FALL CANDLELIGHT TOUR

You will not want to miss Shakertown's Fall Candlelight Tour this year. This event is always a favorite on our Fall schedule and free of charge to anyone who would like to attend. The tour will begin promptly at 7:00, October 23, at the 1824 Centre House on Highway 68-80. On the tour you will see Shaker brothers and sisters readying themselves for an evening meeting, sisters performing their kitchen duties and a recreation of an evening worship service in the meeting room.

Following this "living history" tour there will be a reception and a preview of the museum shop's line of Fall gift ideas. This event promises to be educational as well as enjoyable for every member of the family.

BURIED TREASURE FOUND DURING RESTORATION

The Centre House restoration project will soon be complete. Not only will the building boast a newly painted exterior, the removal of old sewer pipes, a new public restroom, an improved drainage system, and newly plastered walls, but the museum has gained several new artifacts found while the restoration was in progress.

Found in the recesses of an old Shaker built-in were several hand-made leather shoes, probably left by the Shakers. As the 1950s garage was being torn down, parts of a mustard-colored bucket were sighted. Upon inspection the words "W.H." and "Berry" could be seen on the bottom of the bucket. That information let us know the bucket's use and that it was used by the West Family.

While inspecting the attic for leaks recently, a Shaker coat-hanger made of walnut was found beneath a pile of wood scraps and a lot of dust. Written on one side of the hanger was the name of Sarah Small, a South Union Shaker who became an Eldress during the 1870s. What a find!

The most exciting discoveries were found in the kitchen area. Within the kitchen's west wall was found a stone drain that once connected with the sinks. Also found were remnants of two bee-hive ovens, an iron door frame that led to an oven in the wall, a cavity in the wall where a built-in cabinet once stood, and a series of blackened openings in a brick wall that probably served as vents for a brick oven that was removed in the 1950s. The most significant find was a 4' by 5' fireplace in the kitchen that had been bricked over for many years. It has now been cleaned and is a sight to behold.

As restoration continues we are keeping our eyes open!
SHAKER FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

This year's Shaker Festival was a real success in many ways. Attendance was higher than last year's festival and we added several new attractions to give our guests more to do during the day. One of the most popular new attractions was the Shaker Picnic Lunch. Served from the door of the Centre House kitchen, the Shaker recipes seemed to please everyone.

There were many who helped with the preparation and serving of the food and Shakertown wishes to thank each of them. The Shaker Picnic Lunch was coordinated by Teresa Hollingsworth and the menu was planned by Leslie Corder of Bowling Green. Others who had a part:

Bea Vick
Margaret Bird McQueen
Deedy Hall
Mrs. Eleanor Bird
Chandler Fowler
Debbie Britt
Virginia Price
Hilda Hines
Kevin Jackson
Linda Reynolds
Addie Brooks

Carrie Helm
Jason Shuffit
Kim Holland
Wilma Holland
Nancy Gaines
Laura Embry
Virginia Hurst
Lillie Mae Hayes
Sheldon Baugh Family
Gingie Hines

Thanks also to Scott's Auburn Mills and Robbins Flour Mill for the donation of flour for the biscuits. A VERY special thanks to Mrs. Glen Givens who baked three country hams and made countless biscuits throughout the ten day festival. Without Mrs. Givens the luncheon would not have been such a success.

WANT LIST
-Cotton Sheets for Winter Storage
-Xerox Machine

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

Shaker Medicine Bottles, Shaker Syrup and Shaker Anodyne... donated by Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Baugh, Russellville.
Shaker Medicine Bottle, Shaker Fluid...donated by Mrs. Curry Hall, Auburn.
Shaker Medicine Bottle, Shaker Family Pills...donated by Mrs. Ruth Pottinger, Auburn.
Three Shaker Advertising Cards, Medicinal Products...donated by Mrs. Curry Hall and Mrs. Ruth Pottinger
Photograph of 1st and 2nd Centre House, early 1900s...donated by Mrs. Tom Downey, Springfield, Tennessee.
South Union Trustees Desk...donated by Mrs. Curry Hall and Mrs. Ruth Pottinger.
Shaker Seed Box...donated by Mrs. Curry Hall.
DONATIONS (continued)

