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Shakertown  South Union

The South Union Messenger

August 1988

SHAKER FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS

The 1988 Shaker Festival broke all records in terms of visitors, increased events, and volunteer participation. Museum visitors during the three week-end festival totaled 2,400, an increase of over 700 people from last year's attendance. While totals are not yet available for the attendance of "Shakertown Revisited," the drama played to capacity crowds almost every evening.

This year's festival was dedicated to Mrs. Ruth Pottinger for the many improvement projects she has financed and more importantly because of her tireless enthusiasm and devotion for the South Union project. ~~Most~~ recently Mrs. Pottinger funded the design and construction of a new set for the production of "Shakertown Revisited" and the construction of risers on which to mount theatre seats, donated by Auburn Elementary School. A permanent seat, reserved especially for Mrs. Pottinger, was designated with her name and will always be there for her in the years to come.

SHAKER PORCH RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETE

The kitchen porch on the west side of the Centre Dwelling House has finally been completed. The original Shaker porch was torn down in the early 1960s when the building was under the ownership of St. Maur's Monastery. The porch that the monastery built in 1962 was in bad shape when we began considering rebuilding the Shaker-style porch in 1986. From historic photographs of the original porch, a local architect drew plans and reconstructed the structure so exact that the flashing at the roof line fit back into the original cuts in the mortar made by the Shakers.

While the reconstruction was in progress we were also able to dispose of a long section of electrical conduit, an old gas line, and an exterior phone line that had distracted from the building's original features. The west side of the Centre House looks so nice now that we were able to serve luncheon on the new porch with many compliments on the improvements.

The project was funded by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

SHAKERTOWN EMPLOYEE WINS HONORS

Shaker Museum tour guide, Carolyn Ann Helm, has recently won the Orinne Johnson Award, an award sponsored annually by Phi Upsilon Omicron, the Home-Economics National Honor Society. The 300 dollar cash award was for a paper "The Silk Kerchief: Expression of Shaker Culture." Congratulations.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS

A recent membership drive spearheaded by Shakertown board members Bess Martin, Carol Dyche, and Jay Joines has more than doubled last year's membership and raised over 7,000.00 in less than three weeks. The success of the drive was overwhelming and credit should go to these three hard-working board members and all of the 170 new members from Logan, Simpson and Warren counties. Thanks to all of you for this gesture of support.

ABC Supply, Inc.
Adairville Banking Co.
Adairville-South Logan Chamber
Dr. William Albert
American National Bank
Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ashby
City of Auburn
Auburn Banking Co.
Auburn Leather Co.
Auburn Nursing Center
Auburn Roller Mills
Mrs. Trannie Abboushi
Auburn Electric
Auburn Roller Mills
Barnes Insurance Agency
Mr. and Mrs. James Basham
Sharon Bennett
Bert's Auto Parts
Bethel Liquors
Danny Blick
Marilyn Boortz
Pat and Becky Bouldin and Family
Bowling Green Tourist Comm.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd
Carroll and Sue Ellen Browning
Sue Carol Browning
Caldwell Gasket, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Camp
Captain D's
Cates Lumber and Building Supply
Kenny and Linda Chapman
Colonial Inn
Colony House
The Country Barn
Citizen's National Bank, Russellville
Dr. Dale W. Clark
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The Clothes Tree
Colburn Vending Co.
Jim Coursey
Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Dawson
Mrs. John B. Dockins
Mr. and Mrs. James Duffy
Duncan's Drug Store

Electric Plant Board
Evans Equipment Board
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elsner
Farm Credit Service
Ferguson Auto motive
Viola Felts
First Federal, Bowling Green
First Federal, Russellville
The Frame Shoppe
William G. Fuqua
Tom and Carolyn Garrett
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greene
The Glass Place
H & H Sheet Metal
Hancock's Hardware
Mr. and Mrs. David Hall
Hardee's
Paul and Delilah Hayes
Alan Heath
Hedges Office Equipment
Robert C. Hedges
Herndon's T.V. And Appliance
Ron and Pam Herriford
Higgins Market
Dr. B.W. Hindman
Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Holland
Logan Square Liquor Shoppe
Humphries Jewelry
Sam Hunt
Jay Joines
J & S Beauty Shop
Kentucky Finance Co.
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kerr
Dr. Paul N. Kerr
J. Michael Kimbley
Jean S. King
J.C. Kirby and Son Funeral Chapel
Dr. P.A. Kirkpatrick
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kisselbaugh
Klein's Department Store
K.T. Harvestore
Lewisburg Banking Co.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED...

