Meeting House Celebration

On December 5th

by David Kilgo

In 1827 the Shakers of White Water first celebrated their faith in their just completed new Meeting House. In recent years we have held a celebration of this event on the first Sunday of December. As with so many things, the 2020 celebration had to be cancelled as well as all of our indoor events, including both the 2020 and the 2021 Annual Gatherings.

With proper safety precautions, which will be described shortly, the board has decided to go forward with a celebration of the Meeting House's 194th anniversary on Sunday December 5th. The celebration will be done in conjunction with an abbreviated annual business meeting.

This is a members-only event in thanks to all that our members have done over these past, very difficult months. With the concerns of the current Delta variant and the continuing pandemic, we'd like to limit the attendance to under 50 people.

The plan is to include light refreshments with cheese, fruit, cookies, and crudité. We'll also have beverages, both nonalcoholic and alcoholic such as fresh cider, water, wine, and beer. There is no charge for the event's festivities. Again, this is a heartfelt thank you to our loyal members who have helped us through these past, very difficult 18 months.

The celebration will start at 3:00 P.M. and continue until 6:00 P.M. – with a short business meeting to elect directors – beginning at approximately 3:30. The business meeting will be followed by an overview of the achievements of the past two years, some remarks from our president, Rich Spence, singing by the renowned Western Shaker Singers, some raffle items to be drawn at the meeting's end, together with some surprises.

Please dress warmly as we'll have several of the Meeting House's windows open for fresh air circulation. Masks are strongly suggested but will not be required. And, of course, masks will not be required while we're enjoying the food and beverage.

If you would like to be among the first to RSVP, please email Linda Poynter at <lindap@whitewatervillage.org> or call 513-738-5202. An invitation will be emailed to all members closer to the event in November as well. Looking forward to seeing you at 3:00 P.M. on December 5th!

Paint, paint and more paint

The theme of the summer appears to be “paint”. As you will learn in more detail in the articles and photos that are shared with you in this issue, many hours have been spent with a brush in hand – either by volunteers or contracted professionals. Scott and Elaine Hoover painted windows and wood trim, while Rich Spence painted wood paneling, doors and staircase spindles using the information gleaned from the Dwelling paint analysis of Susan Buck. Linda Poynter painted the three exterior doors and door frames of the restroom building so they blend more readily into the environment. The Meeting House and Dwelling received their protective coats of exterior paint by LVX Painting over a two week period.

We have many more hours of sanding, prepping and painting to complete, but things are looking good!

Annual Appeal update

Exterior painting project for the 1827 Meeting House and the 1832 Dwelling

Thanks to all who contributed to our Annual Appeal, which has funded about half of the cost of the much needed exterior painting of the Meeting House and Dwelling. LVX Painting of Newport, Kentucky was on site for about three weeks in July, scraping, priming and painting both buildings. The frame addition to the dwelling was particularly challenging with failing paint and

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Our mailing address has changed

The board of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village decided to move our mailing address to our physical location. With the new treasurer and several board members living near the village, mail can be frequently accessed. Therefore, we have changed the address on all our accounts and in our written communications.

The address to now use is

Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc.
11813 Oxford Road
Harrison OH 45030
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Our website address is
<www.whitewatershakervillage.org>
Our telephone number is
513-738-5928
Messages are not monitored daily
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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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Artifact Donations
Hand forged thumb latch, attributed to the White Water meeting house.

Donations of Shaker artifacts

Flat broom made by the Shakers at Mt Lebanon NY.

Monogrammed pillow case, silk, used by Zilpha Blanchard at Enfield CT.

Small floor loom, possibly for weaving chair tapes.

Shaker stove with iron tools, possibly from White Water.

Side chair, three slats with mule ear pommels, from Mt Lebanon, Ohio.

Seed planter, possibly Union Village, rope held with turned handle to release the seeds, ten feet wide to plant several rows.


Large wood barrel used for scaldings. From a Miami County, Ohio farm.

Eight books about the Shakers, including Documented Shaker Furniture by Jean Burke, a 1950 edition of Shaker Furniture by Edward Andrews, and The American Shakers and Their Furniture.
clapboards that are not in the best condition. This was a lot of ladder work. At the same time, the dwelling windows were being restored and architectural reclamation was conserving the Meeting House walnut doors. The picture says a thousand words!

