

The White Water Record

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

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2026 Annual Gathering **Innovations in the Shaker West** Saturday April 11, 2026

We are pleased to welcome Carol Medicott to present at this year's Annual Gathering. Carol is a longtime Friends of White Water Shaker Village member and former board member. Carol is Emeritus Professor of geography at Northern Kentucky University. Her research and publishing have focused on the Shaker West for over twenty years. Among her major accomplishments are the first scholarly biography of Issachar Bates, an annotated edition of Richard McNemar's 1832 western hymnal, and a thematic examination of Pleasant Hill.

The theological, social, architectural, artistic, and technological innovations of the Shakers are well known. But how many people today realize that many important Shaker innovations actually flowed, not from the iconic New England communities, but from their western counterparts? In Carol's presentation, *This is the new creation: Innovations in the Shaker West*, she will share how many key Shaker innovations emerged from the communities in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

The Annual Gathering will take place at the same location as the last several years, the Miami Whitewater Community Church on Dry Fork Road which offers a large meeting room, has plenty of parking, and is just four miles from the village. Participants will enjoy the presentation, a catered luncheon with homemade salads and desserts, and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction/raffle of Shaker-related items. The day will conclude with tours of the Meeting House and Dwelling where all can view the restoration progress that took place during 2025.

Date: Saturday April 11, 2026
Location: Miami Whitewater Community Church
and the White Water Shaker Village
North Family Site
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Doors open at 9:30 A.M.

The 2026 Annual Gathering is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Shakers and the FWWSV. Members are encouraged to invite others they think would enjoy learning more. Seating is limited to 100.

Please complete and return the enclosed form to guarantee your attendance. Registration deadline is Monday April 6, 2026.

The Miami Whitewater Community Church is located at 9700 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, just a half mile north of the Dry Fork exit on I-74.

We hope you are able to join us!



Calling for raffle donations

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 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 March 30.

2026 Memberships

Thank you to all who have sent in their memberships for this calendar year. Memberships are vital in supporting the daily operations and basic needs of the village. Members enjoy reduced or free admission to special events such as the upcoming spring Annual Gathering and the members-only Meeting House Anniversary Celebration in December.

Yearly memberships follow the calendar year. Members listed in this issue have renewed their 2026 memberships as of the beginning of February. If at any time you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Linda at <lindap@whitewatervillage.org> and she will check for you.

*In Memory
of our Friends*

Richard Dabrowski
Bill Mooney
Paul Wheeler

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<www.whitewatershakervillage.org>

Our telephone number is
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Our mailing address is
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Harrison OH 45030

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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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This list includes all 2026 memberships received as of February 2, 2026.

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Come Walk with Us 2025-26 Annual Appeal

Contributions to \$50

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Contributions to \$100

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Mary Ann Kocher
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Muriel Verdibello

Contributions to \$200

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Mary Hinton
Carol Medicott
Bob & Pat Wagner

Contributions to \$500

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Bruce & Linda Poynter

Contributions to \$1500

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Contributions to \$2000

Raymond and Judith McCaskey

**Claire Viverito
Milk House
Restoration Fund**

Contributions to \$50

Robert Campbell
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Chris & Carol Killeya
Gary Lakin
Jim & Cam McHenry
Paul & Marjo Prinzing
Tom Queen
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Contributions to \$100

Dale Covington
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Contributions to \$300

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Restoration Fund**

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John Campbell
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Contributions to \$50

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Contributions to \$300

William Dean

Contributions to \$500

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Gifts in Honor/Memorial Donations

Richard & Bonnie Woll

In memory of Earl & Thelma Hiler

Recent Artifact Donations



(Photo above) Mt Lebanon seed box, red wash, with outside label intact and interior partitions, ca 1860. Gift of Scott and Elaine Hoover.

(Photo at right) Shaker cloak hanger (a curved wooden garment rod on a long post, with metal hook to hang on a pegrail). Gift of Scott and Elaine Hoover. The Hoovers also donated a collection of 19th century farm items, including a flail for threshing wheat, a rug beater, and a work shirt.

Two Shaker flat brooms, reproductions from the Shaker Museum at South Union. Donated by Charles Hungate.



Come Walk with Us

Come Walk with Us Annual Appeal Update

As John Tumlin & Sons work in the Meeting House comes to a close, the Friends need to comply with Crosby Township's zoning regulations. The projects that need to be addressed are sidewalks (both concrete and crushed limestone), two parking lots (a small accessible lot south of the Meeting House and a larger lot made of grass pavers in the grass lot north of the Woodhouse), exterior lighting and landscaping. These plans have been approved by Great Parks and the Hamilton County Building Department.

Although these projects are required by Crosby Township, they will greatly benefit all who visit and work at the Village. Currently, as you know, parking takes place on grass lots, which can be difficult to navigate when we have received a lot of rain or snow. While we have a short section of a concrete sidewalk behind the Dwelling, there are no sidewalks to the Meeting House or restroom building. There are many low spots on the grounds, which often become muddy, making walking a challenge.

