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Enfield Shaker Museum

2017 Spring Shaker Forum

April 21 – 23, 2017

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 Executive Director



It is always a pleasure to begin our season hosting Shaker scholars and enthusiasts at our annual Spring Shaker Forum.

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. This year is especially important, as we are celebrating thirty years since our incorporation as Chosen Vale, Inc. also known as Enfield Shaker Museum.

As in past years, we have a full weekend of lectures and tours and I am especially excited to join all of you on a walk through an area of town that is not far from my own backyard. As a child, I spent many days hiking, exploring and swimming in the area near the old railroad cut.

As always, I look forward to getting reacquainted with past attendees, meeting new attendees and learning more about the Shakers from so many of you.

Thank you.

Dolores Struckhoff

Greetings from the ESM President

Welcome to the Enfield Shaker Museum's 2017 Spring Shaker Forum.

Whether you are a presenter or attendee, your participation allows for sharing of research, exploration of new interests and an opportunity to engage in lively discussion.

It is the Museum's intention to provide a platform for Shaker scholars and enthusiasts to be part of a significant educational endeavor focusing on the fascinating history and culture of the Shakers. Your participation provides depth and meaning to our existence as a Museum and place of learning.



I certainly hope that you find this weekend to be informative, thought provoking and thoroughly enjoyable. I look forward to welcoming each of you personally.

Thank you.

Carolyn A. Smith, President

At-A-Glance Schedule

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2017 Spring Shaker Forum

	Dining Room	Meeting Room	Gift Shop Café
Friday, April 21			
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm			Registration
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm		Preservation Tour – Richard Dabrowski and Paul Waehler	
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		Welcome Reception	
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner		
7:30 pm		Revitalizing Wisdom's Valley: The Struggle to Save America's First Shaker Settlement – Starlyn D'Angelo	
Saturday, April 22			
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast		
9:00 am – 9:15 am		Welcome – Kyle Sandler	
9:30 am – 10:15 am		Picturing the Shakers in the 1850s – Robert Emlen	
10:30 am – 11:15 am		"A blessing to mankind": The 'Medicated Vapour Bath' at New Lebanon – Kerry Hackett*	
11:30 am – 12:15 am		Gender, Politics and Organizational Leadership Change: The Deposition of Shaker Ministry Eldress Lucy Smith from Pleasant Hill, Kentucky – Marc Rhorer*	
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch		
1:45 pm – 2:30 pm		19 th Century Childhood: The lives of children among the Shakers and the World's People – Sharon Roth*	
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm		The Enfield Shakers and the Railroad – Hike to the Cut – Michael O'Connor	
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		Cocktails and Announcement of the Shaker Workshops' Award for Outstanding New Scholarship – Carolyn Smith	
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner		
7:30 pm		Scribes in Israel: Shaker Church Histories and Isaac Newton Youngs' "Concise View" – Christian Goodwillie	
Sunday, April 23			
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast		
9:00 am – 9:45 am		Shaker Biographic Research, in person and online, with online access – Richard Roth	
10:00 am – 10:15 am		Closing Remarks – Carolyn Smith	
10:30 am – 11:30 am		Shaker Readings and Songs – Mary Ann Haagen	
11:45 am – 12:00 pm			Pick up Box Lunches
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm		Walk to the Feast Ground	
11:00 am – 3:00 pm			Checkout

Schedule of Events

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Friday, April 21

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Registration, *Gift Shop Café*

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Preservation Tour, *Richard Dabrowski and Paul Waehler*

On this tour, you will see updates on our recent *Preservation Wednesday* projects. Tour the Brethren's East Shop, the Brethren's West Shop and the Laundry.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Welcome Reception, *Meeting Room*

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner, *Dining Room*

Special Presentation, *Meeting Room*

7:30 pm Revitalizing Wisdom's Valley: The Struggle to Save America's First Shaker Settlement, *Starlyn D'Angelo*

Starlyn will focus on describing the ongoing projects at the historic Watervliet Shaker Community and what these projects have to add to the world of Shaker Studies and Historic Preservation.

