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192nd Anniversary Celebration

On December 8, the Friends of White Water Shaker Village observed the fourth annual commemoration of the first Shaker meeting in the venerable 1827 meeting house. The glow of candlelight and lanterns cast soft hews on the interior of the old building as the participants enjoyed light refreshments and each others company in the early evening. The weather cooperated with a warmish 55 degrees and no rain. (Photos on page 2.)

The program included music by Carol Medlicott, the year in review by Bruce Poynter, a reflection of the Shakers at Christmas by Mary Allen, and a look ahead to 2020 by Rich Spence.

Hands to work!

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village are most grateful to the Harrison High School football and wrestling teams and their coaches for all their hard work during the 2nd Annual Greater Harrison Day of Service on Saturday, September 14. They moved hundreds of cobblestones (that had previously been salvaged from a downtown Cincinnati street), helped to reorganize stored materials in the wood house and brethren shop outbuildings, and installed a cobblestone border around the Shaker herb garden - in less than 1-1/2 hours!

Eagle Scout fence project

by Linda Poynter

Ethan Pfaffinger of Boy Scout Troop #601 and his team replaced our deteriorating picket fence August 24, 25 and September 1. The scouts removed the old fence, dug new post holes, set posts in concrete and built the new fence – picket by picket – and the crew painted the fence, as well. Troup #601 is based in Cheviot, Ohio.

We now have a beautiful new fence with two functioning gates! White Water is the grateful recipient of another Eagle Scout project.

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New Members
since August 2019
Lynn & David Bolte Family
Gary Lakin Individual
Mike & Jan Walker Family
Pamela Yonkers Student

Renewing Members
since August 2019
Mary Abbott Individual
Deborah Brunner Sponsor
David & Karen Budd Sponsor
Michael & Christy Connelly Sponsor
Michael & Betty Cookendorfer Family
Elaine Disch Family
Fred & Cheiko Fisk Individual
Mary Hinton Individual
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss Individual
Jean Knollman Individual
Fred Lutt & Jennie Russell Family
Paul & Elizabeth Mattingly Family
Craig Richard Nelson & Stephen Greene Sponsor
Larry & Marsha Orcutt Family
Paul Ruffing Sponsor
Deborah Schakel Individual
Jon & Jackie Seymour Sponsor
Gary & Mary Lou Smith Family
Antonio Torres Individual
David & Joan Van Winkle Sponsor
Wayne Wauligman Individual
Joyce Wiseman Single

Donors, monetary
Cincinnati Cycle Club
Croby Township Senior Club
Harrison Village Historical Society
Irene Mele
Monfort Heights UMC Senior Singles
Monfort Heights Garden Club
Gary & Mary Lou Smith

Donors, items
Stuart & Patricia Clipson
Agricultural hand tools – English scythe, English cradle scythe, seed planter, cattle collar
Janet Lockwood
Cabbage shredder, wooden tool carrier, old clothespins, hand drill bits, 3 cast iron clothing irons
Margaret Perry
Shaker tinned sheet iron milk pan, Shaker brush, and a Shaker pail with staves and a pinned wood handle from the Estate of Jean & Martin Popelka
South Union Shaker Village
Broom Vice
Tom Queen
Shaker or Shaker type basket with wood handles and cone bottom
Thomas F. Stander Estate
McGuffey’s Fifth Edition Eclectic Reader, 1857; A Holy, Sacred and Divine ROLL and BOOK from the Lord God of Heaven to the Inhabitants of Earth, 1843; Morgan’s Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio; Bunker Hill Haven is Forever; Hopewell Ceremonial Landscapes of Ohio

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Photos from the 192nd Anniversary Celebration. Story on page 1.
**Ohio History Fund grant**

**How you can make a difference**

The Ohio History Connection’s History Fund grant program is one of the few grant programs in the state just for history, pre-history, and historic preservation projects – and it needs your help to grow. If you receive a refund on your Ohio income taxes, please consider donating a portion of it to the “Ohio History Fund” tax “check-off”, line 26e on your state tax return. The average donation is $9.00. All donations, large and small, will add up and make a difference!

Your donation, with those from your friends, relatives and thousands of other history lovers, makes possible grants for local history projects throughout Ohio. Since the Ohio History Fund started in 2012, 63 grants have been awarded in 36 counties for a total of $598,000.00. White Water Shaker Village was a recipient in 2013, receiving $15,000 to help build the ADA-compliant restrooms, which are benefiting all visitors.

