

# CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

February 2020 News & Notes



## VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Leslie Nolan has been named to lead Canterbury Shaker Village as executive director effective February 3rd. Nolan was Executive Director of the Wilton Historical Society in Connecticut from 2012 to 2017, and has just completed a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Ukraine. In Wilton, she led strategy, operations, fundraising, and capital projects for a complex of three distinct sites and 20 buildings, developing new programs and strengthening operations to increase community involvement and enhance public benefit.

Nolan's extensive museum experience includes foundational work at the Museum of the City of New York and the Whitney Museum of American Art, both of which were expanding operations, buildings, and collections during her time there. As director of the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, Connecticut, she spearheaded a \$2 million capital campaign, rebranded the organization, and established new outreach initiatives.

Jean Halloran, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Canterbury Shaker Village, said "Leslie was our first choice. Her experience in leadership - entrepreneurship, managing change, resilience - was a good match for our needs, and she also expressed an immediate connection to the site and a passion for Shaker values." Reached at her home in January, Nolan said "I am deeply honored to be joining Canterbury Shaker Village and to be entrusted with this historic treasure. The enthusiasm of the Board is inspiring, and I am greatly looking forward to working with them, the staff, volunteers, and the community in promoting Canterbury Shaker Village's unique contributions to America's cultural heritage."



## GRANT FUNDING FOR VILLAGE ROOFS

Over the past year, we've had issues with the aging roofs on both Enfield House and the Sisters' Shop. Our grant applications have been successful, and we've received funding from both the McNinch Foundation and the Hunt Foundation for a total of \$45,000 to replace these roofs! That's a great way to start the new year.



## DEWEY SCHOOL MOVES TO FORMER RESTAURANT BUILDING

Over the Christmas holidays, **the Dewey School** moved out of the Visitor Education Center and into our former restaurant building. Their new, brightly-lit, sunny space is delightfully furnished with lots of activity centers to keep everyone occupied during the long winter. With more space, they've also been able to set up a separate room on the southern end of the building as their art atelier. Even with their cozy new home, the Dewey School students spend plenty of time outside in the fresh air - when the snow's been right, they've been enjoying sledding in Meeting House field!



## SHOP THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

You can now support Canterbury Shaker Village when you shop on Amazon through the AmazonSmile program. Just use **this link** when purchasing through Amazon and the Village will receive 0.5% of every item purchased.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Volunteer Meet & Greet (February 5, 9:30am-11am)



Interested in becoming a Village volunteer or helping out with special projects? Join us from 9:30-11:00 for a special meet and greet for new and returning volunteers. We'll discuss volunteering options, cover the 2020 schedule, and enjoy food and fellowship. This meeting is also the first in a series of programs we'll be hosting over the winter for volunteers. Each program will have a different topic or focus, covering everything from 19th-century primary source documents to the logistics of accessioning artifacts.

### Currier Museum: Concert with Symphony NH (February 9, 2pm-4pm)



**Symphony NH** will perform Aaron Copland's version of Simple Gifts, a well-known Shaker tune that he used in his beloved Appalachian Spring. Christine Wisch (at left) curates the chamber music program of strings and piano that showcases Copland and two other American composers, Amy Beach and Charles Ives. Wisch will explain their differing approaches to writing and how each responded to notions of modernity in their works and lives. In addition to celebrating **the Currier's Shaker exhibit**, the program also honors the upcoming centennial of women's suffrage in America with an all-female ensemble. Tickets are available through the **Currier Museum of Art**. *Village members receive free general admission to the Currier for the duration of "The Shakers and the Modern World," which closes February 16.*

### Currier Museum: Ken Burns' Shaker Film (February 16, 2pm-3pm)



Enjoy the final day of **"The Shakers and the Modern World"** with a viewing of this 1986 film by Ken Burns and Amy Stechler portraying 200 years of Shaker life in America. Burns was guided by recollections of three surviving Shakers and copious archival material. This story of devotion, invention, ingenuity, simple crafts, and dance was filmed at existing Shaker locations, with music re-created from authentic songs. The film premiered at the Currier Museum of Art and helped launch Ken Burns' illustrious career. Come early at 1pm for an interactive exhibition tour before the showing. *Village members receive free general admission to the Currier for the duration of "The Shakers and the Modern World," which closes February 16.*

### Open House at The Dewey School (February 18, 4:30pm-6pm)



**The Dewey School** is welcoming children ages 3-5 to nature-based, Reggio inspired early learning at historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Come visit our new beautiful learning environment, explore the studio, and talk a walk on the meadow. For more information call 731-8091 or email [info@deweyschool.net](mailto:info@deweyschool.net).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Canterbury Maple Festival (March 21-22, 8am-3pm)



Experience a sweet weekend in Canterbury! Start your weekend off with a pancake breakfast at the Village followed by demonstrations by North Family Farm, a talk on making maple syrup (Saturday morning), and an exhibit featuring Shaker-made maple items. The Maple Festival is town-wide! Tour local sugar houses and taste samples and other maple treats at Lamb's Maple Syrup, Hill's Corner Shack, Briar Bush Farm, and Sunnyside Maples! Other participating area businesses include Canterbury AleWorks, Cold Garden Spirits, Fox Country Smokehouse, Brookford Farm, and J & J Yolk and Co. **Get a map with details about the weekend.**

## TURNING MILL DAM PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

Repairs to the dam at Turning Mill Pond are proceeding smoothly, with work slated to be completed by the end of February.

The draw-down of the pond did reveal another concern: deterioration of the intake structure for the Village's fire suppression system which dates to the 1980s. Thanks to the generosity of Village Trustees, the contract with Andrews Construction has been amended to include fixing this.

A public celebration of the completed project is being planned for May.



Drop inlet structure for controlling water level



Fire suppression intake tower

## SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND



Did you know that Shaker Village is a hub of experiential learning? The Village hosts a nature-based preschool, classes run by UNH Cooperative Extension, and various college interns. Students of all ages come here and engage with the natural world, with history, and with everyday life of our rural community. While these eager learners absorb the unique history and attributes of this place, they're also building a strong ethic of caring for each other, caring for the land, and caring about the past.

Your gift to the **Annual Fund** today will help us expand this community of learners who, inspired by Shaker values, are taking action to make the world a better place.

**Please give as generously as you can.** Thank you!



## SAVE THESE DATES!

*Here are a just a few of the programs and events we've got planned for the upcoming year. Mark your calendar now and don't miss out!*

### MAY 9: OPENING DAY & HEIFER PARADE

The Village tradition of beginning the summer season with a parade of cows continues! Visitors receive free admission on this special day filled with music, dance, and craft activities.

### JUNE 9-10: NEW HAMPSHIRE GIVES

This 24-hour fundraising campaign helps us to accomplish important Village projects! Thank you to all who helped us raise almost \$6,000 last year to repair and paint our fences and gates. Stay tuned for information on this year's project.

### JUNE 24: SIMPLY SHAKER DINNER & AUCTION

Join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and exciting silent and live auctions in support of the Village.



*Our mission is to preserve the 200-year legacy of the Canterbury Shakers and provide a place for learning, reflection and renewal of the human spirit.*