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Shakertown  South Union

The South Union Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION, KENTUCKY
JULY 1992

SHAKERTOWN RECEIVES \$62,000 GRANT FOR RESTORATION

Shakertown at South Union recently received a grant in the amount of \$62,000 from the E.R. and Eloise B. Carpenter Foundation. Funds will be used to complete most of the restoration of the interior of the 1824 Centre Family Dwelling House. The project, which was begun in late June, will include plaster and paint restoration in thirty rooms, the replication of basement level flooring, the replacement of seven sets of shutters, the reglazing of most upper story windows, and heating and electrical work. Completion of the project is estimated to be fall 1993.

The E.R. and Eloise B. Carpenter Foundation was established to benefit social causes needing financial assistance. Funds were applied for through the local E.R. Carpenter plant in Russellville, Kentucky. Shakertown at South Union is indebted to local Carpenter officials and to the foundation for this assistance. The completed project will make a great impact upon the development of the site.

"AN EVENING IN SHAKERTOWN" A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to the hard work and creativity of this year's gala chairperson, Mrs. Douglas Lester, and to her committees, "An Evening in Shakertown" raised more funds than ever before. Profits from the event will go to the newly-established acquisition endowment and will be matched dollar for dollar by the James Graham Brown Foundation. While the final report is not complete at this time, the committee estimates that this year's profit will near twenty thousand dollars.

Using Kentucky's Bicentennial as a theme, the gala celebrated the state's past by serving traditional foods and decorating with fruits, flowers, and vegetables indigenous to the region. Traditional and contemporary music served as a background to the evening's festivities while volunteers dressed in Shaker costume greeted guests. Special thanks to the following committee chairs:

Doug and Casey Lester	Mary Lucy Franklin	Ann Boyd
Mike and Lori Robbins	Ann Duncan	Julia Rhea
Ken and Jane Robbins	Roger Gower	Jay Joines
Randy and Allison Fuqua	Elizabeth Wilson	Carol Dyche
Susan Minton	Jerry Fornoff	Allison Dennis
Barbara English	Marcia Fuqua	Rebecca Brown
Gran and Sally Clark	Dale and Beth Clark	Pat Basham
Mike and Melynda Riley	Jim Turner	Dianne Watkins

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sue Brooks, Rockfield, Kentucky
Elaine Dodson, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Julia Duncan, Louisville, Kentucky
Mary and Lewis Gray, Clarksville, Tennessee
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Herzog, Borden, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keith, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Marilyn Mason, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Sherrie and Clay Pryor, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves, Brentwood, Tennessee
Marie Riggins, Clarksville, Tennessee
Linda Stevens, Hants, England
Glenda Wheet, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Cheri and Dixon Yeates, Bowling Green, Kentucky

RECENT MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Table, one-drawer, cherry, used in the Centre House dining room,
made at South Union, ca. 1850
.....purchased for museum by Mrs. Curry Hall, Auburn, Kentucky

Chair, maple, with original seat, ochre and salmon paint, room
number on front posts, made at South Union ca. 1830
.....purchased with Acquisition Endowment funds

Chair, maple, with original seat, traces of red paint, room
number on front posts, made at South Union ca. 1830
.....purchased with Acquisition Endowment funds

Bed, corded, possibly Mt. Lebanon, ca. 1860
.....purchased with Acquisition Endowment funds

Basket, white oak, made at South Union in 19th century, purchased
from the Shakers by doner's grandmother in 1922
.....donated by the descendants of Carrie McCutchen Coke in
her memory

Map of Kentucky, published 1856, showing both South Union and
Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Hill referred to as "Shaker T."
.....purchased with Acquisition Endowment funds

Bottles, "Shaker Pickles" and "Shaker Grove Dairy"
.....donated by Sheldon and Brenda Baugh, Russellville, Kentucky

Chair, maple, with original seat, traces of ochre paint, room no.
on front posts and Basket, white oak, made at South Union in 19th
century, name printed on handle, both given to Mrs. Whitsett Hall
of Auburn, Kentucky, doner's grandmother, by a South Union sister
prior to 1922