Exterior Painting
Project Donors

Up to $50
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$100 to $200
Patrick & Mary Allen
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Michael & Christy Connelly
William Dean
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Pegggy Landes
Irene Light
Margaret McGee
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$300 to $500
Deborah Hall & Michael Domino
Gary & Margaret Kelm
George & Darlene Kohrman
Janet Lockwood
Bruce & Linda Poynter
David & Judy Savage

$800 to $1,000
Bill & Beth Burwinkel
Richard Dabrowski & Carolyn Smith

$3,000
Hedda W. von Goeben

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Scraping & painting the the Dwelling House addition.
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White Water 1832 Dwelling
Window Project 2020-2021
by Scott Hoover

This project began in April 2020 when a Dwelling attic sash fell out of a north attic window during a spring storm. I volunteered to fix the sash and return it to the attic. The attic windows are made up of two sashes with four panes over two. The glass is 8” x 10”.

Once I went into the attic, I decided that I might as well fix all four windows, eight sashes. When the windows were removed, I sanded them, removed loose glazing, replaced glass, and put on a primer coat. Some of the sashes had to have the muntins and rails replaced.

A white exterior was used and a color similar to the red attic trim was used for the interior. Wood quarter round guides were used to hold the bottom sashes in place. The top sashes do not move and fit into the frame. The attic windows can now be raised when needed.

The attic windows were completed by the middle of May, 2020.

Last year, the Board of the Friends White Water Shaker Village decided that the Meeting House (1827) and the Dwelling (1832) exteriors were in immediate need of painting. The Meeting House windows had been primed when new, but had never received a finish coat of paint. Those 30 windows were installed in 2011, and generous donors provided the $34,500 for that project. The Dwelling first floor windows were last painted in 2012 by FWWSV volunteers. Many of the Dwelling windows were caulked shut, and Plexiglass was placed on the exterior by the Hamilton County Park District in 2002, prior to the Friends occupancy in 2007. If we were going to have a painting company come in to paint the Dwelling exterior, we needed to remove Plexiglass and remove caulking.

In November 2020, I began removing the second floor windows and covering the windows with plywood. One of the worst parts of working on the windows was removing them from the frames.

Some of the upper sashes may have been sealed shut for a hundred years. Stubborn sashes were taken out using box cutters, putty knives, pry bars and a hammer. Another problem that will eventually have to be dealt with is the window sills. Most sills have rotten wood. My plan was to take the sashes to my garage in Tipp City, Ohio and work on them. I would use a heat gun to remove paint, take out loose glazing, repair glass, reglaze, rough sand and light sand the sashes. The sashes would then be primed, and a white latex put on the exterior and what we thought was a mustard color on the interior. Later in the project, a paint analysis was done to the interior trim. The analysis found that the color was a red color called Mars Red, and some of the window interiors had to be repainted.

Once the sashes were painted, they could be returned, plywood sheets removed, and the sashes put back in. On the second floor the sashes were two over two panes. The first floor windows were slightly larger. The bottom sash can be raised and held with a window holder. Some windows had brass locks that worked with pressure. There were also brass guides that held the bottom sashes in place. Many of the windows have quarter round guides since a lot of the brass guides were missing.

The original Dwelling windows were probably two, six over six panes. These can be found on four north side addition windows and three basement windows. The first and second floor windows were probably replaced during the 1878 Dwelling remodel and are two over two panes. Most of the basement windows are one sash with three over three panes. They are held in by two hinges and can be pulled back to open. It appears the Shakers made wood L shaped holders to keep the windows open. Sashes stay in place by using wood latches. Some of the basement windows have had the sills replaced with concrete. Three basement windows have electric wiring and a PVC pipe coming through their frames. One basement window was so badly deteriorated that it was replaced with two sashes that were removed from the stable when the siding was repaired and probably came from the Sister’s Shop. There are a total of 51 windows in the Dwelling.

The weather got cold, and I was able to complete sixteen sashes by mid December 2020. The window project was put on hold until warmer weather returned. In April, I was back to working on the sashes. At the present time I am close to completing all the Dwelling windows. All of the windows were finished by the time that the painters finished painting on July 23. I have over 300 hours of work and 20 trips to White Water Village in this project. I have used six packets of glazing points, five quarts of primer, eight quarts of glazing, 23 panes of glass, one gallon each of red, gold and white paint, 18 hinges, 24 wood latches, two sheets of plywood, two packs of sanding disks, five pieces of quarter round, and many screws. The good news is that the windows should be good for some time, both inside and outside.
W. E. Smith Grants
Recently received
by Linda Poynter

The W. E. Smith Family Charitable Trust has recently granted funding to the Friends of White Water Shaker Village for two projects this summer. The grants total $3,863.

