



CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE

March 2020 News & Notes



A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Hello Neighbors and Friends:

I am so pleased to be here in Canterbury and cannot thank you enough for your warm welcome.

There are many things I have learned in my short time here - imagine, expanding my wheelhouse to include dams, culverts and easements! And the wonderful Shaker stories, many of which took place in our historic Village. They recount a remarkable history. I've especially enjoyed the personal reminiscences of those of you who knew the Shakers firsthand, Eldress Bertha and others, and will count on your personal histories as I delve into the exciting challenges of the coming months.

I look forward to our collaboration in launching programs and new initiatives, engaging our community on multiple levels. Your input and ideas are important to me, and I encourage you to reach out and be in touch.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming pancake breakfast at the Canterbury Maple Festival on March 21 and 22. In the meantime, stay warm and thank you for your enthusiastic support of Canterbury Shaker Village.

Leslie Nolan
Executive Director



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Are you an artist or vendor of traditional crafts? Apply to our juried event, the Artisan Festival at Canterbury Shaker Village! For 2020, we're combining two prior Village events - Traditional Craft Days and Artisan Festival - to create an amazing experience at the Village on Saturday, September 12. We're currently seeking artisans to demonstrate their skills - covering everything from woodworking to pottery to fine art - as well as vendors interested in renting a booth and selling their products.

Contact **Nicole Laurin**, Special Events and Adult Programs Manager, for more information.

TURNING MILL POND PROJECT FINISHED

Reconstruction of the Turning Mill Pond dam is now complete! Since December, Andrews Construction has been working regularly, and, on February 15, the NH Dam Bureau approved the finished project. The drained pond will refill naturally from snowmelt, rain, and local runoff. Our staff will be regularly monitoring and documenting the this process to insure that the new dam functions properly.

Turning Mill Pond is one of nine ponds that the Shakers constructed, creating the water system necessary to power machinery. Key water-powered Shaker industries included a turning mill, sawmill, gristmill, and carding mill. The foundation of the 1818 turning mill is still visible to the south of the new dam. The mill complex was well known in the area, with locals joking that by the time the Shakers finished with the water, it was thoroughly worn out.

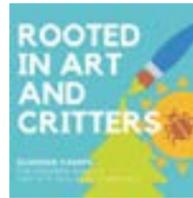


TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

Thinking of de-cluttering your cupboards or starting spring cleaning early? We're accepting donations of like-new and gently used items for our April yard sale. No clothing, large appliances, or electronics please.

If you have questions about what we're accepting, or if you'd like to schedule a time to drop off items, contact [Becky Soules](mailto:BeckySoules@shaker.org) at 603-783-9511 x.284.

SUMMER CAMP AT THE DEWEY SCHOOL



Thinking about summer connections for your young learners? The Dewey School will be hosting three weeks of half-day camps in July for children ages 4-7. Running on weekdays from 9am-noon, participants will explore the natural world and engage in outdoor learning on topics ranging from art to NH critters. [Learn more here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dewey School: Wee Ones Walks (March 4 & 18, 9:30-11am)



The Dewey School's "Wee-Ones Walks" have resumed for the spring season! Environmental educator Sarah Dunham Miliotis will facilitate a morning of outdoor exploration, song, and story designed for children (birth to age 3) and their caregivers. Each session costs \$8/caregiver, and [pre-registration is available online through the Dewey School.](#)

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. The all-natural buttermilk pancakes feature local ingredients generously donated by King Arthur Flour and Cabot Creamery. After breakfast, see North Family Farm make maple candy, hear a talk on tapping trees for maple syrup (Saturday morning), and explore 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.](#)

"Telling the Shaker Story" at Canterbury's Elkins Library (March 24, 7pm)



Over 200 years of growth, transformation, and eventual decline, Canterbury Shaker Village was home to generations of Believers who dedicated their lives to creating Heaven on Earth. How are they to be remembered? Join Mark Travis, Canterbury resident and author of "In Union," a new history of the Canterbury Shakers, and Becky Soules, interpretation manager at the village, for a special presentation at [Elkins Library](#) on "Telling the Shaker Story," through the book and at the village itself. Signed copies of "In Union" will be available for sale!

Dewey School Open House (March 26, 4:30-6pm)



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)

"Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group: POWER" at the Redfern Arts Center, Keene, NH (April 2, 7:30pm)



Praised for how "his sprawling movement pieces fold history into the present" (The New York Times), award-winning choreographer Reggie Wilson imagines what black Shaker worship might have looked like in his new piece POWER.

The Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College is hosting a performance of POWER on April 2, along with a roundtable discussion with Reggie Wilson on March 31, a dance masterclass on April 1, and other Shaker-related programming. [Learn more and purchase tickets.](#)

Community Clean-up & Potluck (April 18, 9am-1pm)



With 25 buildings and nearly 700 acres, we rely on the support of our many friends and supporters to maintain the Village. Join us for a morning of volunteering - projects include clearing fallen tree limbs, raking leaves, weeding the garden, and helping with indoor projects like sweeping, dusting, and preparing activity supplies. Then, stay for a potluck lunch and a chance to reconnect with old friends and make new acquaintances. If you have questions, or would like to learn about becoming part of the Village's cadre of volunteers, please contact [Becky Soules](mailto:BeckySoules@shaker.org).

Canterbury Shaker Village Yard Sale (April 18, 9am-noon)

In the spirit of Shaker order and simplicity, the Village staff has been cleaning our closets and offices this winter. Our first-ever yard sale, which will be held at the Horse Barn, will include office furniture, household furnishings, yarn and knitting equipment, and some kitchen accessories. Help us find new homes for these gently used items and support the Village through your purchases!

ANNUAL FUND NEARING GOAL WITH ONE MONTH TO GO

We're almost there! We have only \$20,000 left to raise to meet our Annual Fund goal by March 31, the end of our fiscal year. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation and helped us reach 85% of our \$300,000 goal.



Now we're asking those of you who haven't made your donation, or would like to make another gift, to step forward and show your love and support for the Village. We're planning an exciting line-up of new tours and programs for the 2020 season that will make the Shaker story relevant in today's times. Please

help us continue to preserve this precious place and welcome visitors for learning and inspiration. Annual fund contributions can be made easily [online](#) or mailed to us at 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH 03224.

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 family activities.

MAY 16: CROSS-COUNTRY 5K Run or walk in the Village's 13th annual 5K race, crossing through our 694 acres of fields, woods, and pastures. Race proceeds benefit educational programs at the Village.

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.

