visitors, research into the objects yields information about processes, technology, and the work and social life of the Shakers.

However, as this list shows, we collect more than just the three-dimensional objects made by the Shakers for use or sale. Family papers, correspondence, research papers, taped interviews, books, magazines, music recordings, and photographs all provide insight into the history of the Shakers. An historic article shows how the world perceived the Shakers, a new image revolutionizes our understanding of some part of their built environment, or a letter gives us insight into the business dealings or personal thoughts of the author.

If you have items that are relevant to the Shakers, we invite you to contact the Museum to learn how your donation can broaden the Museum's collection and benefit our preservation and educational objectives.

Gail Bailey, Red Bluff, CA

- Collection of postcards

Robert P. Emlen, Seekonk, MA

- Enfield article from 1858 Ballou's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion

Emily Gilbert, Portland, OR

- Two men's straw hats

Gerry Goslar, Enfield, NH

- Hair comb
- Green round box
- Drawer pull



Elaine Haagen, Rye, NY

- Shaker rag rug

Mary Ann Haagen, Enfield, NH

- Hooked rug entitled *Shaker Apple Sauce*
- Shaker rug
- Collection of books
- Clothes pin
- Rag rug with braided trim
- Sieve
- Peg rail
- Child's chair

Roger Hall, Stoughton, MA

- Music CD

Sue Hammond, New London, NH

- Hooked rug entitled *Cabbage Seeds*

Reggie Jones, Enfield, NH

- Bottle

Jim Kelleher, Enfield, NH

- Collection of Shaker ceramic artifacts

John Ott, Groton, MA

- Collection of 19th Century agricultural reference materials

Ken Robb, Woodsville, NH

- Butter churn
- Book crimper
- Tin milk pan
- "Sick House" peck measure
- Iron trivet
- Large wooden spigot
- Dry sink
- Red sap bucket
- Bottle with label
- Wooden measures
- Yarn winder
- Woolen textile with embroidered initials
- A.J. White bottle
- Wooden crutch
- Butter paddles
- Shaker pegs
- Large measure marked ND
- Fireplace tongs and shovel
- Wooden noise maker
- Oval box



Carolyn Smith and Richard Dabrowski, Groton, MA

- Books and a collection of VHS tapes for the Museum's library
- Collection of kitchen implements including two tin scoops, tin scoop with wooden handle, toasting fork with wooden handle, brush, and two wooden kitchen mashers
- Enfield side chair with rush seat
- Enfield dining room chair
- Green oval box
- Apple peeler

Richard Vandall, Canaan, NH

- Leona Merrill Rowell papers
- Auction catalogs
- Mounted articles on the Shakers

Christopher Wadsworth, Canaan, NH

- Oil can, brush, ladle, framed prints
- Collection of books

Lynn Wachler, Enfield, NH

- Collection of information on Enfield Shaker Museum's 1987 Feast Ground dig

Education News

by Althea Goundry,

Education Coordinator

I am so pleased to be the new Education Coordinator at the Enfield Shaker Museum, and I want to thank the search committee, Board of Directors and Dolores Struckhoff for this opportunity. I bring a strong background in teaching the very young, older youth, and college students, as well as enabling adults to engage in creative educational experiences. I will use my Museum Education Certificate from Tufts University, Master of Education and Bachelor's in Psychology from Plymouth State University, and years of formal training and self-taught Studio Art and Art Education to build a repertoire of Shaker-inspired programs for all ages and abilities.



Museum volunteers pressing apple cider at the Harvest Festival.

My goal for the Enfield Shaker Museum is to apply my passion for learning to encourage more children and adults to visit the Enfield Shaker Museum and learn about the site. I intend to continue offering established programs as well as new Shaker-inspired experiences through an array of interactive programming. My love for the outdoors will encourage programming that continues and increases use of the grounds and adjacent state property.

As I continue to learn about the Shakers, specifically the Enfield Shaker families, along with their

self-sustainable communal living, ingenious inventions and entrepreneurial practices, work ethics, and devotion to a spiritual life, I am working with the other Museum staff, Shaker scholars and knowledgeable volunteers to develop a robust selection of educational opportunities.



Traditional Shaker Broom Making demonstration.

The Museum's buildings and grounds offer many opportunities for educational programming. The Great Stone Dwelling remains the core of the Museum's interpretive tour, is also a gathering place for Shaker Sings, a welcoming place for craft demonstrations, and workshops ranging from Cooking with Herbs to creating Gift Drawings. The Ministry Shop sits on the site of the Church Family Schoolhouse, and today houses children's educational materials and hands-on activities.

My transition from the AVA Gallery and Art Center to the Enfield Shaker Museum was a smooth one. My first full week included learning about Shaker life along with the campers enrolled in the 2015 AVA/ESM collaborative summer vacation camp, **Art Explorations at the Enfield Shaker Museum.** On your next visit to the Museum be sure to look for the dry etching print hanging in the Ministry made by the campers.

Since then, I have spent time getting to know the staff and their responsibilities as well as the many dedicated volunteers and longtime Museum supporters.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with the core group of **Shaker Harvest Festival** organizers to put together a very successful event. On September 26, more than 450 festival participants (a record number) enjoyed the pristine early autumn day with many activity choices. The children rode ponies and whole families took wagon rides. Adults and children hand-pressed apple cider and made apple cider ice cream. It was delightful to see the children wearing the harvest masks and crowns they had created, while their parents and grandparents carefully guarded their handmade fairy houses.