Logan Telephone Cooperative
Logan Business Supply
Logan Leader/News Democrat
Logan Square Liquors
Rep. June Lyne and Nelson Lyne
John Allen and Betty Martin
Will Martin Family
Memorial Funeral Home
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mercer
James C. and Clarkie Milam
G. Sam Milam
McCarley and Richardson
Merchants Grain
Modern Woodmen of America
James Ellis and Sarah Montgomery
Moore Insurance Agency
Jack and Mary Ann Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mudge
Alan Neal
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Healy
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nealy
Jo Nell Nilsson
Thomas A Noe III
Northern Nursery
Oak n' Ivy Florist
Glenn's Russellville Shell
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Page
Mr. and Jimmy Parrish and Family
Perlman Motors, Inc.
Pillow Brothers
Pleasant View Farms
Russellville Tractor
Dale L. and Judy M. Prince
Printer's Plus
Production Credit Association
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ray
Mark and Jean Reynolds
Jesse L. Riley, Jr.
Jesse L. Riley and Son
Riley-White Drug
Claradelle Rogers
City Council of Russellville
Russellville Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Russellville Concrete Co.
Russellville Flower and Antique Gallery
Russellville Machine Shop
Russellville-Logan Co. Chamber
Sanders Funeral Home
Rachel Thorson-Schmied
Mrs. Ray T. Scott
Shaker Realty
Simpson County Bank
Mrs. Jay Slayton
Smith-Douglas
Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith
W.P. Sosh
South Central Bell, Russellville
Southern Deposit Bank
Southern States Co-op
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spurlock
Ann Stuart
Dr. J. Stephen Suhrer
Target Communications of Kentucky
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner
Van Meter Chevron
Anne Wallace
Richard Webber
Wendy's
Western Kentucky Coca-Cola Bottling Co.
Western Kentucky Gas
Stewart Wheeler
Mrs. Ivona Whipple
Joy Williams
Warren Rural Electric
Wright's Department Store
Young Funeral Home

STORM DAMAGE

During the first week-end of the festival strong winds took most of the standing seam metal roof off of the ca. 1834 Preservatory building. The structure, which eagerly awaits restoration, was empty at the time of the storm. Grant requests that had already been submitted to several funding organizations are needed even more now that restoration must begin immediatly.

The roof is currently being replaced with new standing seam metal. As funds become available we will repaint the brick and stone work where necessary and begin on the interior restoration.

SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

During our Spring season and Shaker Festival we have depended upon a host of volunteer help. Shakertown would like to thank those who have given time in the gift shop, serving luncheons, giving tours, and helping with the education program. Volunteer help makes this organization work. Thanks to the following:

Sharon Lundin	Mrs. Andrew Holland
Ruth and Larry Owrey	Mrs. Ruth Allender
Rachel M. Thorson-Schmied	Missy Towell
Pam Collins	Holly Crandal
Curt and Debbie DeBaun III	Debbie Britt
Claire Ziverito	Joni Emerson
Jeanne Weaver	Mary Lucy Franklin
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Allen	Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark
Trent Spurlock	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaines
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dennis	Jennie Perlman
Mrs. Deedy Hall	Addie Brooks
Mrs. Bea Vick	Lois Cogan
Mrs. Amanda Gordon	Jason Shuffit
Mrs. Margaret McQueen	Jay Joines
Leslie Corder	Carol Dyche
Linda Reynolds	Shelly Page
Virginia Hurst	Chris Shuffit
Dianne Watkins	Sherri Phelps
Gingie Hines	Gailan Roberson
Chandler Fowler	Debbie Breeding
Dorothy Wallace	Mary Anna Deweese
Glenn Givens	Mark Iverson
Bess Martin	Mrs. Maurice Hines
Lillie Mae Hayes	Teresa Hollingsworth
Mr. and Mrs. John Tanner	Dawn Hall
Dee Hall	

Thanks also to the cast and crew of "Shakertown Revisited" for all the hard work during the festival.