.....donated by O. Edward Freeman, New York, New York in
memory of his grandmother, Mrs. Whitsett Hall

Footstool and wooden spoon, Mt. Lebanon
.....donated by O. Edward Freeman, New York, New York

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Bill Holt	Ruth Allender
Frances Holt	Charlie Ray
Wes Moore	Sally Ann Strickler
Amy Moore	Darlynn Moore
Adrienne Dieball	John Tanner
Skip Cleavinger	Linda Tanner
Christy Cleavinger	Trent Spurlock
Sheldon Baugh	Pam Herriford
Brenda Baugh	Roland Willock
Mary Lucy Franklin	Mary Frances Willock
Cora Jane Spiller	Jay Joines
Cathy King	Carol Dyché
Gingie Hines	Lee Austin
Virginia Hurst	Hallie Coppedge
Allison Fuqua	Dawn Durham
Tim Minor	Paige Kelley Weeks
Robin Minor	Scot Durham
Ray Clark	Dan Weeks
Paula Clark	Joe Williams
Joe Gran Clark	Kim Herriford
Sally Clark	Jo Jean Scott
Sara Clark	
Lucy Clark	

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made this year's Shaker Festival a success. Volunteers staffed the ticket booth, the Smoke and Milk House, the Shaker Picnic Lunch buffet and kitchen, the music performances, and helped keep the grounds clean. While this year's attendance was less than the 1991 festival we still attracted over 2,500 visitors.

IN MEMORY

We are saddened to note the death of Andrew Spiller, the brother of Shakertown at South Union's herbalist, Dory Hudspeth. When Mr. Spiller was killed in New York during this year's Shaker Festival and Dory was unable to tend the garden, Jo Jean Scott, a Shakertown member and diligent herb garden volunteer, organized a group from the Two Creeks Garden Club to take over. A volunteer was in place throughout the festival to sell herbs and talk to visitors about the garden. A group of Shakertown staff members and craftspeople made a donation to the museum in memory of Andrew Spiller. The following note is printed at the request of Mrs. Hudspeth:

To the staff and craftspeople of South Union: I can't thank you enough for the many acts of kindness to us while we went through our time of grief. We appreciate your concern and prayers as much as the beautiful flowers sent. You have truly been our "family at South Union" in the best sense of the words. Thank you.

Dory and Graham Hudspeth

MRS. CURRY HALL NAMED FIRST BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS

After serving on the Board of Directors of the South Union Shaker Museum for over thirty years, Mrs. Curry Hall retired as an active member this year. By unanimous vote, Mrs. Hall was given the distinction of being named the first Board Member Emeritus in honor of her years of support and dedication to the project. Mrs. Hall's interest in the activities of Shakertown remains as strong as ever and she continues to play a vital role in the growth and development of the organization.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO AID SITE DEVELOPMENT

The newly-formed Advisory Committee met for the first time for an orientation and planning session in May. The committee was organized to enable Shakertown at South Union to share in the knowledge of a variety of professionals from across the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. We are excited about the possibilities that the formation of the Advisory Committee brings to Shakertown and we welcome the following members:

Edie Bingham, Glenview, Kentucky
Martin Brown, Sr., Nashville, Tennessee
William Coke, Nashville, Tennessee
Al Smith, Lexington, Kentucky
Ann Early Sutherland, Bardstown, Kentucky
Ridley Wills, III, Nashville, Tennessee

THANK YOU FOR RECENT DONATIONS

IBM Computer.....Robert Zeller, CPA, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Monetary Contribution.....Rose Mary Lawson, Dayton, Ohio
Funds to Paint the Picket Fence...Julia Neal, Bowling Green, KY
Time/Effort to Paint Picket Fence...South Union Area Study Group
Donation in Memory of Andrew Spiller...South Union Staff & Craftspeople
Donation in Memory of Duard Johnson, Jr....Lillie Mae Hayes, Auburn

MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE

New this season to the museum staff is Mike Sisk, a graduate student in history at Western Kentucky University. Mike will be working on research projects, helping with accessioning, and working in the museum shop. The qualifications Mike brings to Shakertown make a valuable contribution to the staff.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Looking back a few months, I want to comment about the success of the fifth annual South Union Seminar. Thanks to the enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of participants and to the six speakers, I believe that everyone went away with a positive impression of the event. Fran Kramer, Dale Covington, Donna Parker, Jonathon Jeffery, and Dianne Watkins each presented interesting and insightful papers that covered a wide range of topics. June Sprigg, the keynote speaker of the seminar, was a delight, as usual, and presented a wonderful paper about new insights on Shaker design. A very special thank you to Shaker-town board member, Dr. Sally Ann Strickler, who chaired the event.

The ca. 1835 Smoke and Milk House is finally open to the public after six years of restoration work. The building is accessible to museum visitors during the regular hours of the site. The dairy side of the building has been filled with butter and cheese making equipment used at South Union and a fine collection of wooden dairy tools loaned to the museum by Wes and Amy Moore of Nashville. Wes and Amy have been a great help in setting up the exhibit and in offering information about the dairy processes. The restoration was completed with a grant from the Kentucky Bicentennial Commission.

Addie Brooks, a long-time employee of the museum, moved from Kentucky to Indiana earlier this year. To say that we miss her is an understatement and she, literally, cannot be replaced. Luckily for us, Addie returned and helped us make it through the Shaker Festival and we hope that her visits will become a habit. We would also like to express our sympathy at the death of her brother, Duard Johnson, Jr.

I want to again thank all of the volunteers who helped with the gala, "An Evening in Shakertown." I listed the committee chair persons on the first page of the newsletter but there were countless others who contributed to the event. We want to thank everyone whose hard work, creativity, and donated time made the gala such a success.

Plan to attend our late summer and fall events. A calendar is included for you to keep and post as a reminder. Hope to see each of you soon.

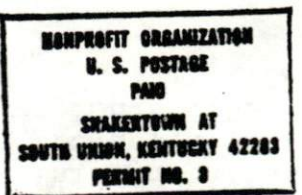
Tommy Hines

1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 1	SHAKER MUSIC PERFORMANCES
AUGUST 8	BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATION
AUGUST 21-22	OVAL BOX/SHAKER BASKET WORKSHOP A two-day workshop where you learn to make either a nest of oval boxes or a miniature Shaker fancy basket. Reservations required. Times TBA. \$60 per person. Includes lunch.
AUGUST 22-23	BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
SEPTEMBER 5-7	BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
SEPTEMBER 12	BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATION
SEPTEMBER 13	SHAKER TOPICS A Sunday afternoon lecture series focusing on South Union history. This installment will feature a research project by Laura Nealy Burks. No reservation. 2:00 p.m. No admission fee.
SEPTEMBER 19	AUBURN AUTUMN DAYS Special events at Shakertown.
SEPTEMBER 26	SHAKER HARVEST DINNER A mid-day meal featuring Shaker recipes preceded by a short program related to South Union history. Reservations required. 11:00 a.m. \$16 non-members. \$13 members.
OCTOBER 3	SHAKER MUSIC PERFORMANCES
OCTOBER 10	FALL CANDLELIGHT TOUR An evening of living history in the 1824 Centre Family Dwelling by candlelight. Shaker music performances. No reservations required. 7:00 p.m. \$2 Adults. \$1 Children. No admission fee for members.
OCTOBER 17-18	BROOM-MAKING DEMONSTRATION
OCTOBER 24	WEAVING DEMONSTRATION
NOVEMBER 14	A SHAKER BREAKFAST A historic South Union menu served in the 1824 Centre Family Dwelling dining room. Reservations required. 10:00 a.m. \$16 non-members. \$13 members.
DECEMBER 5-6	CHRISTMAS AT SHAKERTOWN An open-house celebration with period decorations, music, refreshments, and booths of fine antiques and handmade gifts. No reservations required. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. No admission fee.

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