



# Enfield Shaker Museum 2013 Spring Shaker Forum

April 26 – 28, 2013  
Enfield, NH

Artist's Conception of Enfield, New Hampshire Shaker Village, Church and North Families.  
Circa 1880 — 1900 By Preston Maynard, Summer 1978

The Enfield Shaker Museum is an educational institution dedicated to interpreting and preserving the complex history of the Shakers of Enfield, NH.





### **About the Enfield Shaker Museum**

Nestled in a valley between Shaker Mountain and Mascoma Lake, in Enfield, New Hampshire, the Enfield Shaker site has been cherished for over 200 years. At its peak in the mid 19th century, the community was home to three "Families" of Shakers. They practiced equality of the sexes and races, celibacy, pacifism and communal ownership of property. The Shakers farmed over 3,000 acres of land, educated children in model schools and worshipped in the "Shaker Way."

### **Greetings from the ESM Executive Director**



Dolores Struckhoff  
Executive Director

On behalf of the Enfield Shaker Museum, welcome to the 2013 Spring Shaker Forum. I am especially pleased that we have such an outstanding schedule of Shaker topics this year.

This past year has been a year of education here at the Museum. With summer family programs, youth and adult workshops, expert knowledge shared during recent preservation work, outreach programs to seniors, on-site school programs and a weekly shaker history series, we continue to establish the Enfield Shaker Museum as a place of learning for future Shaker scholars.

Your participation as presenters, attendees, members, board members, committee members, volunteers, and staff is the basis for our success throughout this annual event. I hope you enjoy this weekend dedicated to the Shakers of Enfield and beyond.

### **Greetings from the ESM President**

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Enfield Shaker Museum are pleased to welcome you to the 2013 Spring Shaker Forum. Your presence at the Forum is an essential part of our educational mission, to foster a deeper understanding of the Shakers and their legacy.

Over the weekend as you sleep, eat, and take part in the exciting new scholarship presented in this unique dwelling created and maintained by the Enfield Shakers, may you enjoy being in this place as much as we do. Whether you come as a scholar or as a student of Shaker history and culture, we thank you for your part in widening the circle of knowledge.

We appreciate your support of the Enfield Shaker Museum in our vision of enhancing this site to its full potential and expanding outreach to the wider community.



Mardy High  
Board President

# At-A-Glance Schedule

## Enfield Shaker Museum

### 2013 Spring Shaker Forum

|                                 | Dining Room               | Meeting Room   | Bake Room         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Friday, April 26, 2013</b>   |                           |  |                   |
| 2:00 – 4:00 pm                  | Registration              |  |                   |
| 4:00 – 5:00 pm                  | Great Stone Dwelling Tour |  |                   |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm                  |                           |  | Welcome Reception |
| 6:30 – 7:30 pm                  | Dinner                    |  |                   |
| 7:30 – 8:30 pm                  |                           | Insights into Harvard Shaker History   |                   |
| <b>Saturday, April 27, 2013</b> |                           |  |                   |
| 7:45 – 8:30 am                  | Breakfast                 |  |                   |
| 8:45 – 9:00 am                  |                           | Welcome  |                   |
| 9:00 – 9:45 am                  |                           | Father Retains his Love for Shakerdom  |                   |
| 9:45 – 10:30 am                 |                           | Mummy jum: The Shaker-Pilgrim Encounter of 1817-1818   |                   |
| 10:30 – 11:15 am                |                           | Loss of Life & Faith, Young Leaders of the Harvard Shaker Village  |                   |
| 11:15 – 12:00 pm                |                           | “Break Forth into Singing” – Evolution of Enfield Shaker Anthem  |                   |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm                 | Lunch                     |  |                   |
| 1:30 – 2:15 pm                  |                           | The Tate Family of Shakers and Non-Shakers   |                   |
| 2:30 – 4:30 pm                  |                           | Canals, Dams, and Mills  |                   |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm                  |                           | Cocktails and Announcement of the Shaker Workshops’ Award for Outstanding New Scholarship                    |                   |
| 6:30 – 7:30 pm                  | Dinner                    |  |                   |
| 7:30 pm                         |                           | Historic Sites at the Crossroads   |                   |
| <b>Sunday, April 28, 2013</b>   |                           |  |                   |
| 8:00 – 9:00 am                  | Breakfast                 |  |                   |
| 9:00 – 10:00 am                 |                           | The Discovery of Enfield, N.H. Apostate Account – Introducing Zebulon Huntington, the “Exile of Connecticut” |                   |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am                |                           | Shaker Readings and Songs  |                   |
| 11:00 am                        | Checkout                  |  |                   |

