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The 21st annual South Union Shaker Festival shall be held July 8-17. The ten day event includes tours of the 1824 Centre Dwelling House (the museum), the 1869 Shaker Tavern, and the last building constructed before the closing of this community - the 1917 Store. There will be local arts & crafts displays in the Tavern, and as always the Store houses an antique mall and the South Union Post Office, in continuous use since 1826. Each evening dinner will be served in the Centre House dining room and the history of South Union will be presented through the music-drama "Shakertown Revisited."

The museum has several new exhibits this summer including a basket collection, photo collection, textile production, cooper's products, and for the first time the main attic can be seen. The attic is of special interest because of its construction and the damage caused by a fire in 1871. This year the museum shall expand its season by remaining open daily through Oct. 1, and will be open weekends during October as usual.

In October, South Union will co-host (along with the Kentucky Museum at Western Ky. University) the annual meeting of the National Historic Communal Societies Association. For more information on any activities write to: Shakertown at South Union, Ky. 42283.