The White Water Record

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Annual Gathering 2016

"A Posy of Divers Colors" – White Water's Many Surprising Hues

"Have I not created all and placed upon them the color which seemed good in my sight?"

from *Holy Wisdom's Book,* by Sister Paulina Bates, 1849

We already knew that the Shakers, who established White Water in the early 1820s, were guided by ideas that were bold and even revolutionary. But now it appears that they literally wanted to "paint the town red"! Recent state-of-the-art analysis of the original paint in the 1826 White Water Meeting House reveals that the original paint color on the wainscoting and all the woodwork was not heavenly blue, but rather a deep red-orange hue!

Join us for the Annual Gathering on Saturday April 9th! The day will begin with a program of speakers and lunch at the Fernald Visitor's Center, the same location as several of our previous Annual Gathering events. This year we will be joined by two experts in the restoration of historic interiors. Dr. Brian Hackett, Director of Public History at Northern Kentucky University and former director of the Montgomery County Historical Society in Dayton, will share his rich experiences of restoring historic interiors, when "facts" do not always coincide with modern expectations. And Christian Goodwillie will join us to present what the original hue would have looked like as rendered using the original materials available to the White Water Shakers, based on the paint analysis recently completed by paint conservator Susan L. Buck, PhD.

The FWWSV board approved the paint analysis by Buck, based on seven paint chips that Goodwillie took from wainscot, window casings, a door, and stair risers in September. Buck's report contains many surprises. Susan Buck is a nationally recognized expert in Shaker paints and Shaker architectural painted surfaces, and has performed paint analysis for other Shaker villages, most recently at Enfield, New Hampshire.

Come and see for yourself! Is it ruddy crimson? Brick red? Poinsettia orange? Whatever it's called, it's certainly not what anyone ever expected to find in a Shaker meeting house! As we explore this paint analysis, we'll see that the White Water Meeting House truly wears a "coat of many colors".

Sister Paulina Bates, a visionary Shaker and prophetess, wrote of her visions of a "posy of divers colors". Given what we are learning about the myriad and unexpected hues that we now know adorned the walls of so many of the White Water buildings – cantaloupe, cornflower, lavender, mint, butternut, and now red-orange – we can call White Water village the "posy of divers colors" in the Shaker world!

So come and join us on April 9th. We promise a lively and enlightening program, far more entertaining than simply "watching the paint dry"!

FWWSV Members Notice

In accordance with the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc. Code of Regulations, a meeting of members will be held at the Annual Gathering on April 9, 2016 to elect Directors.

Nominations for Director include Lois Madden, Rich Spence, Jeff Werner and Karen Kilgo.

Rich Spence, President

Calling for raffle donations

by Susy Spence, email to <susybskt@cinci.rr.com>

In preparation for this year's annual meeting, it's time to pull together some fun items for our "Shaker Raffle".
Look through your stash and see if you don't have two of the same books or a Shaker treasure you would like someone else to enjoy. All donations are appreciated. Preferred are Shaker related items. Please send an email to <susybskt@cinci.rr.com> describing your donated item by Monday April 4.

Joe Grittani retires from board

With considerable regret, the board accepted Joe Grittani's resignation as Vice President and board member at the January board of directors meeting. Joe has tirelessly worked for our cause in countless ways, beginning with the replicating of the meeting house wainscot and trim with Dave Coleman, recently attending to all of the details of finishing the new restroom building and working toward the installation of the septic system.

The position of Vice President is now vacant.

Interested in becoming more involved with saving this precious historic Shaker site (the only intact Shaker village remaining in Ohio)? If so, contact Board President Rich Spence at <fwwsv@cinci.rr.com>, cell 513 319 7355. Let's hear from you!

Date – Saturday April 9, 2016
Location – Fernald Preserve Visitors Center and White Water Shaker Village North Family Site
Time – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Get directions and a map to Fernald Preserve Visitors Center at <www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Visitors_Center/Directions.pdf>

The Fernald Preserve Visitors Center is located at 7400 Willey Rd. in Southwest Ohio, approximately 18 miles northwest of Cincinnati between Ross and Miamitown on Route 128.

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.

