



The White Water Record

The newsletter of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.

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Annual Gathering 2017 Making Archaeology Public

by Richard Spence

Did you know we have an active archaeology program at White Water, made possible by the assistance of Thomas Grooms of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office? And that Thomas has produced a video that features the meeting house, a FWWSV board member, and the North Lot at Union Village?

Thomas Grooms will share his recently produced video, filmed at White Water and Union Village *An Expression of Unity – Shaker Tobacco Pipes from Union Village*. Thomas also led our volunteers in exploring the site of the North Family Ministry's Shop and the footprint of the new restroom.

Join us on Saturday April 8th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., for our 15th annual membership meeting, the "Annual Gathering" at the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center and the White Water Shaker Village North Family Site. The Fernald Preserve Visitors Center is located at 7400 Willey Road in Southwest Ohio, approximately 18 miles northwest of Cincinnati. Directions to Fernald Preserve's Visitor Center can be found at the following link: <www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Visitors_Center/Directions.pdf>.

The Annual Gathering is a delightful event including Shaker related presentations, a silent auction, items for sale from our Shaker store, our very popular pie raffle, fellowship over lunch, and a tour of the North Family site.

The 2017 Annual Gathering is open to members and non-members who are interested in learning more about our organization. Fill out the registration form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to reserve your place. Seating is limited to 100 attendees, so please register early to guarantee your attendance! The registration deadline is Wednesday April 5th, 2017.

We look forward to making you kindly welcome as we celebrate this exciting event!

Notice to FWWSV members

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 8 to elect Directors.

Nominations for Director are Carol Medlicott and Christy Connelly.

Rich Spence, President

First meeting in Meeting House celebrated

by Karen Kilgo

The Friends celebrated the anniversary of the first service in the White Water meeting house on December 4, 2016; 189 years after that first service took place. The meeting house was the first permanent structure erected at the Village and the first service took

place on December 3, 1827. There are some more photos on page x.

Our commemorative service included short informative talks on White Water history and life by Rich Spence and Carol Medlicott. These were accompanied by a slide presentation of village historical pictures put together by Bruce Poynter. The Western Shaker Singers provided music. The meeting house was softly lit by candlelight (battery), giving the entire room an ethereal glow. A glorious array of cheeses, crackers and cookies along with apple cider and wine



all came together to provide a wonderful evening for all present.

Invitations were sent to our membership and also to those who had expressed an interest in the North Family. The board plans to make this an annual event.

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 <fwwsv@cinci.rr.com> describing your donated item by Friday March 31. And thank-you.

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) corporation

Our website address is
<www.whitewatershakervillage.org>

Our mailing address is
Friends of White Water Shaker Village
North Family Dwelling
11813 Oxford Road
Harrison OH 45030

Our email address is
<fwswv@cinci.rr.com>

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

Our Mission Statement

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Donations

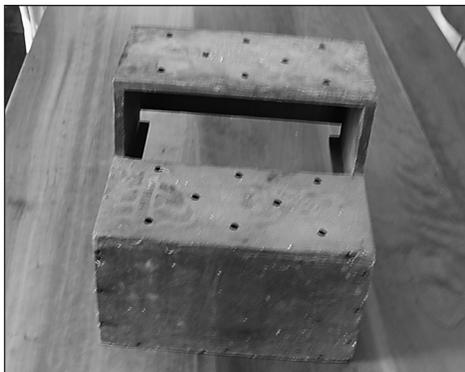


Shaker Canterbury reproduction side chair from a Shaker Workshops kit, made beautifully and donated by Patrick Fanelli.

Collection of 19th century farm tools and equipment, including hay forks, ice hooks and cutters, a sythe, a wagon bench, and pickling crocks. Donated by Betty Davis.

Discovered

Shaker step stool, found in the Trustees Office.



Capital Fund

Our special thanks to the donors listed below who generously gave to our capital campaigns in 2016 and 2017, gave for special purposes or made unrestricted gifts.

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And try as we might, sometimes donors are missed. We sincerely apologize if that has happened. Please send us a note.