The "Pocket Lady" had surprises for the children in her many pockets

Children and adults alike were intrigued by the demonstrating crafts people skillfully plying their trade. The delicious harvest lunch, prepared in the kitchen of the Great Stone Dwelling by our dedicated volunteers was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This amazing day was made possible by the leadership of Education Committee Chair, Nan Munsey, as well as the hard work of the entire Education Committee, over 75 volunteers and Museum staff, and the record number of festival goers. Thank you all!



Horse drawn hay wagon rides at the Harvest Festival.

Facility and Museum Events

By Anna Guenther, Event Coordinator

Looking back on 2015, and ahead to 2016

As the beauty of our site and the diversity of buildings and outdoor spaces continue to be appreciated by newly engaged couples, we are steadily filling up for ceremonies and celebrations for the coming year. We had a great wedding season and I was again fortunate to be a part of many couples' big days (or big weekends)!



Shaker Meeting Room decorated for a wedding reception.

We have continued to enjoy introducing individuals to the Museum through small and diverse events, trying not to focus exclusively on weddings. We are working with the Buddhist center, Wonderwell Refuge, in Springfield, NH to offer overflow housing for their retreat attendees, and are looking forward to welcoming back "Yoga with Patricia Walden" next August.

This Fall, for the first time we hosted a fabulous online auction on BiddingOwl.com and owe great thanks to generous donors and bidders that made it such a success. We are already excited for next year's event! The online aspect allowed Museum supporters, regardless of geography, to be involved. We enjoyed auctioning off Shaker Museum specialties and unique experiences, such as a professional photo shoot on Museum property in a pony-pulled antique carriage, and early entry to our popular holiday Cookie Fair!

Another exciting change is that we are now renting rooms on an individual basis, and this has been a great success both financially and educationally! Listing the Museum on AirBnB has exposed us to travelers who are already seeking a unique, non-traditional experience for their overnight housing. Almost all of our overnight guests have exhibited active, independent interest in the Museum, its history and its collections. We look forward to increasing this aspect of the Museum's offerings, allowing others to "accidentally" learn about the Enfield Shakers during their travel to the Upper Valley.

As we approach the holiday season, the Museum is gearing up to host the Enfield Village Association's **Hometown Holidays**. EVA will utilize the Great Stone Dwelling space to put on their Hometown Holiday event, a family day of crafts, cookie decorating, story telling, a local crafts and gifts market, a "One-day Café", wreath making, horse-drawn wagon rides and more!

We are also extremely excited for our second annual **Festival of Trees**, featuring individually decorated tabletop Christmas trees. (See page 6 for details.) We will host our **Festival of Trees Gala Reception** on Saturday, December 19 starting at 5:00 pm. We will serve delicious refreshments, have a silent auction for specialty artist-created Christmas tree inspired pieces and draw the winning raffle ticket for each tree!

Before then, check out the Museum's website to see our Holiday Wreath Making Workshop on December 3! As the temperatures drop, we can also start to look forward to the 2016 Snowshoe Festival on January 30. See our website for details on any of these events, or feel free to email Anna at events@shakermuseum.org

A New Type of Membership

Become a Community Partner

If you are a business with employees, we invite you to become a Community Partner with the Enfield Shaker Museum. Some of the benefits this membership has to offer include reduced rates on our Great Stone Dwelling meeting, dining and guest rooms. Celebrate your next business success in our exquisite Shaker Meeting Room and plan your next holiday dinner in our newly restored Shaker Dining Room. Provide lodging for your best clients in our elegantly simple Shaker guest rooms. Reward your employees with free tours of the Museum, as well as discounts at the Museum Gift Shop. In addition, we will increase your company's visibility with recognition on our website, Facebook, and in our newsletters.

Select a level of support that works for you and your business, and support the rich history of our past. For more information visit our website at <http://www.shakermuseum.org/community-partner.htm> and download a registration form or email us at info@shakermuseum.org or phone us at (603) 632-4346.

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Celebrate the Season at the Enfield Shaker Museum

Festival of Trees

December 5 - 19

Open Daily 10 am - 4 pm



A display of more than 40 beautifully decorated holiday table top trees designed and donated by local artists, businesses, and individuals. "Vote" for your favorite trees with raffle tickets, in

hopes of being a winner at the end of the festival. All proceeds go to support the Enfield Shaker Museum. Free admission.

To decorate a tree call the Museum at (603) 632-4346 or email info@shakermuseum.org.

Gift Shop Extended Hours

Friday, December 11 and 18 10 am – 8 pm

Get a jump on your holiday shopping at the Museum Gift Shop and visit the Festival of Trees. Music and refreshments will be provided.

Festival of Trees Gala Reception

Saturday, December 19 5 pm

Invite your family and friends to join you for an evening of Holiday Cheer at the Enfield Shaker Museum. Be part of the fun as we draw the winning tickets and award the trees. Holiday music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and extended hours in the Museum Gift Shop will round out the evening.

Holiday Cookie Fair

Sunday, December 13

1 pm

Get your spot in line early to buy scrumptuous home-made cookies by the pound. The cookies are generously donated by dedicated volunteers and go very quickly. Cost: \$10 per pound



Holiday Shopping at the Gift Shop

Open Daily 10 am - 4 pm



Delight your friends and family with beautifully handcrafted items from our Gift Shop! Soft socks, old-fashioned toys, soaps, salves and lotions are all on offer. Hand-dipped candles, hand-woven placemats, napkins and Shaker napkin rings plus a sumptuous selection of jams, jellies, sauces, pickles, relishes, and Shaker herbs and teas.

Enfield Shaker Museum Giving Tree

Throughout out December, a traditional tree decorated by the Museum staff will be on display in the Shaker Meeting Room. Visitors are invited to bring in a non-perishable food or personal care item to place under the tree. All items will be donated to the local Indian River Helping Hands program.

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