# Schedule of Events

## Enfield Shaker Museum

### 2013 Spring Shaker Forum



#### Friday, April 26

**2:00 – 4:00 pm Registration, Dining Room**

Pick up your Forum packet at the Forum Registration Desk in the dining room of the Great Stone Dwelling.

**4:00 – 5:00 pm Great Stone Dwelling Tour, Michael O'Connor, Museum Curator**

On this tour, you will see the results and hear the stories of *Preservation Wednesdays!*

**5:30 – 6:30 pm Welcome Reception, Bake Room**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner, Dining Room**

#### Scholarship Presentations, Meeting Room

**7:30 – 8:30 pm Insights into Harvard Shaker History, Michael Volmar**

Focused on what he describes as the second generation of Harvard Shakers, those born after 1825, Mike will share a comprehensive picture of life as these Shakers mature and the village population peaks and declines.

#### Saturday, April 27

**7:45 – 8:30 am Breakfast, Dining Room**

#### Scholarship Presentations, Meeting Room

**8:45 – 9:00 am Welcome, Dolores Struckhoff, Museum Executive Director**

**9:00 – 9:45 am Father Retains his Love of Shakerdom, Galen Beale**

Galen's talk shares Shaker stories extracted from 48 journals following the life of Wendell Elkins. Wendell Elkins was the son of James Hervey Elkins, a 15-year member of the Enfield Shaker Village.

**9:45 – 10:30 am Mummy jum: The Shaker-Pilgrim Encounter of 1817 – 1818, Christian D. Goodwillie**

A humorous and tragic journey from Woodstock, Vermont to New York and Ohio is shared as Christian delves into the Pilgrim sect led by Isaac Bullard.

**10:30 – 11:15 am Loss of Life & Loss of Faith, Young Leaders of the Harvard Shaker Village, Roben Campbell**

Challenging the current perception that apostasy caused the decline of all Shaker societies, Roben will seek to prove her belief that consumption or tuberculosis, caused the death of the Harvard Shaker Villagers.

**11:15 – 12:00 pm "Break Forth into Singing" – Evolution of an Enfield Shaker Anthem, Roger Lee Hall**

Roger's presentation will take us on a musical journey through the evolution of the popular Shaker anthem, *Millennial Praise*, written and composed by Enfield Shaker, James G. Russell (1843-1888).



12:30 – 1:30 pm **Lunch**, *Dining Room*

1:30 – 2:15 pm **The Tate Family of Shakers and Non-Shakers**, *M. Stephen Miller*

From recently purchased letters written by one of the last members of the Shakers of Enfield Connecticut, Steve will piece together what he believes life was like for the Tate Family from the perspective of a believer and a non-believer.

2:30 – 4:30 pm **Canals, Dams, and Mills**, *Michael O'Connor – Museum Curator*

An exciting walking tour to investigate the water power industry of the Enfield Shakers.

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Cocktails and Announcement of the Shaker Workshops' Award for Outstanding New Scholarship**, *Carolyn Smith and Dick Dabrowski – Shaker Workshops*

6:30 – 7:30 pm **Dinner**, *Dining Room*

**Special Presentation**, *Meeting Room*

7:30 pm **Historic Sites at the Crossroads**, *Lawrence J. Yerdon*

Larry will lead us in a thought-provoking workshop designed to stimulate critical thinking as it applies to a nonprofit like the Enfield Shaker Museum.

## Sunday, April 28

8:00 – 9:00 am **Breakfast**, *Dining Room*

9:00 – 10:00 am **The Discovery of Enfield, N.H. Apostate Account – Introducing Zebulon Huntington, the “Exile of Connecticut”**, *Cass Nawrocki and David Newell*

While working on the Hamilton College Library Shaker Bibliography Project, Cass and David discovered an apostate account by Zebulon Huntington. As they present what the Bibliography Project is, how sources and databases are searched and processed, they will share several interesting passages on what we know and don't know about Zebulon Huntington.