FWWSV awarded two W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust grants in 2016

The board of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village is pleased to announce the awarding of two grants from the W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust. The trust was established by the estate of Ophia Smith. She and her husband, Dr. W. E. Smith, a past Miami University Department of History chair, co-authored several books on local history. Their trust has long supported local non-profit organizations in funding their programs and projects that promote interest in local history.

Ed Creighton, FWWSV Vice President, successfully wrote the two grant proposals, one in the spring of 2016 and the other, this past fall. The \$2,000 spring grant was awarded to purchase a laptop computer, software, projector and screen, as well as to fund educational programming expenses. The new technological equipment has been, and will continue to be, useful in keeping membership and archival records up-to-date, as well as sharing photos and information about the Shakers and the White Water Shaker Village at events held at the village and at outreach programs in the community. The program expense funding helped support

the two open house events we held this fall.

The \$500 fall grant was awarded to support educational programming expenses during the 2017 calendar year such as our broom making workshop, which will take place this coming March.

Friends of White Water Shaker Village is most appreciative and grateful to The W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust for funding our projects and programs.



2017 volunteer projects **Help is needed**

by Rich Spence

We have decided to take on a list of projects to complete in 2017 – some quick and easy, some requiring planning, research and materials. Volunteers are always welcome.

- Repair items listed on Great Park's annual building inspection. Items are mostly electrical in nature, such as missing junction box covers.
- Reseal, repair, fill, prime and paint the dwelling's windowsills.
- Repair or replace the fencing and gate between the dwelling and brethren's shop.
- Lay new paper or carpet runners in the first floor dwelling hallway to protect the original Shaker linoleum.
- Re-hang the dwelling's shutters, which were scraped and painted by park district volunteers years ago. Will need to source and replace some hardware missing on the shutters.
- Clean, straighten, organize the "office" in dwelling, including cataloging and properly storing all donated books and ephemera.
- Replace glass in two windows broken by hail March 1.

than others. We can always use volunteers – probably multiple volunteers on each project, as most can't be done on a Saturday morning and may take research or purchase of materials.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact us by emailing Linda Poynter at <Lindap@whitewatershakervillage.org> or complete the "Contact Us" box at the bottom of our website homepage. The website address is <friendsofwhitewatershakervillage.org>.

Wish List

New or gently used

- Handheld battery powered vacuum cleaner
- Upright vacuum cleaner with hose attachment
- Mini fridge for dwelling kitchen
- Wheelbarrow
- Various sized tarps for painting and general use

Contact <lindap@whitewatervillage.org>.

Some of these items take more knowledge, experience or skill

March, 2017

Introducing our new Website and Facebook pages

At the end of October 2016, the Friends of the White Water Shaker Village launched a new website. With the help of Audra Shields of DreamWeaver Studio, we opened a new digital portal to our village. When you navigate the website, you will find upcoming events, Shaker and village history, a photo gallery, videos, copies of past newsletters, and ways you can volunteer and become active in making history come alive at the village. You will also find a simple way to join or contact board members.

In conjunction with this website, we have also launched a new Facebook page. It will be a more fluid way to communicate with our members. We are hoping to post something weekly, when possible. The winter months are a little slower, but when spring arrives we hope to use this new tool to showcase some of the exciting new projects we are hoping to accomplish this year.

Our 2017 Raffle Fundraiser continues!



A reproduction of a circa 1860 walnut table

Ohio craftsman Steve Foley has reproduced a Mount Lebanon walnut table with two apron drawers.

Dimensions:
27½" wide x 19¼" deep x 24½" high.

Winner will be drawn
At the 2018 spring Annual Gathering

Tickets are \$5 each
or five tickets for \$20.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu: Home, Get Involved, Visit History, Learn More, About Us, Gallery. A banner at the top reads: "Save the Date. Our Annual Gathering has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8th, 2017." Below is a large photo of the main building with the text "White Water Shaker Village - Ohio". A sidebar on the right has a button: "Click Here to View Workshop Information". The main content area states: "The Next Broom Workshop is Scheduled for March 11, 2017. Note: The building and restroom are accessible only by stairs." Below this are three smaller photos of the village buildings.

