

NEW in 2017!! One-on-One Workshops

HSV is pleased to offer one-on-one, hands-on workshops on the following topics:

Chair seat weaving. Alongside an HSV woodworker in the Brethren's Shop, learn to weave a Shaker-style chair seat. Shaker chairs with woven cloth-tape seats remain one of the most iconic form of Shaker furniture. Participants will learn on one of the Village's reproduction chairs and will leave with the knowledge to weave a seat of their own.

Weaving. During this workshop, learn to weave a Shaker kitchen towel or a Shaker rag rug. Until about 1870, the Shakers wove much of the material that they used for clothing, household textiles, and other village needs. While their weaving techniques were similar to work done by their worldly counterparts, the quality of Shaker weaving was considered superior. Using a Shaker loom in the Sisters' Dairy and Weave Shop, weave a kitchen towel in a Shaker pattern, or weave a rag rug--a distinctly Shaker textile --that can be made into a tote bag or used as a table runner. Previous weaving experience helpful but not required.

Beginning Spinning. This entry-level workshop is open to anyone interested in learning how to spin yarn using a spinning wheel. Hand-spinning yarn was once a critical skill for producing clothing, and the Shakers were considered superior spinners. Today it is a beautiful art form. Participants in this workshop will use an Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheel owned by Hancock Shaker Village and merino wool roving from the village's flock. An instructor will first introduce the equipment and materials. Then, participants will have a chance to try spinning themselves with close guidance from their instructor. Participants will walk away with the knowledge of how to produce basic yarns and how to build upon their skill at home.

Basic woodworking. Learn some basic woodworking skills in one or more of the Village's woodworking shops. Try out the tools powered by the water turbine in the Machine Shop. Learn more about the process of making a Shaker oval box or turning a chair leg in the Brethren's Shop. Understand the complexity of cutting a dovetail joint in the Tannery. Workshop will be adapted to the interests and skill level of the participant.

Other topics may be offered upon request. Each workshop takes about 2 hours and will be scheduled during the season at the mutual convenience of the participant and the instructor. Fees are \$90 (\$80 for HSV members). All workshop fees include general admission to the Village.