



The White Water Record

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

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2023 Annual Gathering: Celebrating 200 years, 1823-2023 Saturday, April 22



Tommy Hines

We are pleased that Tommy Hines, Executive Director at South Union Shaker Village, and Brad Spurlock, Manager of the Smith Library of Regional History, will share their knowledge of the Shakers and their presence in Southwest Ohio at our Annual



Brad Spurlock

Gathering this year. We will also celebrate the Shaker Village's 200th anniversary – 1823-2023!

The Annual Gathering will begin at a new location for us, the Miami Whitewater Methodist Church on Dry Fork Road, which offers a larger meeting room, has plenty of close parking, and is just four miles from the village. The day will conclude with a tour of the Meeting House and Dwelling where all can view our efforts to restore the building interiors. More in Pegs, Plaster and Paint on page 5.

Date: Saturday April 22, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Location: Miami Whitewater Methodist Church and the White Water Shaker Village North Family Site

The 2023 Annual Gathering is open to members and non-members who are interested in learning more about the Shakers and the FWWSV. Fill out the registration form inserted into this newsletter and mail to reserve a spot. Seating is limited to 100.

Please register early to guarantee your attendance. The registration deadline is Wednesday April 19, 2023.

The Miami Whitewater United Methodist Church is located at 9700 Dry Fork Road, a half mile north of the Dry Fork exit on I-74. Get directions and a map at <https://www.mymw.org>.

We invite you to join us!

It's 2023 membership time

Memberships are vital in supporting the daily operations and basic needs of the village, such as paying for propane for winter heating, electric, water, and the phone line for the security system. Members enjoy free or reduced admission to special events, such as the spring Annual Gathering and the members-only Meeting House Anniversary Celebration in December, as well as receiving our newsletter, *The White Water Record*, throughout the year.

Yearly memberships follow the calendar year. Members listed in this issue have renewed their 2023 memberships (at time of publication.) If at any time you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Linda at lindap@whitewatervillage.org and she will check for you.

We thank you for your past support and we look forward to our friends joining this year.

Calling for raffle donations

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



In preparation for this year's Annual Gathering, 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 March 30.



The last Annual Gathering

Member Meeting Notice

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 22, 2023 to elect directors. Nominations for directors are Richard Spence, Patrick Allen, and Karen Kilgo.

Rich Spence, President

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) corporation

Our website address is
<www.whitewatershakervillage.org>

Our telephone number is
513-738-5928
Messages are not monitored daily

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

Our email address is
<friendsofwwsv@gmail.com>

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."

Officers

President - Richard Spence
Vice President - Bruce Poynter
Recording Secretary - Karen Kilgo
Corresponding Secretary - Linda Poynter
Treasurer - Patricia Kluener
Newsletter - Mardi & John Wells

Board of Directors

Patrick Allen
Jennifer Bornemann
Christy Connelly
Scott Hoover
David Kilgo
Karen Kilgo
Patricia Kluener
Bruce Poynter
Linda Poynter
Richard Spence

Advisory Board

Lois Madden
Carol Medicott

New Members

Since November 2022

Paula Popper Sponsor
Chris & Maria Uhlenbrock Family

Life Members

Kay Bornemann
Richard Dabrowski & Carolyn Smith
Curt DeBaun
Scott & Elaine Hoover
Lois Madden
Ray & Judy McCaskey
Robert Portman
Dale Spencer

Renewing Members

since November 2022

Marketa Anderson	Individual
Patricia Bertsch	Individual
Martha Boice	White Water Society
Jennifer Bornemann	Sponsor
Jack & Sue Buescher	Family
Bill & Beth Burwinkel	Patron
Joyce & Jerry Bradley	Family
Deborah Brunner	Sponsor
John Campbell	Individual
Robert Campbell	Individual
Gail & Gerry Chuck	Sponsor
Michael & Betty Cookendorfer	Family
Dale Covington	Individual
Bill Dean	Sponsor
Elaine Disch	Sponsor
Ann Dugan	Individual
Vera Dunsieith	Individual
Jill Evans	Individual
Ken Fulmer	Individual
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss	Individual
Josephine Gately	Individual
Steve Hancock	Sponsor
Nancy Henkenberns	Individual
Mary Hinton	Individual