Saturday, April 22

8:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast, *Dining Room*

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

Kyle Sandler, Museum Education Program Coordinator

9:30 am – 10:15 am Picturing the Shakers in the 1850s, *Robert Emlen*

Robert will investigate the way that the Shakers were pictured in the American press in the 1850s and how technology brought about these changes in perception.

10:30 am – 11:15 am "A blessing to mankind": The Medicated Vapour Bath' at New Lebanon, *Kerry Hackett**

Kerry will discuss the relationship between the British inventor Charles Whitlaw's 'Medicated Vapour Bath' and the New York Shaker communities work in herbal medicine.

11:30 am – 12:15 pm Gender, Politics and Organizational Leadership Change: The Deposition of Shaker Ministry Eldress Lucy Smith from Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, *Marc Rhorer**

Marc will discuss the rise and fall of Eldress Lucy Smith at the Pleasant Hill, Kentucky Shaker community and how it can help us understand gender relations in Shaker communities.

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

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm 19th Century Childhood: The lives of children among the Shakers and the World's People, *Sharon Roth*

Sharon will discuss the similarities and differences between the lives of nineteenth century children living among the World's People and those who grew up in Shaker communities.

2:45 pm – 4:30 pm The Enfield Shakers and the Railroad with a hike to the Cut, *Michael O'Connor*

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Cocktails and Announcement of the Shaker Workshops' Award for Outstanding New Scholarship, Carolyn Smith and Richard Dabrowski – Shaker Workshops

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner, Dining Room

Special Presentation, Meeting Room

7:30 pm Scribes in Israel: Shaker Church Histories and Isaac Newton Youngs' "Concise View" Christian Goodwillie

Christian will give a book talk on his upcoming work co-edited with Glendyne Wergland titled *History of the Shakers at New Lebanon by Isaac Newton Youngs, 1780-1861* published by Richard W. Couper Press. Additionally, Christian will discuss the importance of church histories for the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing and the centrality of Isaac Newton Youngs' "Concise View" as an example of the genre. Signed books available at conclusion.

Sunday, April 23

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

9:00 am – 9:45 am Shaker Biographic Research, in person and online, with online access, Richard Roth

Richard will discuss the use of online technology to create a database of Shaker biographies, which he refers to as the "Memoirs Project."

10:00 am – 10:15 Closing Remarks, Carolyn Smith

10:30 am – 11:30 am Shaker Readings and Songs, Mary Ann Haagen

11:45 am – 12:00 pm Pick up Box Lunches, Gift Shop Café

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Walk to the Feast Ground, Museum Staff

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

2017 Spring Shaker Forum Readers

Jane Crosthwaite is a Professor Emeritus of Religion at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Throughout, her career she taught on a variety of subjects including American Religious History and Women's Studies. Her research has been largely focused on the period of Shaker History known as the Era of Manifestations. Jane has published numerous works on Shaker history including *Millennial Praises: A Shaker Hymnal* co-edited with Christian Goodwillie.

Lesley Herzberg has been the curator at Hancock Shaker Village since 2009 and oversees most of the historic fabric of the village, including the buildings, artifacts, and the library collections. She organizes exhibitions here and at other sites, and works closely with the education department to interpret the site for visitors. She is the author of *The Shakers: History, Culture, and Craft* and *A Promising Venture: Shaker Photographs from the WPA*. She enjoys learning about the Shaker musical legacy, and can often be found performing the songs and dances along with the interpreters.

Lacy Schutz has been the Executive Director of Shaker Museum-Mount Lebanon since early 2016. Prior to joining the Shaker Museum, Lacy held several different positions at the Museum of the City of New York. Since becoming director, she has overseen the beginning of several large projects including the digitization of their important collection and continuing preservation work on the Shaker North Family buildings and site.

