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Enjoy Home Cooked Shaker Suppers at Hancock Shaker Village this Autumn

PITTSFIELD, Mass.-Drift back in time for a home cooked meal by candlelight at Hancock Shaker Village this autumn. Dine on a variety of Shaker recipes, including cranberry pot roast, lentil soup, and Sister Mary's very own bread pudding in the very same room the Shakers dined. The evening is designed for fall family gatherings and will include live Shaker music, costumed interpreters, and a guided tour.

Hancock Shaker Village will host its Shaker Supper series on October 19th and November 30th at 4pm. The menu offers fresh vegetables and herbs from the Shaker garden, and includes soup, entrees, accompaniments, and desserts selected from *The Best of Shaker Cooking* by Amy Bess Miller. The main course is served buffet style, offering an assortment of Shaker flavors.

Typical Bill of Fare

- Lentil Soup
- Garden salad with a vinaigrette dressing; bread
- Cranberry Pot Roast, Chicken Pot Pie
- Green and Red Cabbage, Carrot Pudding
- Scalloped Parsnips, green beans with dill and watercress
- Sister Mary's Bread Pudding; Coffee
- A plain chicken breast (gluten-free) or vegetarian entree is available by advance request.

The night begins with a brief introduction to Shaker life and a tour of selected Shaker buildings lead by costumed interpreters. Guests enjoy a wine and cheese reception in the kitchen of the historic brick dwelling before moving to the Believers' dining room for the main course. The night concludes with a 20 minute program of authentic Shaker music.

The Shaker Suppers cost \$65 per person or \$60 for members of Hancock Shaker Village. This price includes the entire evening's program: guided tour, reception, dinner, and music program. Reservations are required; for more information, visit www.hancockshakervillage.org or call 413.443.0188 x100.

About Hancock Shaker Village

Situated on a picturesque expanse of farm, field, and woodland in Pittsfield, Mass., Hancock Shaker Village is an outdoor living history museum and center for the study of principled living in the 21st century. The fully restored Village includes 18 historic buildings, heirloom medicinal and vegetable gardens, 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 spectacular hiking trails. There are daily tours, craft and cooking demonstrations, lectures and workshops, and a variety of activities for children and families, as well as a Museum Store and Shaker-inspired cuisine at the Village Harvest Café. The Discovery Room offers hands-on opportunities for kids of all ages to try their hand at chair seat weaving, working at a loom, trying on Shaker-style clothing, or milking a life-sized replica of a cow. An interactive audio tour is available in English, French, Italian, and German.

Hancock Shaker Village, the Shaker "City of Peace," brings the Shaker story to life and preserves it for future generations. It portrays principled living, as embodied in the faith based values of the Shakers equality, community, sustainability, and responsible land stewardship of their resources values that resonate today. The Village is located on Route 20 in Pittsfield, MA, 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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