Charles & Charles Hungate	Family
James Innis, Jr.	Sponsor
Anne Jantzen	Individual
Clare & Roland Johnson	Sponsor
Dorothy Jones	Family
Gary & Margaret Kelm	Sponsor
Donna & Keith Klehm	Family
Larry & Trish Kluener	Sponsor
M. Jean Knollman	Individual
Mary Ann Kocher	Individual
George & Darlene Kohrman	Sponsor
Gary Lakin	Individual
Peggy Landes	Individual
Kevin & Susan Lindsey	Family
Janet Lockwood	Sponsor
Paul & Elizabeth Mattingly	Family
Stephen McClanahan & Larry Leslie	Family
Regeana & Al Morgan	Family
Beth & Mark Parker Miller	Family
Thomas Queen	Individual
Betty Pack	Individual
Chris Pack	Individual
Bruce & Linda Poynter	Sponsor
Elizabeth Riorden	Sponsor
Bill & Karla Roberts	Family
Jeff & Teri Rolfes	Family
Janice Rook	Individual
Paul Ruffing	Sponsor
Tom Sakmyster	Patron
Marguerite Sharp	Family
William & Sandra Soule	Sponsor
Rich & Susy Spence	Family
Dale Spencer	Sponsor
David & Jan Stockton	Family
Bob & Pat Wagner	Family
Roberta Warndorf	Individual
John & Mardi Wells	Family
Sherry Wittry	Individual

Meeting House Restoration

Contribution of \$50

Robert Campbell
Elaine Disch
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss
Beth & Mark Parker Miller
Janice Rook

Contribution of \$100

Bill Dean
Dorothy Jones
Mary Ann Kocher
Tom Sakmyster

Contribution of \$150

Pat Allen



Cradle and cover

Contribution of \$500

James Innis, Jr.

Contribution of \$1000

Martha Boice

Donors-Unrestricted

Contribution to \$99

Patricia Bertsch
John Campbell
Vera Dunsieith
Mary Hinton
Carrie Roell
Janice Rook
Roberta Warndorf

Contribution \$100

Jack & Sue Buescher
Bill Dean
Martha Domonkos
Gary & Margaret Kelm
Dale Spencer

Contribution \$200

Edward A. Hiler
Bonnie Hiler Woll

Contribution \$1000

Martha Boice

Memorial Donations

George & Darlene Kohrman

In memory of Elaine Disch

Rich & Susy Spence

In memory of Elaine Disch

Recently donated artifacts

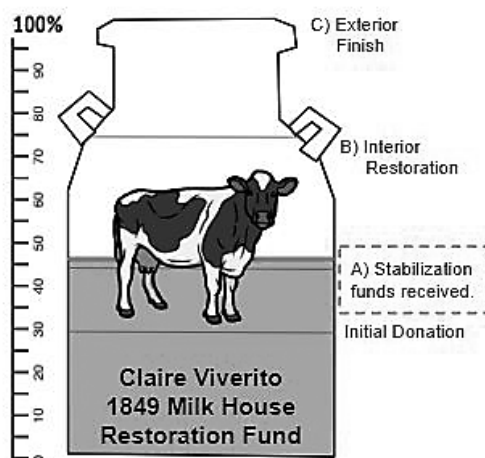
Peg rail, walnut, 6' 5" long and 3" wide, with a brown stain. Possibly from the second floor of the meeting house. Gift of Jerry and Debbie Moore

Shelf sconce, pine with reddish wash, reproduction. Gift of Nancy and Dan Deal

Shaker cradle cover, with beveled and dovetailed poplar rails (photo at left). Gift of Marvin Shrimplin

Adjustable carpenters compass, cherry, attributed to Union Village. Gift of Marvin Shrimplin

Claire Viverito 1849 Milk House



Campaign Update

by Linda Poynter

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the restoration campaign of the Milk House. As of February 10, the fund stands at \$28,407. The first phase (stabilization projects) is estimated to cost \$27,390. The contract with the contractor overseeing the project has been signed. We anticipate work will begin this spring or summer. Some of the structural work slated for the first phase includes removing and replacing sill plates, replacing a corner post, adding new joists, reconstructing the wall around an exterior door, reconstructing the failing stairwell masonry wall, replacing rake boards, re-securing roof metal, reconstructing the door sill and frame, and repairing and tuck pointing the stone/brick foundation.

Future contributions designated for the Milk House Fund will be used for interior restoration projects scheduled for the second phase. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project.

