Shaker Mountain Pond a/k/a Smith Pond is one of the many water sources used by the Enfield Shakers.

Enfield Shaker Museum

2016 Spring Shaker Forum

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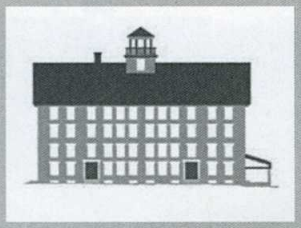
Enfield, NH



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

Dolores priming clapboards for the East Brethren Shop.

I am pleased to welcome all of you to our annual Spring Shaker Forum. Your desire to share in the study of the Shakers, particularly the Enfield Shakers, is itself a legacy to future generations interested in the history of this amazing group of people and to the Enfield Shaker Village.

I am very excited by our presentation roster, as well as our evening programs. The evening presentations help us to build a stronger Shaker Community here in Enfield and the surrounding Upper Valley.

What a fantastic way for us to celebrate the opening of our season than with all of you.

Thank you.

Dolores Struckhoff

Greetings from the ESM President

Welcome to Enfield Shaker Museum's 2016 Spring Shaker Forum. Whether you are a presenter or attendee, I am delighted to have you with us for this significant educational endeavor focusing on the fascinating history and culture of the Shakers.

It is the Museum's intention to provide a platform for Shaker scholars and enthusiasts to share their research discoveries, explore areas of interest, and engage in lively discussion. 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

Carolyn showing one of her discoveries during last summer's archaeological dig.