2017 Spring Shaker Forum Key Note Speakers

Starlyn D'Angelo has been the Executive Director of the Shaker Heritage Society of Albany, NY since 2003. Before that she spent three years at the Shaker Museum and Library at Old Chatham, NY. During her tenure at the Shaker Heritage Society, Starlyn has focused on preservation of the remaining structures and the grounds of the Watervliet Shaker community. One aspect of this project was the creation of an interactive digital interface called Virtual Watervliet. This program uses an array of images, maps, and 3-D technology to allow both in person and online visitors to get a closer look at what the community was like at its height and the changes sustained over more than two centuries since its founding in 1776.

Christian Goodwillie is the Director and Curator of Special Collections and Archives at the Burke Library, Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. In addition, he is an Associate Editor of the Richard W. Couper Press. Christian has published several books including *Shaker Autobiographies, Biographies, and Testimonies* and *Gather up the Fragments: the Andrews Shaker Collection*. He has also published numerous articles touching on many different aspects of Shaker Studies.

2017 Spring Shaker Forum Presenters

Robert Emlen is a University Curator and Senior Lecturer in American Studies at Brown University in Providence, RI. Robert is also a part-time instructor in the History of Art and Visual Culture at the Rhode Island School of Design. Robert has published several books on Shaker History such as *Shaker Village Views* and *Picturing the Shakers in the Era of Manifestations*. In addition, Robert has published articles in many leading scholarly journals including *American Furniture*, *The American Art Journal* and *Historical New Hampshire*.

Kerry Hackett has been a practitioner of herbal medicine for almost two decades. She is additionally a candidate for a Professional Doctorate in Health from the University of Lancashire, UK. Her dissertation is titled "Preserving the Knowledge: Botanical Treatment of the Sick in a Mid-Nineteenth Century Shaker Community as a Microcosm of Preindustrial Medicine." Kerry has published two works on herbal medicine, received the Faith Andrews Fellowship from Winterthur in 2015 and given presentations at several Shaker Study conferences.

Marc Rhorer is the Assistant Dean of Accreditation and International Programs at Florida Atlantic University's School of Business in Boca Raton, FL. Marc received his PhD in Comparative Studies from Florida Atlantic University in 2007. His dissertation is titled "Believers in Dixie: A Cultural Geography of the Kentucky Shakers". In addition to his dissertation, Marc has also completed several other works on the two Kentucky Shaker communities. Marc is also the President of the Communal Studies Association.

Sharon Roth was a Professor of Education at Greenfield Community College in Greenfield, MA. In addition, Sharon spent many years working with children in various fields. Sharon has published several articles on childhood and youth behavior. This background has put her in a unique place to discuss the lives of children in the nineteenth century.

Richard Roth is the founder of Thrives Media and the CEO of TNR Global. Richard has spent most of his career in the computer technology industry. In addition, Richard has taught programs at academic institutions such as Northeastern University and Hampshire College. As part of his work in computers, Richard has published several articles in various publications.

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☐ **Saturday Program and Meals Package: \$90**

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☐ **Friday Reception, Dinner and Program: \$60**

☐ **Friday Program Only: \$25**

☐ **Saturday Reception, Dinner and Program: \$60**

☐ **Saturday Program Only: \$25**

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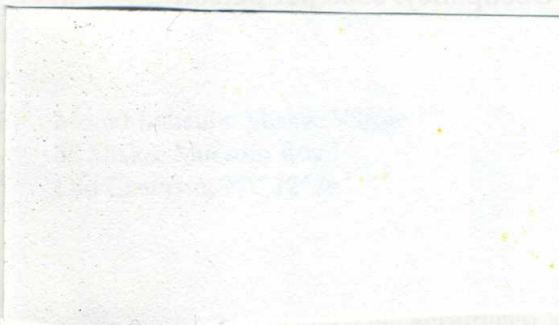


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