We are currently in the process of getting bid proposals for the projects. So far this year, members have donated \$6,145 to the Come Walk with Us Campaign. We invite you to join us in helping bring these beneficial projects to fruition.

Our Mailing Address

Friends of White Water Shaker Village
11813 Oxford Road
Harrison OH 45030

*This is the same as the location
of the North Family Dwelling*

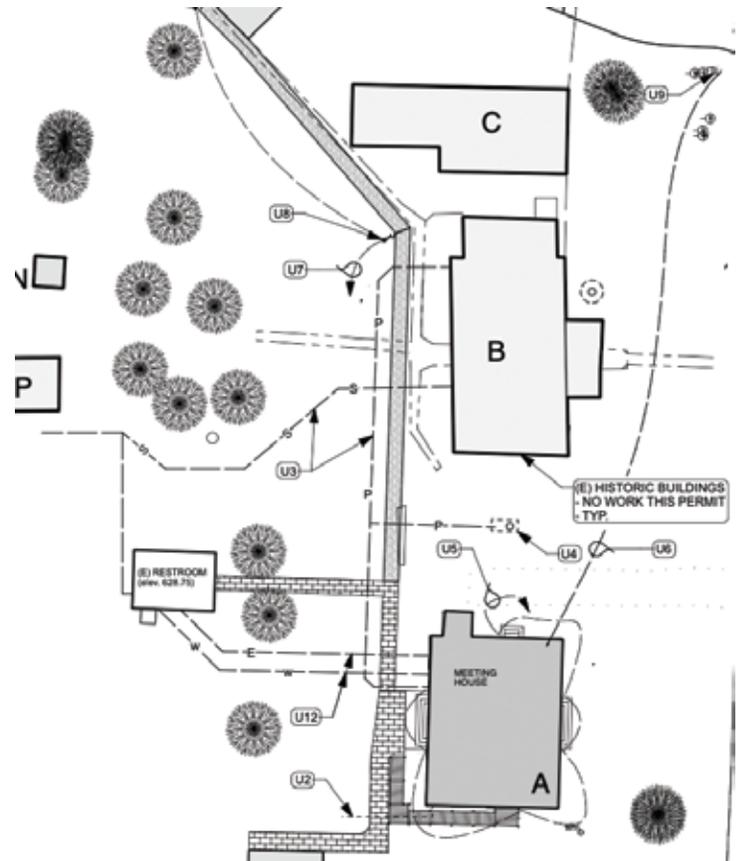
Notice

Annual Meeting of Members

In accordance with the Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc. Code of Regulations, a meeting of members will be held during the Annual Gathering on April 11, 2026 to elect Directors. Nominations for Directors are Richard Spence (President), Patrick Allen, and Karen Kilgo (Recording Secretary).

Rich Spence, President

Plans for Walkways



Plans for walkways at North Family site by Theodore Johanson, Architect.

White Water Artifact Returns Home

by Linda Poynter

This January, a special White Water artifact returned to the Village. Scott and Elaine Hoover purchased *Shaker Music: Inspirational Hymns and Melodies, Illustrative (sic) of the Resurrection Life and Testimony of the Shakers*, from Hauer Music Co. in Dayton 20 years ago. Two signatures can be found on the inside, one of them from Delia Harding who in 1880 was at White Water along with several children.

Shaker Music was published in Albany, New York by Weed, Parsons and Company in 1875. The music is written in conventional notation. Three pages at the end of the book titled "The Dependence of the Singing or Speaking Form of the Larynx upon the Respiratory Effort" by John Howard, a prominent music teacher at the time, provides some vocal exercises/instruction.

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A notice about the music book was printed in the March 1875 edition of *Shaker and Shakeress*, noting that copies sold for 40 cents a piece.

The *Shaker and Shakeress* was a monthly Shaker journal published from 1873-1875 by Mt. Lebanon and shared with all of the Shaker communities. (The Shakers' official periodical was published monthly from 1871-1899 under four titles - *The Shaker*, *Shaker and Shakeress*, *The Shaker Manifesto*, and *The Manifesto*.) One can assume that the White Water Shakers saw the advertisement and purchased some copies.

We are thrilled to have this music book, as it gives us a sense of the songs that were actually sung in our meeting house.



Signatures in the Book:
Delia M. C. Harding, who was at the North Family in 1880, and Adena Myers. Myers does not appear in any records for White Water.



SHAKER MUSIC.