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<www.whitewatershakervillage.org>

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Look for us on Facebook. Search for White Water Shaker Village.

Our Mission Statement

"To preserve, restore, and open the Shaker buildings and adjacent grounds known as the North Family of White Water Shaker Village; to collect and exhibit artifacts related to the site for the cultural enrichment of the public; to educate the public about this unique part of our nation's heritage."

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Year End Campaign & other donations

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We have received $5,714.00 in donations since the beginning of December. Thank you to all who contributed and are listed above.

Recent Donations

Reproduction hanging cherry mirror sconce. Made by Shakertown at Pleasant Hill c. 1980. "PH logo" burned on back. Gift of Jean Wellington

Reproduction hanging cherry mirror. Made by Shakertown at Pleasant Hill. c. 1980. Gift of Jean Wellington

Reproduction peg rail, cherry, 36″ long, 5 pages 6″ oc. Made by Shakertown at Pleasant Hill. c. 1980. Gift of Jean Wellington

Reproduction bench, 12⅛ x 15¾ x 15¾″ high. Made by Shakertown at Pleasant Hill. c. 1980. Gift of Jean Wellington

30 issues of *The Shaker Quarterly,* published by the United Society of Shakers, 1987 to 1996. Gift of Elaine Disch

Various magazines containing articles on the Shakers. Gift of Elaine Disch

Various books donated for auction by John Camplbell and Janet Lockwood

We are always pleased to receive examples of the material culture of the Shakers that will be used in educational exhibits and displays when we open to the public. Also, if you are considering "downsizing", and do not have a place for those Shaker treasurers or reproductions that you bought at a Shaker museum gift shop, consider donating them to White Water. We would love to have them!

New Members
since October 1, 2015

F - Family • **S** - Single
Sp - Sponsor • **P** - Patron
AGLM - Additional gift life member

Cheri Beck & Larry Brown	F
Gail Chuck	Sp
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss	Sp
Paul Harkins	S
Midge King	S
Mel & Margaret Knollman	F
Irene & Frank Light	F
Laura Okumo	S
Gary & Mary Lou Smith	F
Harriet St. Louis	S

Joining *from the* Western Shaker Study Group

Dale Covington	S
Sharon Edwards	S
Fred & Chieko Fisk	S
John Koontz	S
Steve McClanahan	S
Bill Mooney	S
W. Hollis Weaver	S

Renewals
since October 1, 2015

Pat & Mary Allen	Sp
Fred Bader	S
Patricia Bertsch	S
Newell & Mary Lou Booth	F
Deborah Brunner	Sp
John Campbell	F
Robert & Janice Campbell	F
Michael & Christy Connelly	S
William & Dorothy Dean	S
Elaine Disch	Sp
Jill Evans	S
Winifred & Wilson Ferguson	F
Richard Fisher	S
Kenneth & Rebecca Frederick	F
Ken Fulmer	S
Johanne Grewell	S
Joe Grittani	Sp
Patricia Gump	Sp
David Huff	S
Scott & Elaine Hoover	AGLM
Charles Hungate	AGLM
Joseph & Colleen Kresovich	S
Janet Lockwood	S
Robert Martin	S
Paul & Elizabeth Mattingly	F
Harold & Kay McCollum	Sp
Margaret McGee	S
Al & Regeana Morgan	F
Ed & Mary Ann Ochs	S
Larry & Marsha Orcutt	F
Bruce & Linda Poynter	F
Cathy Pullam	S
Elizabeth Pursley	S
Tom & Diane Sakmyster	P
Mayo & Suzanne Sanders	S
Deborah Schakel	S
Pat Scharf	S
Jon & Jackie Seymour	F
Louis & Marguerite Sharp	Sp
Marvin & Sharon Shrimpin	F
Bill & Sandra Soule	Sp
Richard and Susan Spence	Sp
Dale Spencer	AGLM
Clara Staunton	S
Antonio & Beverly Torres	S
Bob & Pat Wagner	F
Jack & Roberta Warndorf	F
Wayne Wauligman	S
John & Martha Wells	F
Jeff & Elaine Werner	Sp
Joyce Wiseman	Sp

Life and White Water Society Members

Allen & Kay Bornemann
Richard Dabrowski & Carolyn Smith
Scott & Elaine Hoover
Lois Madden
Ray & Judy McCaskey
Robert J. Portman
Dale Spencer
Hedda Windisch von Goeben

Response Card
for Capital Campaign and Membership

Yes! I am excited about helping move this project forward and will support the effort with a gift of

❑ $50 ❑ $100 ❑ $500 ❑ $1000 ❑ $ _____

❑ My check made payable to Friends of White Water Shaker Village is enclosed.
❑ I would like my gift to remain anonymous.