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We invite you to browse our website to learn more about this village – the former White Water Shaker Community (1824-1916) – and the legacy the Shakers left behind in southwestern Ohio.

Please feel free to check out our new Internet sites. Save our website to your favorites <www.whitewatervillage.org> and "Like Us" on Facebook at <[whitewatershakervillage](https://www.facebook.com/whitewatershakervillage)>. Please invite your history-loving friends as well. Both addresses will be listed on this and future newsletters for your reference.

The screenshot shows the Facebook page for White Water Shaker Village (@whitewatershakervillage). It includes a profile picture of the main building, a cover photo of a large white building, and a post from February 19 about a "Broom Making Workshop" on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 10:00 AM EST. The page also features a "About" section with the address: 11813 Oxford Road, Harrison, OH 45030, and the website: www.whitewatershakervillage.org. The "People" section shows 62 likes and 1 visit.

White Water Trustees Office Update

by Rich Spence

The Shaker Trustees' Office Renovation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday January 10th at 12:00 Noon in the Queen City Club. Chaired by David Lentz, Executive Director and Professor, University of Cincinnati Center for Field Studies, the committee is made up Great Parks (owner of the 1855 White Water Shaker Trustee's Office); Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA); academics and staff from UC; and FWWSV. Pres. Rich Spence is a member and serves as historic consultant to Cincinnati Preservation Association. Jack Sutton, Executive Director, and Todd Palmeter, Planning Director, attended for Great Parks.

Paul Muller, Executive Director of CPA, presented the Historic Structures Report, which was recently completed and received by Jeffris Foundation for possible funding of UC's conversion of the building for use by the Center for Field Studies, which also leases the Shaker South Family from UC. The HSR presents the historic significance of the Office, floor plans detailing the building as built, and later Shaker alternations, and proposed changes for adaptive reuse as a lodging and meeting space for students. Paul Muller's goal is to have a 'light touch' to the building in the renovations, preserving its Shaker doors, staircases, trim, pegrail, closets and original painted surfaces. The next step is for Jeffris Foundation to invite UC and Great Parks to submit a more detailed proposal for funding of the adaptive repurposing of the Shaker Office.

In a separate project, Great Parks has nearly completed structural repairs to the original Shaker two-story north-facing porch on the kitchen ell.



Office c. 1935



Office 2012



Board tours office November 9 with David Lentz.



Office 2012

10 years ago at the Meeting House – removal of the back patio and gazebo

It was just 10 years ago in the summer of 2007, shortly after we began working at the North Family Meeting House, that a small group of volunteers began removing the stone patio joining the back steps of the building. This patio was constructed by David Galt around 1983.

The volunteers were Allen Borneman, Kay Borneman, Kay's nephew Nate, Jim Innis and Scott Hoover. The demolition began in May when Jim and Scott removed a stone grill, built in refrigerator and sink, wood work table and a stone wall. They used Jim's truck to take the removed items to the park dumpster. Much to their amazement, they found a family of possums had taken up residence in the area behind the refrigerator. The family was removed to the field behind the Meeting House.

In mid-July, work continued by taking down the gazebo. It was constructed of treated 4x4s, treated lattice and 8 foot long 2x6s. The gazebo was over the stone patio at two different levels with stone steps away from the Meeting House to the west. Scott and Jim removed the wood using a chain saw and crow bar. Some of the wood was stored in the barn for future use. This left the patio of limestone slabs and sand with other fill. In some areas the raised patio was four feet above ground level.

The final work began in September during some very hot weather. The Bornemans brought in a backhoe and a smaller tractor with a front loader to remove the limestone and rubble. Once the backhoe broke up the limestone, it had to be further broken up into smaller pieces with a sledge hammer and removed by hand. The large stones were moved by hand to the front loader and were taken to an area west of the Meeting House. It was back breaking, strenuous work and a day long process, but by the end the day, most of the stones had been removed. A lot of the fill remained for a few years.