You can also make a donation directly to the Ohio History Connection for the History Fund by visiting <www.ohiohistory.org> and clicking on “Give”. Be sure to designate your gift “for the Ohio History Fund”. The more given to the Ohio History Fund, the more grants it can make to organizations that preserve history.

More information can be found at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund>.

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**Response Card for your Participation**


- $25
- $50
- $100
- $500
- $1000
- Other $ ________
- Total $ ________

**Donations for the Hodapp Collection**

- $25
- $50
- $100
- $500
- $1000
- Other $ ________
- Total $ ________

**Donations**

- $25
- $50
- $100
- $500
- $1000
- Other $ ________
- Total $ ________

- To be used at the board’s discretion, or to be used for ________
- Total $ ________

- I would like my donation to remain anonymous.
- Total $ ________

**FWWSV Membership**

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

**Total Amount Enclosed $ ________**

Name(s) ____________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ________ ZIP _________________

Phone __________________________ Email ___________________________

Thank you for choosing to support our efforts to conserve and restore White Water Shaker Village.

Friends of White Water Shaker Village is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Please mail to: FWWSV, PO Box 62714, Cincinnati, Ohio 45262
The weekend of September 28-29 was a busy one for the Village! It began early Saturday morning when Ed & Kathy Creighton led two cobweb broom making workshops in the Meeting House. Nineteen people from Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio came to learn the craft and make their own broom.

Meanwhile, the Cincinnati Cycle Club used the grounds as a rest stop during their annual Great Pumpkin Roll Ride. Over 400 cyclists from as far as South Carolina, Michigan and West Virginia joined those from the Tri-state on one of four routes ranging in distance from 25-60 miles. While not all participants stopped, many did, as it was a particularly warm fall day. The FWWSV appreciates the donation the Cincinnati Cycle Club gives us each year as well as the opportunity to share the existence of White Water.

On Sunday afternoon, White Water Shaker Village participated in our fourth Great Outdoor Weekend event. Over 100 people toured the buildings and grounds and enjoyed homemade ice cream sundaes. We also held our second Flea Market in the Wagon Shed during the event. Between the two flea markets this year, we raised almost $450 to benefit restoration projects.
Recent Donations November 2019

**Wooden cabbage or kraut cutter**, used to cut cabbage and a variety of foods such as turnips, carrots and beets – to name a few. Mid to late 19th century.  
*Gift of Janet Lockwood*

**English Scythe, Cradle Sythe, and seed planter** from family farm on Lake Erie. 19th century.  
*Gift of Stewart and Pat Chipson*

**Shaker wooden pail** with wood handle, Shaker brush, and Shaker tinned sheet iron milk pan. From Harvard Shaker Village.  
*From the estate of Jean and Martin Popelka*

**Basket.** Made by the Shakers or possibly Native Americans, with cone bottom and wood handle.  
*Gift of Tom Queen*

**McGuffey's Fifth Edition Eclectic Reader**, 1857. Inscribed on the inside cover by two White Water Shakers, Luella Carpenter and Mary Green Gass. Gass was the last Eldress at White Water. This book was probably purchased by Tom Stander at the 1974 Hodapp action.  
*From the Thomas F. Stander Estate*

**A Holy, Sacred and Devine ROLL and BOOK from The Lord God of Heaven, Revealed in the United Society at New Lebanon.** Printed at Canterbury NH, 1843. This book was probably purchased by Tom Stander at the 1974 Hodapp action.  
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**Broom Vice,** commercially made based on earlier vice invented by the Shakers. Used to manufacture flat brooms. 19.11.01  
*Gift of Shaker Museum at South Union*

**#5 Armed Rocker** made at the Mt Lebanon NY community. Refinished with newer seat. Gift of Connie Hampton in memory of her parents who purchased the rocker 60 years ago.  
*From Mary Alice & William Hilbert*

**Brothers laser printer.**  
*Donated by the Cincinnati Observatory*
Ten years ago at White Water

The beginning of the meeting house window restoration

In 2007 The Friends of White Water Shaker Village were able to lease the North Family site from the Hamilton County Park District. One of the first projects to be addressed was the windows in the 1827 Meeting House. The 26 windows on the first and second floors had been replaced in the 1980’s with vinyl frames. The Board thought the original walnut sashes that were stored in the basement could be restored and put back in place. We found the windows were full of dry rot and not restorable.

Our Board chose Bruce Stewart of Architectural Reclamation to recreate and install one walnut 9-over-6 double hung window on the first floor. Bruce set up equipment to make the sashes using the borrowed light windows on the second floor as a template. The finished window installed with a set of detailed drawings would cost $3,500 and would be paid from our restoration fund. The Board approved the project.

