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Visit three museums in Pittsfield, Massachusetts

## **Hancock Shaker Village, Berkshire Museum, and Arrowhead offer the One, Two, Three Discount Program for a second year**

[Pittsfield, Mass.] — Experience one, two, or three Pittsfield museums — Hancock Shaker Village, Berkshire Museum, and Herman Melville's Arrowhead — at a discount this summer. The three well-known Berkshire destinations have once again joined forces to offer this discount admission program, now in its second year. Visit any of the three venues and purchase a full-price adult general admission ticket to be eligible for a discount good for \$3 off an adult ticket at the other two museums.

The admission receipt from the first museum will serve as the discount coupon at the other participating museums. The discount will be valid for seven days from the date on the receipt and may not be combined with any other discount. The One, Two, Three Discount Program is available from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend.

While the three destinations offer different kinds of museum experiences, all three are family-friendly and complement one another, reflecting the unique Berkshire community of which they are all part. Hancock Shaker Village is an historic outdoor museum on the site of a once-thriving Shaker community; Arrowhead is a restored house museum, the one-time home of celebrated author Herman Melville; and Berkshire Museum is a general interest museum celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and featuring exhibitions of natural science, art, and history.

The three historic sites are an easy distance from one another; from Hancock Shaker Village, the furthest west, it's less than five miles to the Berkshire Museum in downtown Pittsfield, and from there it's only 3 miles to Arrowhead.

### **About Hancock Shaker Village**

Hancock Shaker Village is an outdoor living history museum where visitors experience 20 historic buildings, heirloom medicinal and vegetable gardens, and 22,000 examples of Shaker furniture, crafts, tools, and clothes that depict daily life at the Shakers' City of Peace through its 220 years, as well as heritage breed farm animals and scenic hiking trails. Hancock Shaker Village's current exhibit, ***A Promising Venture: Shaker Photographs from the WPA***, is on display in the HSV Visitors Center and features the work of Noel Vicentini, who was hired as part of the Federal Art Project in 1936 to document the uniquely American design aesthetic of the Shakers.

The Poultry House Gallery offers two shows now through August 25. ***Village Views*** features Berkshire-based artists Marguerite Bride, Deborah Carter, Michael Cohen, Joan Palano Ciolfi, Ellen Joffe-Halpern, Ivor Parry, and Scott Taylor. ***Fakes & Forgeries: Shaker Chairs and Their Influence*** is also on view, celebrating superb Shaker craftsmanship and the work of those who sought to imitate it.

Tours, craft and cooking demonstrations, lectures and workshops, and a variety of activities for children and families are offered daily. Shop at the Museum Store and enjoy Shaker-inspired cuisine at the Village Harvest Café. Hancock Shaker Village, located on Route 20 at the intersection with Route 41, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 30, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from July 1 to October 27. For more information, visit [www.hancockshakervillage.org](http://www.hancockshakervillage.org) or call 413.443.0188.

### **About Arrowhead**

Arrowhead is the home of iconic American author Herman Melville (1819-1891), who wrote *Moby-Dick* while he lived in Pittsfield with his family, inspired, it is said, by the view of Mount Greylock, visible from his study window. The farmhouse at 780 Holmes Road, built in 1796, is a National Historic Landmark, preserved and interpreted by the Berkshire Historical Society, and open to the public now through October 14. Among the many

Melville family possessions that can be seen at Arrowhead are Melville's desk and eyeglasses; the Melvilles lived at Arrowhead for 12 years, from 1850 to 1862.

This summer the Berkshire Historical Society will offer several exhibits in celebration of the Berkshires as "Home." Ranging in time from 1863 to the early 20th century, the exhibits will explore the themes of place, leave-taking, and home coming. In January of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln created the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, allowing Black men to fight for the Union. Michael Melle will create two outdoor sculptures at Arrowhead this year. The first will honor the men of the 54<sup>th</sup>; the second will feature Pittsfield's William Bartlett, who, grievously wounded several times, continued to return to battle. Pittsfield was active in support of the Union Army. **No End in Sight: The Homefront, 1863** uses a series of panels to tell the stories of a dozen Pittsfield citizens. Curated by John Dickson, the exhibit will be in the large barn.

Edwin Hale Lincoln, a drummer boy in the Union Army at 14, came to Pittsfield in the 1890s as a photographer. He came to call Pittsfield his "home city." Using images from the Berkshire Historical Society's extensive collection of Mr. Lincoln's glass plate negatives, curator Alfred De Maio created the exhibit "**Home City: Photographs of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.**"

Arrowhead is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, with tours of the house given hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about Arrowhead and the Berkshire Historical Society, visit [www.mobydick.org](http://www.mobydick.org) or call 413.442.1793.

### **About Berkshire Museum**

Berkshire Museum, established by Zenas Crane in 1903, offers a wide range of programs, activities, and exhibitions for all ages. **PaperWorks: The Art and Science of an Extraordinary Material** opens June 15, 2013, and will be on view through October 26. The exhibition explores paper as a source of creative inspiration and innovation, featuring contemporary artworks by more than 30 artists working in paper, as well as objects and artifacts that show the use of paper in industry, science, fashion, and technology. **Objectify: A Look into the Permanent Collection** highlights, in unexpected and surprising ways, some of the most significant and fascinating objects from the Museum's extensive collections of more than 50,000 artworks, specimens, and artifacts.

The Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation offers insight into the many inventions and advances of Berkshire residents, and the Aquarium is home to a living coral reef, tropical fish, turtles, frogs, and snakes.

The Museum, located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.berkshireremuseum.org](http://www.berkshireremuseum.org) or call 413.443.7171.

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