Today there is not much evidence of the patio. The area was eventually leveled, seeded and today you can walk out the back of the Meeting House and onto a grass area looking probably like it did in the mid 1800s.

The area will look even more like it did when the Shakers were here as the two propane tanks will be removed and one will be buried in the very near future.



Above is the rear of the Meeting House prior to the removal of the patio and gazebo in 2007.



It's September 27, 2007 and the removal of the stones begins. At left are Carol, Jim and Lois cleaning-up the grounds.



Glimpses of a White Water Past

19th Century Social Networking, “Shaker-Style”

by Carol Medlicott

As we all well know, newsletters and all sorts of “social networking” are very important in sharing information throughout an organization and cultivating a sense of shared identity among members. That’s why our volunteers work so hard to prepare and distribute a newsletter to FWWSV members, as well as to maintain our website and Facebook page!

Well, in the second half of the 19th century, for nearly 30 years from 1871 to 1899, the Shakers practiced their own social networking with a newsletter aimed at creating and sustaining “union” across their many different villages, from Maine to Kentucky. Its title changed over time, and it was variously called *The Shaker*, *Shaker and Shakeress*, and *Manifesto*.

Just like the volunteers that organize our FWWSV newsletter, the editor of that Shaker newsletter urged his brethren and sisters from across the entire Shaker world to contribute material. Nearly 140 years ago in February of 1875, one White Water Shaker brother, the German-born Carl August Emil Fickeyson, wrote a letter of appreciation to *The Shaker and Shakeress*, and submitted a poem for publication.

Fickeyson was not at White Water for too many years, but he was a gifted poet and several of his poems survive. Eventually, he eloped with White Water sister Josephine Deming. By the early 1880s he was living in Missouri.

But Fickeyson’s correspondence with the editor of *The Shaker and Shakeress* reminds us of yet another progressive aspect of the 19th century Shakers – their use of the latest social networking techniques! It gives us a glimpse of what a Shaker-wide newsletter must have meant to the White Water brethren and sisters, keeping them connected with all the other villages, allowing them to feel kinship with far-off spiritual kindred.

Look for us on



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Search
for White Water
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or on our

Website
The address is
<www.whitewater-shakervillage.org>

Dear Shaker and Shakeress,

In newspapers, as in houses, are corners. If you have a little corner left unoccupied, please insert, “Crown of Mother’s Love,” if you deem it worthy of such a privilege.

Receive our best wishes for your prosperity. We, here at White Water, are deeply interested in your welfare. Through your aid, our views of Shakerism are being expanded. Shakerism never appeared more beautiful to us, than at the present time.

C. A. Emil Fickeyson
White Water, Feb. 1,
1875.

“Crown of Mother’s Love”

*Take all the jewels earth can boast,
Its diamonds and pearls so bright,
Search southern sea and northern coast,
Bring all their treasures to the light.
Collect them all -- call them all thine own,
Display to all the eyes that see,
Yet they will not befit the crown
Which Mother’s Love hath set on me.*

*The jewels in my crown that shine,
That sparkle in bright glory there,
Shed on my path those rays divine,
Which make life beautiful and fair.
Thine were from mount and ocean brought,
And won by risk of other’s life,
With mine own heart’s blood, mine I’ve bought
And paid for in the gospel strife.*

*O, glitt’ring crown of Mother’s Love,
I press thee to my joyful heart
What e’er befall, where e’er I move,
Dearer than gold to me thou art.
Earth from my sight thy gems remove,
They do not shine for one like me,
For mine’s the pearl of heav’nly Love,
The sparkling gem of Purity!*

Remembering Sr. Francis

by Elaine L. Disch

In 1983, my husband Ed and I attended our first Sabbathday Lake Friends' Weekend. I was standing in the lower hall in the Dwelling House when Sr. Frances came down the steps and greeted me. She asked my name, where I was from and if we had attended a Friends' Weekend previously. I replied that we had visited the village in 1981 but this was our first weekend. She smiled and said, "You will be changed." I was a bit puzzled by her words but in the ensuing years they have become clear. Since 1983 I have spent many happy hours and days in the village during which time Sr. Frances became a dear friend as have all the family members.



