



March 21, 2013

Dear Friends,

The 39th annual Shaker Seminar will convene this year from Wednesday, July 24th through Sunday, July 28th. We are pleased to count you among the friends who have participated in past Seminars, or as friends who may have an interest in attending this year, and we wanted to share with you our preparations for Seminar 2013. A registration form is enclosed and is also available to download from the Hancock Shaker Village website: www.hancockshakervillage.org

This year is most certainly a Seminar you will not want to miss. For the first time since 1998, the Seminar will be based at Mount Lebanon, New York. Our hosts will include the Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon, the Darrow School and the Abode of the Message.

As usual, we will have a variety of talks and presentations, including past presenters returning this year, such as Jerry Grant, who will speak about the history of the iconic Great Stone Barn. We will also have new presenters, including Dr. Stephen Stein who will present a talk titled "Reflections on the Autobiography of Frederick W. Evans." In addition, Dr. Thomas Sakmyster will speak about emerging research regarding the Shaker west, notably the case of White Water Shaker John Hobart and definitions of lunacy.

The Seminar trading session will be held on Thursday night and continues to be a popular event. We encourage you once again to bring along books, artifacts, t-shirts, and whatever else you may have to sell or trade. Also, we will have another rousing round of Shaker Trivia. Inaugurated at Seminar 2011, this year's version, Shaker Trivia III, is sure to be another fun-and-fact-filled time for all! You will also have the opportunity to attend a Tannery Pond concert on Saturday evening where the Miró String Quartet will be performing. Please purchase your tickets ahead of time at: www.tannerypondconcerts.org or call 888.820.9441.

Lodging will be at the Best Western Berkshire Hills Inn and Suites, with easy access for participants driving or flying to the area. Breakfast will be offered at the hotel, and all other meals will be served in a variety of locations, mostly on site at Mount Lebanon.

We hope to see you this summer for another excellent array of talks and tours in Mount Lebanon.

If you have any further questions, please contact Lesley Herzberg at 413-443-0188 ext. 244, or via email: herzberg@hancockshakervillage.org or Todd Burdick at 413-443-0188 ext. 216, or via email: tburdick@hancockshakervillage.org.

Warm Regards,

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