

Position Title: Craft Demonstrator

Responsible to: Education Assistant

Key Objective:

To help preserve the legacy of the Canterbury Shakers and provide visitors with a place for learning, reflection and renewal of the human spirit by demonstrating a traditional craft. The craft demonstrator will be friendly and patient with the visitors. The demonstrator should learn about how his/her craft fit in to the craft industry of the Canterbury Shakers and communicate this to the visitor, and answer any questions the visitors may have to the best of his/her abilities. All craft demonstrators should already be skilled artisans, or be willing to put in the time to become proficient in a craft that is desired at Canterbury Shaker Village. Demonstrators are on the front line of the museum for the entire season, and should be able to commit to demonstrating at least twice a month. Demonstrators give visitors a nice living visual of important Shaker-type crafts, while contributing to the image of the Shaker Village as a peaceful place to reflect by quietly working on the grounds.

Key Work Areas

General

1. Keep commitments to demonstrate or learn craft on scheduled days
2. Show up on time and with a positive attitude
3. Familiarize yourself with museum geography and your craft so you can answer visitors' questions
4. Punch in and out on your volunteer timecard every time you volunteer
5. Keep your nametag at Brethren's Shop when not volunteering, and wear it on every scheduled day
6. Communicate any questions or concerns to the education assistant

Craft demonstrations

1. Already possess excellent crafting skills – we need rug braiders, rug hookers, cross stitchers, textiles, weavers, spinners, letterpress printers and broom makers
2. If you join a shop, you need to be able to commit to learning the craft and demonstrating for at least one, and preferably more than one season