Yes! I would like to become a member of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, or renew my membership!

❑ $10 Student ❑ $25 Single ❑ $50 Family
❑ $100 Sponsor ❑ $500 Patron ❑ $1,000 White Water Society

Total Amount Enclosed: $ _____

Contributions to Friends of White Water Shaker Village are eligible for tax-deduction as we are a 501(c)(3) organization.

❑ Please contact me regarding a visit to the Village. I am really interested in knowing more.
❑ I am interested to know how I can volunteer. Please contact me to let me know how I can help.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please mail to: FWWSV, PO Box 62714, Cincinnati OH 45262

Shaker Horse Stable

Repair update on the Stable and Wagon Shed

by Rich Spence

As of this writing, interior repairs and reinforcements to our Shaker Horse Stable timber frames have been completed by John P. Tumlin and Sons, based on plans by Ted Johanson, AIA and Jim Graham of Schaeffer Associates, Structural Engineers. As previously reported in *The Record,* the repairs centered around creating footers for the wagon shed posts and replacing their bottom rotted portions, plus strengthening weak mortise and tenon connections in the stable's timber frame. Tumlin crews have replaced the bottom sections of rotted wagon shed posts with concrete pillars, jacking up the shed to do so. The cement pillars will be hidden by stone facing, replicating the stone foots that the posts originally sat on. The sag in the old roof line is gone.

Work is now turning to replacing damaged and missing siding on the south side of the stable, using siding purchased from the salvaged Riley barn. Tumlin will remove two now-boarded-up window sashes, likely cut into the barn siding by the Hodapps, and replace missing vertical battens on the south side of the barn. All in all, a good effort that has been funded by Great Parks. Weather permitting, all repairs will be finished by the AG!

The barn and shed cry out for serious study and a historic structures report.

Our thanks to Great Parks, Doug Tumlin and his crews, and Joe Walters at Great Parks.

Above, a completed frame repair. Below, work on siding repair.

Above and below, the stable before repairs began.

The Stable

Work in progress

photos by Jeff Werner

Wagon shed, west side, posts setting in concrete footers

Wagon shed, west side

Wagon shed, east side, shed jacked up to eliminate sag in frame.

With the shed jacked up, the shed posts floating in air, awaiting new footers and support pillars.

Close up of holes dug for new footers

Stable after post repairs

Tumlin crew taking a break before replacing siding

Christian Goodwillie pointing to sampling location

Taking the paint samples

Story & photos by Rich Spence

Christian Goodwillie stopped by our Meeting House September 30, 2015 on his way to the Communal Studies Association Conference at Pleasant Hill KY to take paint samples for later analysis by Susan Buck. No stranger to this, Goodwillie knew where to take the best samples for later analysis and how to prepare them for shipment.

Assisting were board members Rich Spence, Joe Grittani and Ed Creighton and member Dave Coleman.

The techniques used, the results from Ms. Buck and the paint colors found at the Meeting House will be talked about by Mr. Goodwillie at our Annual Gathering April 9.

Be there to see the "Shaker Red".

Goodwillie taking sample from window casing

Goodwillie admiring his work – seven mounted paint chips ready for shipment!

Goodwillie taking sample from door with Grittani handling flashlight

Paint chip. Small, huh?

Paint chip ID'd and mounted for shipment to Susan Buck.

The office in 1933, misidentified as Quaker.

