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## **Hancock Shaker Village Announces 2013 Workshops**

### **New This Year: Winter Offerings, Appliquéd Quilting and Wooden Window Sash Restoration Workshops**

Pittsfield, Mass.—Hancock Shaker Village (HSV) will expand its season in 2013 by offering workshops beginning in February before the museum reopens to the public on April 13. The schedule includes quilting, woodworking, backyard poultry and beekeeping, and photography classes. “At the core of our mission is to help people live richer, more creative and satisfying lives inspired by the simple perfection of the Shakers,” said Hancock Shaker Village President Linda Steigleder. “Our workshops are a wonderful way to slow down and explore rewarding hobbies.”

The workshop schedule kicks off with Appliquéd Quilting, a new course taught by award-winning quilters Connie Logan and Mary Rentz on February 9, March 9, and April 6 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The classes will focus on wall-quilts inspired by Shaker Gift Drawings, including Tree of Life, apple basket, and floral wreath motifs. This three-part workshop provides basic quilting skills classes and instruction for beginners, as well as drop-in quilting sessions for experienced quilters. Tuition is \$25/\$22 HSV members per session, and students may register for one, two, or all three sessions.

New for 2013, the Village will offer Wooden Window Sash Restoration taught by preservation expert Jackie Blombach on April 20 and 21 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This is a rare behind-the-scenes, hands-on opportunity to become an important part of HSV’s ongoing restoration efforts as you learn the skills and techniques of wooden window sash restoration. Students will learn to organize the project, remove sashes, assess the condition of the sash, and determine what tools, materials, and equipment are needed to rejuvenate tired, worn-out windows. Tuition is \$250/\$225 for HSV members.

Aspiring beekeepers and chicken wranglers will enjoy Backyard Beekeeping taught by Joe Moncecchi of Giuseppe's Wild Mountain Honey on May 11 from 10:00am to 5:00pm (\$225/\$205 HSV members) and Backyard Poultry taught by Laura "The Chicken Lady" Field on June 1 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm (\$50/\$45 HSV members). In both workshops, participants will gain the skills necessary to make their dreams of farm fresh eggs and honey come true.

The Shakers were master woodworkers and the Village continues this tradition with an array of workshops taught by renowned woodworking artisan Steve Grasselli, including Oval Box Basics on June 15 and 16 from 9:00am to 4:00pm (\$220/\$200 HSV members), Hand-Cut Dovetail on July 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm (\$195/\$175 HSV members), Advanced Oval Box on August 10 and 11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm (\$250/\$225 HSV members), and one-on-one private three-day Chimney Cupboard Cabinetmaking scheduled at the student's convenience (1,300/\$1,200 HSV members).

The Village is also offering the opportunity to learn the craft of timber frame construction using 18th and 19th century tools and techniques in Dave Carlon and Jack Sobon's Timber Framing: A Traditional Approach workshop September 25 through 29 from 9:00am to 5:00pm (\$480/\$435 HSV members).

This Village has inspired photographers for generations. In the new Digital Photographic Artistry workshop, taught by professional photographer Fred LeBlanc on October 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm (\$90/\$80 HSV members), participants will explore the beauty of historic buildings and landscape using 21st century tools, but all with the spirit of being artists vs. merely being machine operators. Ben Garver, whose work will be incorporated into the Village's *A Promising Venture* exhibit during 2013, will return as a workshop instructor for Photographing the City of Peace, offered on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm.

To register for workshops and for more information, please call 800.817.1137 or visit [www.hancockshakervillage.org](http://www.hancockshakervillage.org).

### **About Hancock Shaker Village**

An outdoor history museum and educational resource situated on a picturesque expanse of farm, field, and woodland in Pittsfield, Mass., Hancock Shaker Village affords visitors authentic experiences in 20 historic buildings, heirloom medicinal and vegetable gardens, and with 22,000 examples of Shaker furniture, crafts, tools, and more. This National Historic Landmark depicts daily life at the Shakers' City

of Peace through its 220 years. Partake of guided tours, craft and cooking demonstrations, lectures, workshops, hikes on interpreted trails, and a Discovery Room with hand-on activities for children. Stop by for lunch at the Village Harvest Café. Find gifts and souvenirs in the Village Store. An interactive Village audio tour is available in English, French, Italian, and German. Additionally HSV offers an executive every-other weekend Master of Science in Design & Historic Preservation program in collaboration with UMASS Amherst; see [www.umass.edu/preservation](http://www.umass.edu/preservation) for more information about degree and elective coursework and opportunities.

Hancock Shaker Village is located on Route 20 in Pittsfield, Mass., just west of the junction of Routes 20 and 41. For GPS purposes, the Village is located at 34 Lebanon Mountain Rd., Hancock, Mass. 01237. Or, enter 1843 W. Housatonic St., Pittsfield, Mass. 01201 then proceed 1/2 mile further west on Rt. 20 to the parking lot.

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