Restoration Fund Donors

Contributions of \$20 - \$25

Tommy Hines
Gary Lakin
Betty Pack
Chris Pack
Rick Spencer

Contributions of \$50

Elaine Disch
Valerie & J. Elliott
Janet Jasanis
Peggy Landes
Carol Medicott

Regeana & Al Morgan
Beth & Mark Parker Miller
Thomas Queen
Bill & Karla Roberts
Janice Rook
Marguerite Sharp
Rich & Susy Spence

Contributions of \$60

Rob Schweitzer

Contributions of \$70

Marketa Anderson
Anne Jantzen

Contributions of \$100

Jennifer Bornemann
Larry Brown
Bill & Beth Burwinkel
Gail & Gerry Chuck
Dale Covington
Bill Dean
Magda Gabor-Hotchkiss
Josephine Gately
Steve Hancock
Scott & Elaine Hoover
Dorothy Jones
Mary Ann Kocher
Irene Light
Paul Ruffing
Jon & Jackie Seymour
David & Jan Stockton
David & Joan Van Winkle
Bob & Pat Wagner
Sherry Wittry

Contributions of \$200

Deborah Hall

Contributions of \$250

Deborah Brunner

Contributions of \$300

Chris & Maria Uhlenbrock

Contributions of \$350

Diane Weber-Hampson

Contributions of \$400

James Innis, Jr.

Contributions of \$500

Kay Bornemann
George & Darlene Kohrman
Ray & Judy McCaskey

Contributions of \$700

Lois Madden

Contributions of \$1,000

Anonymous
Bruce & Linda Poynter

Contributions of \$1,500

Martha Boice

Contributions of \$18,000

Maggie Viverito



The North Family Milk House awaiting the start of restoration now that funds have been raised. See page 3 for details.

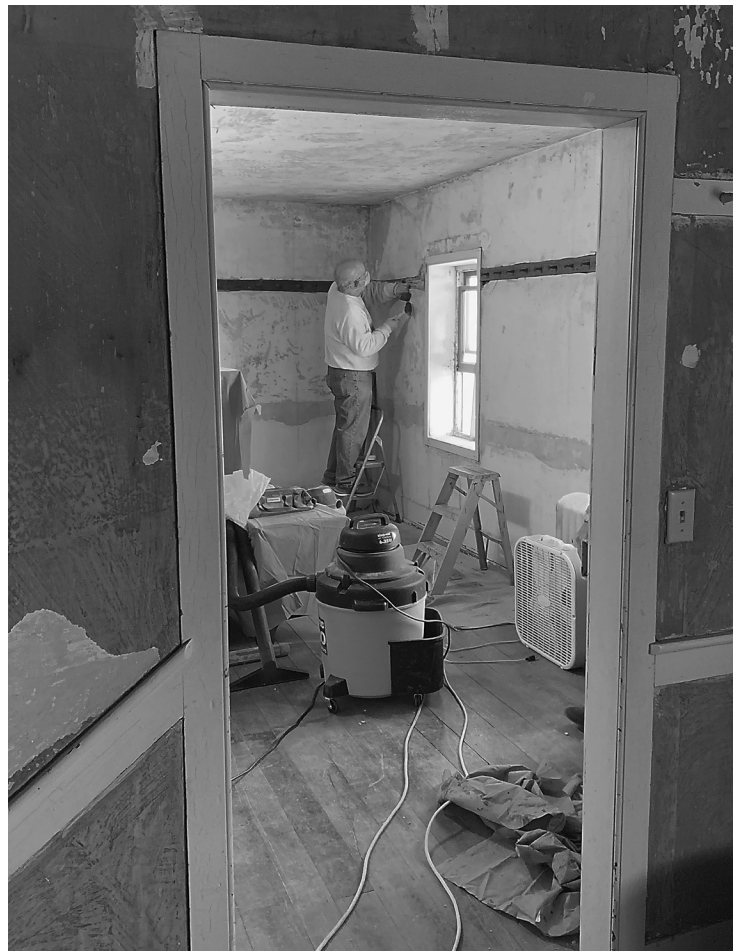


Jerry Moore (right) and Rich Spence (left) with meeting house peg rail

Our mailing address

As of November 30, 2021 is
Friends of White Water Shaker Village
11813 Oxford Road
Harrison OH 45030

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



Bruce returning peg rail in Sister's Room



Peg rail donated by Warren County Historical Society

Pegs, Plaster and Paint

by Linda Poynter

As 2022 drew to a close, we were approached by Mike Nygren, a retired high school shop teacher and paint contractor. He wanted to volunteer his services to help restore some of the interior spaces at White Water. He has had years of experience in organizing large volunteer projects in the United States and abroad, from building a house, painting a three-story historic grist mill, and completing work projects in Mexico and Jamaica. Mike will be serving as project manager.

The White Water Paint Project will be the first restoration project of 2023 and is a unique opportunity for our members and the community to come together to be involved in the restoration effort. It will help bring some of the interior spaces back to their original appearance - a fitting project as the Friends celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of White Water this year.

Prior to painting, there will be jobs such as securing drop cloths/floor protection, patching holes in halls, sanding, and taping windows to prep for painting. Currently, work is scheduled for the following dates: March 3, 4 and 5; March 11, 12 and 13; and March 17, 18 and 19. Volunteers are welcome to contact us at <friendsofwwsv@gmail.com> to sign up for a work day (or two) to help make this project a success.