Sr. Frances was the ultimate hostess and good will ambassador, welcoming friends and visitors to her Shaker home and often inviting them to stay for a meal. If you were staying there and she knew you had a favorite food, it was sure to appear on the table. For me, in the spring, it was mussels and fiddlehead ferns.

Br. Arnold has carried on that tradition and it is a wonderful welcome. She loved to eat out and particularly enjoyed Chinese food. She was always greeted warmly at her favorite Chinese restaurants.

Sr. Frances loved jokes and told them very well at appropriate times. Br. Arnold told five of her

favorites at her funeral service. Often when we would speak on the phone, she and Ed would trade their favorites and I would hear her tell them later to appreciative laughter.

Children were her love, those who visited and especially those in her own family. She was very proud of her nieces and their children and would often tell stories about their antics and their accomplishments. We met Wendy, Linda and "Little Fran" when they visited "Aunt Fran", and enjoyed spending time with Wendy when she worked in the Shaker Store and was helpful with Sr. Frances during the past few years.

I have been thinking of words to describe her and among them are stubborn, kind, generous, beautiful singing and speaking voice, funny, dedicated, loving and friend.

It is an honor to be invited to write some memories of Sr. Frances, just as it was for me to know her as a dear friend and to admire her commitment to Shakerism. She was direct with no pretenses about her, you always knew where you stood. The years I shared with the Shakers at Sabbathday Lake were truly a gift and, true to Sr. Frances' words, I have been changed.

From the Shaker Garden Herbal Teas – Tisane

by Christy Connelly

Tisane is a tea made from fresh or dried herbs steeped for a few minutes in just boiled water – 5 to 10 minutes – in a glass/china or ceramic cup/container. Use 2 teaspoons of crushed dried leaves or 2-3 teaspoons of chopped fresh leaves for a soothing cup of herbal tea.

Lemon Verbena – Noted to be the most refreshing of all tisanes.
Bergamot – Oswego Tea (aka Bee Balm) a favorite drink of Native Americans, who introduced this herb to the Shakers. Both leaves & dry flowers yield a relaxing effect.

Lemon Balm – A mild lemon flavor, grows like a mint. Shakers used it to dispel mild fevers.

Spearmint – Grows freely, is beneficial to digestive system and for nausea.

Fennel – Sweetens the breath & is also good for digestive system.

Chamomile – Tea is best known as a soothing and calming bedtime drink. The flowers are gathered and dried for teas.

Rosemary – Tea helps cure headaches and colds.

Purple Sage – Sage tea was popular in medieval times & promotes mental agility in old age. Native Americans used sage for coughs, colds and nervous complaints. Shakers grew more sage than any other herb.

Enjoy your tea.

New Members

Daryl Michael, Jr.	Patron
Roxann Dieffenbach,	Single
Patrick Fanelli	Single
Douglas & Melodie Robinson	Family
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Renewals

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Susan & Kevin Lindsey	Family

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First Class Mail

2017 Annual Gathering Registration Form

Saturday April 8th, 2017 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
**Fernald Preserve Visitors Center followed by
touring the White Water Shaker North Family**

**Presentation by Thomas Grooms on archaeology at White Water,
tasty lunch, Shaker market, silent auction, pie raffle, and tour of Shaker North Family.**
Registrations must be received by Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Price is \$30.00 for FWWSV members and \$35.00 for non-members.
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; PO Box 62714; Cincinnati OH 45262

Please check applicable registration option and list total payment:

_____ Registration for member and lunch	\$30.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Registration for non-member and lunch	\$35.00/person	\$ _____
_____ I am a current member of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village		
_____ I would like to submit payment for a one year FWWSV membership. (Student \$10, Single \$25, Family \$50, Sponsor \$100, Corp. Sponsor \$300, Patron \$500, WW Society \$1000+)		\$ _____
	Total payment enclosed	\$ _____

Name(s) _____

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