RECENT DONATIONS

Apple 2-C computer and printer.....donated by Sheldon and Brenda Baugh
Shaker door stops and pegs from South Union Ministry Shop...Addie Brooks
Answering Machine.....Bess Martin
Cordless Telephone....Deedy Hall
Two filing cabinets...Margaret Sloss
Steam Iron.....Hilda Hines
South Union Cupboard, original mustard paint...Elsworth Strickler
Shaker "Cooling Board" used in funeral process...Curt and Debbie DeBaun III

MORE DONATIONS...

Shutters and hinges from the Eleanor Hall Bird house...Virginia Bird Price,
Mary Bird Camp, and Margaret Bird McQueen
Spotlight for front of Centre House...Margaret McQueen

Water heater for Museum kitchen.....Linda Reynolds

50.00 Donation.....Franklin Duplicate Bridge Club

SHAKERTOWN'S SUMMER STAFF

The museum is fortunate to have two interns from Western Kentucky University's Folk Studies Masters Program as members of the staff this summer. Dawn Allen-Carlson is writing grants for Shakertown and Lisa Mason-Jones is updating the accession file and cataloging new inventory. New on the interpretive staff is Mrs. Kitty Hall of Auburn, assisting returning staff members Lillie Mae Hayes, Teresa Hollingsworth, and Carrie Helm. Holly Crandal is back in the gift shop along with new staff member Donnalyne Brooks of Bowling Green.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are really having a great year at Shakertown with attendance reaching nearly 9,000 already. The success of the festival along with the daily activity increase and new membership has allowed us to make several improvements on site and to prepare financially for the lean winter months. We will be open through September and October and, if the crowds continue to come, week-ends in November.

My apologies to the membership for the absence of a May issue of the newsletter. Not only have we been busy with visitors but in the spring we had a staff shortage. I will try my best not to let this happen again as I realize the importance of communication with the membership.

Welcome new members. We are very excited about increasing the membership almost 100 percent. The added financial support as well as the increase in participation is so important to the Shakertown organization and we thank you for your part. Acknowledgments have been mailed to each of the new members, but if for some reason you have not received your membership card, please let me know by calling the museum at (502) 542-4167.

The staff and board of directors at Shakertown would like to offer deepest sympathy at the loss of Mrs. Francis Harris, a long-time member of the Shakertown organization from Franklin, Kentucky. Sympathy also goes to the family of Mrs. Shelly Hines May who passed away in the spring. Shelly was the daughter of the late John P. Hines, former president of Shakertown.

I hope that each of you will attend one or more of our fall events. The calendar is listed on the last page of the newsletter for you to save and refer to throughout the fall season. Please get your reservations in early as these events usually fill very quickly.

Thanks again for your support and I hope to see you this fall.

Tommy Hines

Shakertown South Union

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 8 Chair Caning Workshop Learn to cane the bottom of a slat-back chair using split weave. Reservations only. 9:30-3:30. Fee: 10.00 members, 12.00 non-members.
- Sept. 17 Walking Tour and Shaker Luncheon A walking tour of the South Union mill site and a Shaker luncheon served in the Centre House dining room. Reservations only. 10:00. Fee: 7:00 members, 8.00 non-members.
- Oct. 14-15 Oval Box Making Workshop Learn to make a Shaker oval box in this two day workshop. A Shaker picnic lunch will be provided on the 15th. Reservations only. Call for time and price.
- Oct. 28 Fall Candlelight Tour A living history candlelight tour of the 1824 Centre Dwelling House followed by a reception. No reservations required. No charge to the public. 7:00.
- Nov. 19 Shaker Breakfast A Shaker breakfast served in the Centre House dining room. Reservations only. 10:00. Fee: 8.00 members, 9.00 non-members.
- Dec. 3 Christmas at Shakertown A Christmas celebration with 19th century decorations, foods, and music and the area's finest craftspeople. 10.00. No charge to the public.

All events are held at the Shaker Museum, 1824 Centre Family Dwelling House, located on Hwy. 68, 10 miles west of Bowling Green, Kentucky or 12 miles east of Russellville, Kentucky. Reservations are limited for each event. For more information call: (502) 542-4167. Or write: Shakertown at South Union, Kentucky 42283.

Shakertown at South Union is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Shaker heritage in Kentucky. The Shaker Museum at South Union is open daily 9-5, Sundays 1-5, through Nov. 1.