

Hancock Shaker Village 2022 One-on-One Workshops

Hancock Shaker Village is pleased to offer one-on-one, hands-on workshops on the following topics:

Blacksmithing Learn basic blacksmithing skills at the Village's coal-fired forge. Working alongside one of the Village's experienced blacksmiths, learn to manage a coal forge fire; heat stock; form the stock using tools such as hammers and anvils; and complete finish work (which includes operating an electric grinder). Start by forging a J hook, then make a small knife or a fireplace poker (participant's choice). No previous experience required.

Weaving Weave a Shaker kitchen towel or a Shaker rag rug. Until around 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 plied yarn and wool 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.

Woodworking. Learn basic woodworking skills or complete a more advanced project 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.

General Information

Advance registration required. Workshops require a minimum of two hours and are scheduled at the mutual convenience of the participant and the instructor.

Fees: \$100 (\$90 members) for the first two hours; \$50 (\$45 members) for each additional hour. A materials fee may also be required. General admission to the Village is included.

To register, email cdickinson@hancockshakervillage.org or call 413-443-0188 x213.