



On January 5, 2015, Enfield Shaker Museum recognized its decades-long dream of purchasing the 1854 Cow Barn.

Enfield Shaker Museum

2015 Spring Shaker Forum

April 24 – 26, 2015

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."

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

Greetings from the ESM Executive Director



Welcome to the 2015 Spring Shaker Forum at the Enfield Shaker Museum. At this year's Forum we will have a record number of presenters. We are particularly excited to have new faces join the Forum this year. Our readers, all outstanding Shaker scholars themselves, are: Galen Beale, John Ott and Mike Volmar. In addition to our presenters, we have two guest speakers for our evening programs. Both evening programs will focus on two important areas of accomplishment for our Museum this year—preservation and education.

Our goal for this weekend is to bring together people who are interested in learning more about the history of the Shakers and to celebrate those who research, study, document and share this history.

I look forward to meeting all of you.

Dolores Struckhoff

Greetings from the ESM President

Welcome to the Shaker Forum!

We hope you enjoy this year's Shaker Forum. Take a look at our most recent acquisition, the 1854 Shaker Cow Barn. You will also notice all the work that has been going on here. We have been rebuilding walls, restoring ceilings, rebuilding cupboards, reinstalling doors, restoring windows and even rebuilding timberframes!

Thanks to the help of many energetic volunteers and amazing master craftsman we are looking more and more like the original Enfield Shaker Village that existed many years ago.

You, our supporters, have made this work possible and for that we are grateful.

Thank you.

June Hemberger



*June K. Hemberger
Board President*

At-A-Glance Schedule

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	Dining Room	Meeting Room	Bake Room
Friday, April 24			
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm			Registration
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm		An Exploration of an 1815 Book of Medical Recipes – Kerry Hackett	
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm		How the Shakers came to Enfield, CT – Steve Paterwic	
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm		Preservation Tour	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Welcome Reception	
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner		
7:30 pm		Preserving Old Barns – John Porter	
Saturday, April 25			
7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast		
9:00 am – 9:30 am		Welcome	
9:30 am – 10:15 am		Twentieth Century Shaker Menus and Programs – Laura Smith	
10:15 am – 10:30 am		Break	
10:30 am – 11:15 am		Picturing the Shakers in 1869 – Rob Emlen	
11:30 am – 12:15 pm		William Pennebaker and the 1871 Fracas at Pleasant Hill – Aaron Genton	
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch		
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm		The Case of the Shaker Community at Pleasant Hill – Marc Rhorer	
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm		Break	
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm		1854 Shaker Cow Barn Tour – Michael O'Connor, Museum Curator	
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm		Break	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm		Cocktails and Announcement of the Shaker Workshops' Award for Outstanding New Scholarship	
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner		
7:30 pm		Archaeological Field Schools: What's Involved A – Z – Dr. David Starbuck	
Sunday, April 26			
7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast		
9:00 am – 9:15 am		Welcome	
9:15 am – 10:00 am		The Meaning of Gifts in Two Shaker Songs – Roger Hall	
10:15 am – 11:00 am		A Discussion on Shaker Gift Drawings – Sharon Koomler	
11:30 am – 12:00 pm			Box Lunches
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Walk to the Feast Ground		
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Checkout		

Schedule of Events

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Friday, April 24

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Registration**, *Bake Room*

2:45 pm – 3:30 pm **“This has been Proved Among Believers with Great Success”**: An Exploration of an 1815 Book of Medical Recipes from the New Lebanon Shaker Community, *Kerry Hackett*

Kerry’s presentation will sketch a picture of healthcare as understood by the New Lebanon Church Family during the early part of the nineteenth century.

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm **How the Shakers came to Enfield, CT**, *Steve Paternic*

Steve’s presentation will provide details about Mother Ann’s three visits to Enfield, CT and the dynamics of early Shaker leadership.

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Preservation Tour**, *Michael O’Connor, Curator assisted by Richard Dabrowski and Carolyn Smith*

On this tour, you will see the results and hear updates on our *Preservation Wednesday* projects.

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

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

Special Presentation, *Meeting Room*

7:30 pm **Preserving Old Barns**, *John Porter*

John will present his “Interesting Features” barn talk with a special section devoted to Enfield’s 1854 Cow Barn.

Saturday, April 25

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

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Welcome** *Meeting Room*

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9:30 am – 10:15 am **“The Feast is Spread”**: Twentieth Century Shaker Menus and Programs, *Laura Smith*

Laura examines the cultural and literary work of Shaker menus and programs and discusses the value taken from their documentation.

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 11:15 am **Picturing the Shakers in 1869**, *Rob Emlen*

Rob’s presentation will focus on the drawings of Shaker Life at Mount Lebanon made by Arthur Boyd Houghton in 1869.

11:30 am – 12:15 pm **“A Most Lamentable Tragedy: William Pennebaker and the 1871 Fracas at Pleasant Hill**, *Aaron Genton*

Aaron seeks to reconstruct the history of one defining moment that complicated the life of an individual Shaker who lived at Pleasant Hill.

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch, *Dining Room*

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm An Examination of Organizational Commitment and Longevity through Demographics: The Case of the Shaker Community at Pleasant Hill, *Marc Rborer*

Marc will review the relationship between the demographic characteristics of the Pleasant Hill Community and the commitment to the organization.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm – 4:30 pm 1854 Shaker Cow Barn Tour, *Michael O'Connor*

Michael will share a short, illustrated talk followed by a tour of the barn where he will discuss the evolution of the Shaker's dairy barns and their role in their progressive agricultural practices.