Bruce removed the window leaving a hole in the wall and covered it with plywood. The problem was how the Shakers structurally tied the frames and jams to the building. Dave Coleman and Joe Grittani were working on the wainscoting on the first floor and helped Bruce with the interior sills which had to be tied together with Stewart’s jams and frames. After Bruce was able to complete the window and install it, he offered to replace the first floor windows for $1,100 each. The board decided to replace the remaining nine windows at this cost.

As the project continued in the 2009-2010 winter, it was decided to replace all 26 windows in the Meeting House. We proposed a campaign that individuals could purchase and dedicate a window for $1,100. By 2010 all the windows had been replaced with old glass from a livery stable in Eaton, Ohio.

Before Bruce put his equipment away, he offered to replace the four attic windows for $400 each. The board accepted his offer.

By 2011 all 30 Meeting House windows had been replaced by Stewart at a cost of $39,210. The cost was paid by donations from individuals. Today there is a plaque on the first floor listing those who dedicated a window in the Meeting House.
Small White Water cabinet discovered

by Scott Hoover

On September 29th, as part of the Great Outdoor Weekend, the Friends of White Water had an open house at the North Family. My wife, Elaine, and I were guides on the second floor of the Dwelling. We met people in the Shaker chair room that displayed many Shaker chairs and two beds, a room with Shaker furniture, and another room containing large information boards with pictures about White Water Shaker Village.

It was a very hot afternoon and many people were visiting and even going up to the extremely hot attic to look around. Later in the day, a gentleman from Reading was very interested in our Shaker furniture. I pointed out the original pieces we have and explained that provenance is very important to a piece.

He informed me that when his grandfather, who lived in Cincinnati, was a teen, he would get in trouble, and they would send him to his aunt’s farm which was close to White Water. He said his grandfather was sent over to White Water to work and was paid with a piece of furniture and money.

Since his grandfather, Flower Dean Markland, was born in 1892, he would have been in his teens in 1905-1911. This would be about the time the White Water Shakers were looking for hired hands to help at the village.

I asked Gary Lakin if he could send us some pictures and he replied that he had the piece in his vehicle. We stopped and got Rich Spence to go along and went out to the parking lot. Gary pulled out a small three drawer cabinet.

I didn't take measurements, but it is about two feet high, 16 inches wide and 18 inches deep. It has three chamfered, dovetailed poplar drawers with beading around face of the drawer. The outer wood is walnut. It has an elongated base with a curved skirt. The top of the chest is dovetailed. The drawers have screw in pulls.

The undercoat of paint is the green you will find at White Water. This is found in the framed rooms of the addition to the Dwelling. Also, the top color is the same brown that is on the Dwelling stairway.

We appreciate Gary showing us his cabinet. He did pick up a form to join FWWSV, and Rich invited him to the December anniversary celebration.

Here are a few pictures of the cabinet.
The White Water Shakers
& garden seed business

by Rich Spence

As described by Steve Miller in Inspired Innovations: A Celebration of Shaker Ingenuity, the Shakers were the first to sell garden seeds on a retail, not wholesale, basis, packaging them in small quantities for non-farm use.

By 1829, three years after moving to the North Family site from the Boggett farm in Butler County, the White Water Shakers were growing and packaging garden seeds in brown paper envelopes for sale to the local areas around the village.

The Shakers were probably making wooden seed boxes as early as 1826, although none have survived from this early date. The Shakers would leave their boxes full of packaged garden seeds on a consignment basis with merchants along carefully planned routes. J. P. McLean in his history of White Water describes these routes as the Northern, Missouri River and Western Lands.

In 1841 Ezra Sherman and Nathaniel Frost sailed down the Ohio River, marketing their seeds along the way, as far as St. Louis. Brant Agnew became an agent for the Shakers after he had moved in 1836 to Hancock County Illinois, peddling garden seeds by one account up the Missouri River. Brant was a brother of Joseph Agnew, a life long Shaker whose wife Miriam is credited with gaining the attention of Union Village Shakers and thus founding White Water.

The White Water Shakers ended the seed business in 1873. J. P. McLean quotes the Shakers as saying “That our seeds did not take, as they were put up in a brown colored paper and a plain stained box. It was conclusive we must keep up with the times or step down and out, which we did.”

We are fortunate to have in our collection the only known complete seed box from White Water, donated to us by Steve and Miriam Miller.