The Office and Brothers' Shop in 2016

Shaker South Family, now UC Center for Field Studies

The Brothers' Shop

Update
Shaker Trustees' Office

by Rich Spence

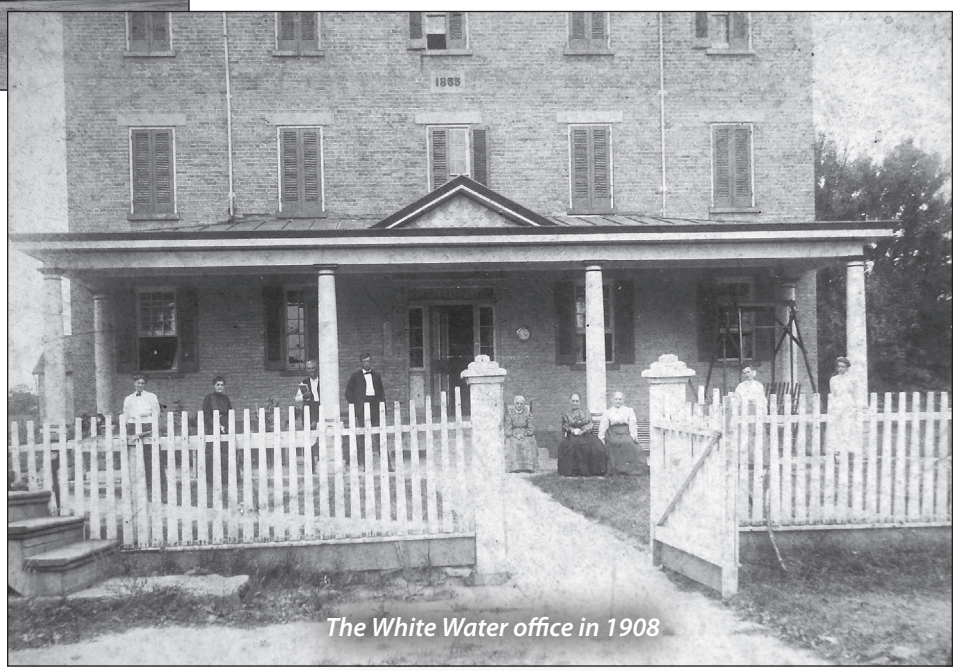
Plans are moving slowly ahead on the University of Cincinnati's desire to lease the mothballed and deteriorating Center Family Trustees' Office from Great Parks of Hamilton County.

The UC Center for Field Studies was created in 2008 in the buildings at the Shaker South Family as a "nexus for environmental research and education". Under the leadership of Prof. David Lentz, the Shaker Office will be adapted to a mixed use educational and research facility, which offers overnight accommodations to students using the facility. Rich Spence is part of a historic preservation committee, chaired by Lentz, and made up of UC architects, the Cincinnati Preservation Association, and Great Parks to make recommendations on the adaptive reuse of the building.

The field school has received a grant to fund an historic structures report to be prepared by CPA that will include an analysis of the building's historic significance, proposed interior use of the structure, and an estimate of costs associated with converting the building to student use including overnight boarding.

Lots of challenges, of course, but an encouraging effort to save this historic Shaker building of national significance...a multi million dollar project.

The office stairs



The White Water office in 1908

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2016 Annual Gathering Registration form

Saturday April 9th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

at the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center followed by touring the White Water Shaker North Family

Price: $30.00 for FWWSV members and $35.00 for non-members

"A Posy of Divers Colors" – White Water's Many Surprising Hues", tasty lunch, Shaker market, silent auction, pie raffle, and tour of Shaker North Family

Registrations must be received by Tuesday April 5, 2016
Registration is limited to 100 people - please register early to guarantee attendance!

Mail this completed form with check payable to: Friends of White Water Shaker Village, P.O. Box 62714, Cincinnati, OH 45262

Please enter number applicable for each registration option and list total payment:

_____ Registration for Member and Lunch at $30.00/member $ _____

_____ Registration for Non-Member and Lunch at $35.00/nonmember $ _____

_____ Would like to submit payment for a 1 year FWWSV membership $ _____
(Student $10, Single $25, Family $50, Sponsor $100, Corp. Sponsor $300, Patron $500, WW Society $1000+)

Total payment enclosed: $ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

FWWSV membership is tax deductible. Check where you work as they may be a matching gift company.