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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

