

Enfield Shaker Museum

Spring Forum on the Shakers

May 6-8, 2011

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Enfield, New Hampshire, Shaker North Family, looking northeast, c. 1927. Collection of the United Society of Shakers, Sabbathday Lake, Maine.

Friday, May 6

11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Registration and Tours

Pick up your registration packet at the admissions counter in the Great Stone Dwelling. Relax in your newly renovated private room and bath. Take a guided tour of the Great Stone Dwelling (last tour leaves at 4:00 p.m.) and see the latest improvements funded by the Capital Campaign. Browse in the Museum Store for great deals and tax-free shopping all weekend. Socialize with colleagues. Visit local attractions and businesses!

4:00-5:00 p.m. Guided Tour, The Ties that Bind

To celebrate the Town of Enfield's 250th Anniversary, the Museum's Exhibits and Collections Committee has planned exhibits in the Great Stone Dwelling, North Enfield, and Enfield Center. Committee member and former Trustee Mary Ann Haagen will give a guided tour of the exhibit in the Great Stone Dwelling. This exhibit explores aspects of Shaker industrialization and celebrates historians, collectors and artists inspired by the Shaker story.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Join your colleagues and sample our local Farnum Hill cider and cheeses from Vermont and New Hampshire. Cash bar.

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Film

Enjoy a dinner of baby greens, vinaigrette and shaved Parmesan; Shaker roasted chicken (vegetarian entrée optional); Canterbury Shaker sweet potatoes with apricots; green beans; Shaker baked stuffed tomato; Eldress Bertha's rosewater apple pie ala mode.

During dessert, view the film, Come Thou Fount: Thoughts on the Shakers. Directed by independent filmmaker Christopher Maloney, this film premiered at the S.N.O.B. (Somewhat North of Boston) Film Festival in Concord last fall. In this film, Maloney captures a rare interview with Sabbathday Lake Shaker Brother Arnold Hadd. The Fountain of Youth segment was filmed by Max Cross. Maloney studied at Ohio University and the New York Film Academy, where his thesis film Empty Streets was produced and funded by an associate of The Weinstein Company. His film The Death of Andy Kaufman is being internationally released on DVD.

Saturday, May 7

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome - Mary Boswell, Museum Executive Director

9:15-10:15 a.m. Perspectives on the Shaker Society at Enfield, NH

Steve Paterwic traces the history of the Gathering Order at the Enfield, NH, Shaker community and how it reflects the position of Shakerism in a greater context. He then explores why the Canterbury community, and not Enfield, came to dominate NH Shakerism, and how this dominance continued into modern times.