Monetary donation for the well-house restoration...Margaret McQueen, Auburn.
Monetary donation for a special project...Larry and Ruth Owrey, Franklin, Ohio.
New electric stove for museum kitchen...donated by Linda Reynolds, Bowling Green.
Broadside advertising the last sale of South Union furniture, 1922...purchased at Willis Henry auction with donations from Mrs. Curry Hall, R.J. Hamilton of Ephrata, PA, Nancy Hillenburg of Anaheim, CA, Elaine Disch of Evanston, IL, and Rosemary Lawson of Dayton, Ohio.

MEMBER COMES TO THE RESCUE

In our last newsletter we added to our want list a 19th Century loom. The museum did not have a large loom in its collection and needed one for demonstrations and workshops. Jeanne Weaver, a South Union member from Morgantown, Indiana, came to our rescue by sending a check for the entire cost of the loom. Sincere thanks from everyone at Shakertown go to Ms. Weaver for her generous donation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judge and Mrs. William E. Allender, Bowling Green
Sheldon and Brenda Baugh, Russellville
Jane Cherry, Bowling Green
Mr. and Mrs. Macon Givens, Auburn
R.J. Hamilton, Ephrata, Pennsylvania
Mr. Earl E. Hartz, Clarksville, Tennessee
Rear Admiral Wellington T. Hines, U.S.N. (Ret.), Bowling Green
Marilyn Mason, Bowling Green
Margaret McQueen, Auburn
Mr. and Mrs Dennis L. Newberry, Owensboro
Linda Reynolds, Bowling Green
Trent Spurlock, Russellville
Ruth and Lyle Taylor, Huntsville, Alabama

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Shakertown’s 1987 season has been a very successful one. We have had in excess of 8,000 visitors to the museum and have accomplished a tremendous amount in the area of restoration. I hope that each of you will visit the museum soon and enjoy the progress made on the Centre House.

Special thanks to those members who helped us purchase the broadside at the Willis Henry auction. It is always encouraging when members who do not live close to South Union care enough to contribute in such a special way. Everyone at Shakertown appreciates your generosity.

I encourage each of you to take notice of our calendar of events. There are several new events planned for this Fall and I hope you will bring your families and participate in each one of them. Keep the calendar of events sheet on your refrigerator or a bulletin board to remind yourself of what’s coming up. Hope to see you this Fall.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION
FALL/WINTER 1987

Tuesday, October 13
Basket-Weaving Workshop. Making an Egg Basket. $17.00 fee; materials included. Reservations required. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Friday, October 23
FALL CANDLELIGHT TOUR. A candlelight tour of the 1824 Centre House followed by a reception. No fee. 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27
Chair Caning Workshop. Caning the Bottom of a Slat-back Chair. Fee. Reservations required. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10
Chair Caning Workshop. Caning the Bottom of a Slat-back Chair. Fee. Reservations required. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7
A WALK TO THE HOLY GROUND. A walking tour of the Centre Family site and the Holy Ground site, followed by a Shaker luncheon served in the Centre House dining room. Reservations required. Fee. 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 21
A SHAKER BREAKFAST. A recreation of a 19th century South Union breakfast prepared the Shaker way. Reservations required. Fee. 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 5
CHRISTMAS AT SHAKERTOWN. Open house at the 1824 Centre House with crafts, gifts, music, and decorations of the period. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. No fee.

Reservations are limited for workshops and events. For more information or reservations call (502) 542-4167 or write SHAKERTOWN AT SOUTH UNION, KY 42283. The Shaker Museum closes its touring season November 1.

Shakertown at South Union is located 14 miles west of Bowling Green, Kentucky, on Highway 68-80.