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Break

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

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

Special Presentation, *Meeting Room*

7:30 pm Archaeological Field Schools: What's Involved A-Z, *Dr. David Starbuck*

Dr. Starbuck will share with us his archaeological expertise as he takes us through the steps of an archaeological dig.

Sunday, April 26

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

9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome *Meeting Room*

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9:15 am – 10:00 "Give Good Gifts" The Meaning of Gifts in Two Shaker Songs, *Roger Hall*

Roger will share how "Simple Gifts" and "Give Good Gifts" display similar examples of tolerance and concern for others.

10:15 am – 11:00 am The Heavens and the Earth are Blending: A Discussion on Shaker Gift Drawings, *Sharon Koomler*

Sharon's talk will place the Era of Manifestations and the creation of gift drawings in the context of 19th century Shaker life.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Box Lunches, *Bake Room*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Walk to the Feast Ground, *Michael O'Connor*

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Checkout, *Reception (Gift Shop)*



Registration Form
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Registration Deadline April 17, 2015

Weekend Package, Single Occupancy: \$340 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: \$265 per person

Per 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: \$100 per person

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

Saturday Overnight Package, Single Occupancy: \$190 per person

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

Saturday Overnight Package, Double Occupancy: \$150 per person

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

Saturday Program and Meals Package: \$70

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

Friday Reception, Dinner and Program: \$55

Friday Program Only: \$25

Saturday Reception, Dinner and Program: \$55

Saturday Program Only: \$25

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2015 Spring Shaker Forum Presenters

Robert P. Emlen is University Curator and Senior Lecturer in American Studies at Brown University. He also holds a position as Adjunct Faculty in the History of Art and Visual Culture at the Rhode Island School of Design. He has published articles and essays based on his research on Shaker landscapes, architecture, furniture, woodenware, photographs, drawings, and letters. Rob is a past trustee of the Enfield Shaker Museum.

Aaron Genton has worked at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill since 2011, holding previous positions as interpretive guide and collections assistant. Currently he helps manage collection and research activities as the Program Specialist: Research and Collections. He has a B.A. in History and Social Studies from Western Kentucky University and a M.A. in American History from the University of Cincinnati.

Kerry Hackett has been a student and practitioner of herbal medicine for almost two decades. She is a member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists in England, the American Herbalists Guild, the Ontario Herbalists Association (Past-President) and the Veterinary Botanical Medicine Association. Kerry's original MSc (Herbal Medicine) dissertation explored Shaker health care from 1774 to 1815; her doctoral research will build on this theme, extending the time period and depth of inquiry.

Roger Hall is a 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 repertoire from the West and the East from the 18th century to the 20th century.

Sharon Koomler has been an educator, curator, and director at Shaker Museum at South Union, Hancock Shaker Village, and Shaker Museum/Mount Lebanon respectively. Sharon's interests lie in Shaker daily and spiritual life and she has published a number of articles and books. Sharon is married and lives on a small chicken farm in East Chatham, New York.

Steve Paterwic has continually been doing research on the Shakers since 1967. He has given over sixty presentations, moderated conferences, written numerous articles, and contributed chapters of books. He is an overseer at Hancock Shaker Village and a trustee of Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village. His great treasure, however, is to count the Shakers as his friends. Starting at Canterbury and continuing at Sabbathday he has had the privilege to be caught up in the work of Shakerism as a spiritual force that can still transform lives. He lives in Massachusetts where he teaches mathematics.

John Porter was raised on a dairy farm in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. Degree in Animal Science; then went on to get a Master's Degree from Cornell University in Animal Nutrition and Farm Management; and later got another Master's Degree from Bob Jones University in Education Administration. He served as a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Cooperative Extension from 1974 until his retirement in 2006. He still works part-time for UNH and operates his own consulting company, Farm Planning Services, LLC.

Marc Rhorer is a faculty member and Assistant Dean for Accreditation and International Programs at the College of Business at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He is originally from Burgin, Kentucky, which is approximately three miles from the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. Dr. Rhorer obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Kentucky and his PhD in Comparative Studies from Florida Atlantic University. His academic interests are varied, ranging from mass media and popular culture to organizational behavior and business history. He has authored several papers and presentations on the Kentucky Shakers and is currently the Vice President of the Communal Studies Association.

Laura Smith is a lecturer in English at the University of New Hampshire, where she also conducted her graduate work, earning her M.S.T. in English teaching and Ph.D. in American literature. Her research interests include the role of material culture in literature study and the pedagogy and production of Shaker literature.

David Starbuck holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Yale University. He has taught at Boston University, the University of New Hampshire and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is currently Professor of Anthropology at Plymouth State University. His research has focused on military sites, Shaker communities, industrial and medieval and post-medieval archaeological sites in Scotland. David is currently Chair of the New Hampshire State Historical Resources Council, President of the Adirondack Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association, Newsletter Editor of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Editor of the New Hampshire Archeological Society, Newsletter Editor of the New England Chapters of the Society for Industrial Archeology, and USA-Northeast Coordinator for *The SHA Newsletter*.



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