West end of second floor hallway under restoration



Chair exhibit room under restoration

March, 2023

A new, old loom

by Karen Kilgo

"She was a gift. She was dusty. She had a past."

A year or more ago, Bob and Pat Wagner donated a small, two harness floor loom to the Village. A few small pieces were missing but were easily recreated by board member Bruce Poynter. Then at one of our open houses, Marketa Anderson, a visiting member, told us about a friend of hers – a weaver named Cay Dietz – who might be able to help us. Cay graciously and enthusiastically met board members Linda Poynter and Karen Kilgo at the village to get to know the loom.

"Someone was looking at her, moving harnesses, tying up treadles, tickling a bit. There was talk of weaving, of making Shaker tape. She was excited. She was remembering her past."

Cay returned in January, meeting Karen at the Village. Cay had measured out a warp (vertical threads under tension on the loom) and began to tie it onto the loom with Karen's help. Tying up the treadles took some trial and error. Finally, everything was working properly and Cay started the actual weaving, inserting the weft (horizontal threads) over and under the warp threads. Karen also did some weaving and approximately two inches were woven that day.

"Such beautiful colors! And weaving Shaker tape! She was so glad she wasn't being asked to weave a rug. She was too much of a lady for that! The weaving was beginning."

She was remembering her part in the process. She couldn't wait to show what she could do. She was happy."



Karen Kilgo on the loom



Weaving on the loom



Cay Dietz and the loom

Winter window insulation project

Linda Poynter

Heating two old buildings with single pane windows is definitely a challenge during the cold winters in the Midwest. Both the Dwelling and the Meeting House are heated by propane. The Dwelling has a boiler system and the Meeting House has a more recently installed furnace.

The Friends are thankful to be able to purchase propane via a discount Great Parks negotiates with propane suppliers each year. A five hundred gallon tank supplies both buildings, which can be filled several times a month, especially during January and February. We typically spend over \$2,100 a year on propane.

We have always kept the buildings at a low temperature (55° F) – to keep pipes from freezing and to help prevent further plaster deterioration. However, since we took off the old exterior plexiglass covers put on the Dwelling front windows by the park district (1990) for the exterior painting project in 2021, it increased the likelihood of more cold air infiltration. Our HVAC professional has also suggested that we increase the temperature in the Dwelling to prolong the life of the boiler.

In the fall of 2021, we started the discussion of cost-effective ways to reduce our propane consumption. We decided to purchase laminated expanded polystyrene foam insulation boards to cut and place inside each Dwelling interior window frame, creating a dead air space to increase the insulation properties. Each 4x8 foot board can cover two windows. After measuring and cutting, we sealed the edges with aluminum tape. Upon inserting, small gaps along the edges are sealed with small pieces of packing foam sheets.

Twenty-nine windows have been covered. The cold air infiltration has decreased. We will store the insulated panels and reinstall each heating season.



Covered windows

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White Water Shaker Village

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Calendar

Events 2023

- Sat. April 22 • Annual Gathering - Reservations needed
- Sun. May 28 • Memorial Day Open House 2-5pm
- Sat. June 10 • Flea Market 10-2pm
- Sun. Sept. 24 • Great Outdoors Weekend Open House 2-5pm
- Sat. Oct. 7 • Passport to the Past Open House 2-5pm
- Sun. Dec. 3 • Meeting House Event for Members

Now scheduling small group tours.
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Membership, Milk House Appeal, Annual Gathering Donor Response Card

2023 FWWSV Membership

☐ \$10 Student ☐ \$30 Individual ☐ \$50 Family ☐ \$100 Sponsor
☐ \$500 Patron ☐ \$1,000 White Water Society Total \$ _____

Donations for the 2023 Appeal (Milk House Restoration Fund)

☐ \$50 Apprentice ☐ \$100 Roofer ☐ \$250 Carpenter
☐ \$500 Brick Mason ☐ \$1,000 Foreman ☐ \$ Other _____ Total \$ _____

Donations for the Meeting House Restoration Fund

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$ Other _____
Total \$ _____

Donations

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$ Other _____
Total \$ _____

☐ To be used at the board's discretion, or to be used for _____
☐ I would like my donation to remain anonymous.

Annual Gathering April 22, 2023 at Miami Whitewater Methodist Church
and Tour of North Family

_____ Members @ \$30 each # _____ Non members @ \$35 each Total \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Thank you for choosing to support the 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, 11813 Oxford Road, Harrison OH 45030

Acknowledgement for my donation/membership may be sent via

☐ Email ☐ Mail ☐ Written acknowledgement not necessary