The first grant is for the restorative repair and conservation of the 1878 diary of George Amery, an important Shaker Elder and Trustee at White Water for many years. Very few diaries from White Water have survived and Amery’s is the only diary in our possession. It is in very poor condition, having a loose front cover and a number of individual loose pages. The diary provides a very detailed account of the daily activities and religious affairs of White Water, containing 240 daily entries. The conservation will be performed by Laura Moeller of Strange Stock Art Conservation, who has previously conserved the George Amery hymnal in our possession.

The second grant will enable us to create an interactive tour of the buildings that could be viewed on a tablet or other device, which will be especially useful for our visitors that have difficulty navigating the interior staircases to the second floors and attic spaces of the buildings. Most of our exhibits (Shaker-made chairs, furniture and photo displays) are on the second floor of the Dwelling. The VUZE 3D Camera and Virtual Tour software will be used to create the digital tour. Two tablets will be purchased to be used by our visitors to view the tour. Additional informational documents and slides will also be created and available for visitors to access additional information in areas of personal interest - such as Shaker industry, agriculture, daily life, children at White Water, WWSV population graph and historic photos.

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village are grateful for the continued support of The W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust, true benefactors of local history.

Shaker Farming Life – Outstanding in Their Field
by Linda Poynter

The Friends of White Water Shaker Village participated in our sixth annual Great Outdoor Weekend, which is sponsored by the Green Umbrella, on Sunday Sept. 26. There were nearly 100 free outdoor recreation and nature awareness programs available in the Greater Cincinnati area during the last weekend in September.

The Meeting House and Dwelling were open to tour, as well as a display of period farm equipment under the Wagon Shed next to the Stable. Also on display were tools used in 19th century butchering, a necessary part of Shaker farm life.

Signs were placed throughout the grounds with additional background and historical information about all the buildings on the North Family Site, for those who felt more comfortable remaining outdoors.
About the Shaker paint

by Susan Buck

Recent paint analysis of the woodwork on the first and second floor of the 1832 White Water Shaker North Family Dwelling House shows that the original paint on all the woodwork was a thinly applied deep red paint with an associated varnish coating. It is directly on top of the wood in cross-sections from a pegrail (left) and the staircase newel post (right).

Repainting to the replica paint color Benjamin Moore #2172-20 “Mars Red” has just begun. The retiring room is starting to look like a traditional Shaker space again — quite handsome.
Architectural Reclamation, based in Franklin, Ohio, has been contracted to complete the restoration of the six meeting house exterior doors. (Architectural Reclamation had previously crafted the historically accurate replacement windows in the Meeting House – the first big project completed by The Friends of White Water Shaker Village after leasing the North Family from the park district.) Bruce Stewart and Adele Johnson came June 28 to take the original south door, which had been removed during the Hodapp residency due to severe weathering, back to their shop to investigate if the door could be successfully repaired/rebuilt.

The following week, Adele returned to work on the remaining five doors on site. The end grain of the stiles (vertical door members) had begun to wick water which caused the wood to begin to rot. She scraped the paint off of the bottoms of the stiles and coated them with a wood preservative to prevent further decay. Current hardware was adjusted so that it functions better and the modern slide bolts that were in place were replaced with period reproduction barrel bolts. One west door had been painted shut and is now operational.

They continued to work on the south door at their shop during the summer months and the door was successfully restored, keeping 80% of the original material. They took the door apart and duplicated and replaced the damaged areas, using old growth poplar salvaged from the razed Shaker buildings at Union Village. They returned August 27 with Bruce spending time measuring the exposed top and side rails of the existing Meeting House doors to make sure that the south door would be hung with the same amount of rail exposed. Returning on September 8, Adele completed rehanging the door and installing hardware. The door was given two coats of primer on September 11 and is now ready for a fresh coat of paint.

We greatly appreciate all the time and expertise devoted to restoring the Meeting House doors. Here’s to another 200 years!
Response Card for your Participation

Donations for the Annual Appeal (Exteriors, painting of Shaker buildings)

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

Donations for the Meeting House Restoration Fund

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

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

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2021 FWWSV Membership

- $10 Student
- $25 Individual
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- $100 Sponsor
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