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Claire Viverito 1849 Milk House Restoration Fund Update

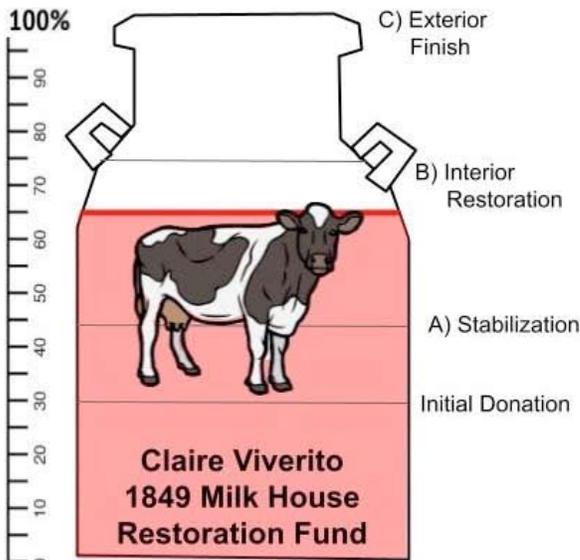


Milk House with chicken coop in distance.

As of January the generous donors and members of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village have donated \$39,132 to benefit the restoration of the 1849 Milk House.

After stabilizing the building, painting the new wood in 2023, and replacing the flashing around the chimney in 2024, just over \$9,600 is remaining in the fund.

We hope to do some restoration work ourselves this year – replacing boards and reshingling the porch roof. If you'd like to help, contact Bruce Poynter at <bruce.poynter@whitewatervillage.org>.



Meeting House Update

At long last the work of restoring the Meeting House is almost complete. As written about and illustrated in past issues of *The Record*, what has been a mixture of restoration plus building and wiring code compliance is coming to a successful end. The building's interior now appears much the same as when the Shakers left in 1916, except for the light fixtures. What remains is wiring the stairwell pendant lights to remain on 24/7, as insisted on by Hamilton County. This will be done as soon as the snow melts and the building is accessible. Our thanks to all who contributed to this effort with their time, talents and contributions.



Meeting House second floor center hall.

Meeting House first floor meeting space with lighting.



2026-2027 Annual Raffle

by Linda Poynter

Our next Annual Raffle will have an Ohio Shakers theme. One lucky winner will receive:

- A one night stay at The Golden Lamb (in Lebanon, Ohio) with dinner for two.
- Two tickets to the Harmon Museum (in Lebanon, Ohio) to view their Ohio Shaker collection (and the rest of their fantastic museum).
- A keepsake shadowbox featuring a sheet of the USPS Shaker Design stamps and Shaker miniatures – among them, a White Water miniature seedbox.



The Golden Lamb is a historic restaurant and hotel, serving Ohio since 1803. The Golden Lamb has hosted 12 U.S. Presidents and notable guests such as Charles Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain, and Neil Armstrong. Their fourth floor museum rooms showcase Shaker culture. (Please note: The Golden Lamb does not have an elevator.)

The Harmon Museum's Shaker Gallery has a beautiful collection of Shaker artifacts, most from the Union Village community. Also, on the museum's grounds, you will find the 1795 Beedle Cabin where the first Shaker service west of the Allegheny Mountains took place. The Harmon Museum is one block from The Golden Lamb.

Our generous donors are Pat & Mary Allen (the Golden Lamb overnight/dinner and museum tickets) and Joan & Dave Van Winkle (the Shaker miniature shadowbox designed by Joan). Tickets for the 2026-2027 Annual Raffle will be available starting this April at the Annual Gathering and will be sold throughout the year.

The winner will be selected at the 2027 Annual Gathering. All funds raised will be used for restoration projects.



All Aboard the Ohio Innovation Trail

This past fall, we were informed that the Village had been selected to be part of one of America 250-Ohio's "Trails & Tales" - the Ohio Innovation Trail - a history driving trail focused on innovation.

The state is divided into five regions. Southwest Ohio has 23 museums and historic sites included on the trail, White Water being one of them. We look forward to sharing information about some of the many Shaker innovations that have impacted American life.

Interested in finding sites to visit on the trail? You can find more information about the Innovation Trail and a PDF of the trail with information about each site at <https://america250-ohio.org/ohio-innovation-trail/>.



In Memoriam

In January, we lost Bill Mooney, a good friend of the FWWSV and longtime Watervliet, Ohio Shaker scholar. Bill first learned of Watervliet in 1986 when, as an archaeologist with the Dayton Museum of Natural History, he investigated the recently discovered Watervliet Shaker cemetery. His passion to learn and document, without a computer, all that he could about the community never ended.



Martha Boice and Bill Mooney

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2026 Membership, Annual Appeal, and Donor Response Card

2026 FWWSV Membership

\$15 Student \$30 Individual \$50 Family \$100 Sponsor
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Donations for the Milk House Restoration Fund

\$50 \$100 \$ 250
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2026 Annual Appeal – Come Walk with Us

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$ Other _____ Total \$ _____

Donations

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Annual Gathering April 11, 2026 at Miami Whitewater Community Church
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