10:00 – 11:00 am **Shaker Readings and Song**, *Mary Ann Haagen*

In the Shaker Forum tradition, we will close the program in a circle reflecting on the weekend activities, reading favorite passages from Shaker sources, and singing Shaker songs

11:00 am **Check Out**

Guests are “freely welcome” to stay on the site for the afternoon to relax, read, tour or stroll the grounds, or hike our trails before departing for home.



**Enfield Shaker Museum**  
**2013 Spring Forum Registration Form**  
April 26 – 28, 2013

Registration Deadline April 18, 2013

**Weekend Package, Single Occupancy: \$325 per person**

One person: 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 2 receptions, 2 nights in the Great Stone Dwelling, all tours and presentations.

**Weekend Package, Double Occupancy: \$250 per person**

Two person: 2 buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 2 receptions, 2 nights in the Great Stone Dwelling, all tours and presentations.

**Weekend Package, No Accommodations: \$85 per person**

One person: 1 lunch, 2 dinners, 2 receptions, all tours and presentations.

**Saturday Overnight Package, Single Occupancy: \$175 per person**

One person: 1 buffet breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, 1 reception, 1 night in the Great Stone Dwelling and Saturday and Sunday presentations.

**Saturday Overnight Package, Double Occupancy: \$135 per person**

Per person: 1 buffet breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, 1 reception, 1 night in the Great Stone Dwelling and Saturday and Sunday presentations.

**Saturday Program and Meals Package: \$55**

One person: 1 lunch, 1 dinner, 1 reception, and Saturday presentations.

**Friday Dinner and Program: \$30**

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## 2013 Spring Shaker Forum Presenters

**Galen Beale** is a longtime Shaker researcher and scholar who has worked and volunteered at the Enfield and Canterbury Shaker Villages for many years. Galen is an herbalist who has created gardens, presented public programs, and written books. She has also learned and continues to demonstrate the traditional craft of poplarware from Shaker Eldresses Bertha Lindsey and Gertrude Soule. Currently Galen is working on a book about the life of Hervey Elkins.

**Roben Campbell** is an independent scholar specializing in Harvard Shaker life who has conducted extensive research and delivered papers and talks on population growth and decline at Harvard, the Harvard Shaker cemetery, and Shaker textiles. She worked as a docent in the Shaker building at Fruitlands Museum for 8 years and continues to give lectures on their Shaker collection as well as tours of the Harvard Shaker Village. Roben's other interests include black cloth dolls, about which she has curated several exhibits across the country, and spinning, weaving, and dying, with many exhibits to her credit.

**Christian D. Goodwillie** is a former curator at Hancock Shaker Village and now director of Special Collections at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. Christian has published several books and numerous articles on the Shakers and other topics. He is also president of the Communal Studies Association and an Editorial Board Member at Couper Press, Hamilton College.

**Roger Lee Hall** is composer, singer, ethnomusicologist, CD producer, and one of the leading authorities on Shaker music, having researched it for forty years. He has studied the entire Shaker music repertory from the West (Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky) and the East (New York State, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine), from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**M. Stephen Miller** is a collector of, and researcher in, many areas of Shaker culture. He has organized several museum exhibitions, and written several books, focused on Shaker material culture. He is presently organizing a permanent display of Shaker furniture and artifacts at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Connecticut.

**Cass Nawrocki** has professionally partnered with David Newell since 2008 and heads the bibliographic arm of 'Shakerlit.' She and David have been members of the Hamilton College team preparing a new bibliography of literature by and about the Shakers since 2009.

**David Newell** of David D. Newell Shaker Literature has been successfully engaged in antiquarian book collecting and selling for over 30 years. He is an alumnus of Hancock Shaker Village and a member of the editorial board of the Couper press at Hamilton College.

**Michael Volmar** is a respected historical and archeological researcher who has studied various cultures in New England history, including the Harvard Shakers. He currently serves as the Chief Curator at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, MA. He holds a Ph.D in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and has published numerous writings and received various awards.

**Lawrence J. Yerdon** is a former President of Hancock Shaker Village and is currently President of Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH. He is chief architect of the Heritage House Program (HHP), an initiative launched to help renovate underutilized buildings in Strawberry Banke.







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