

Hancock Shaker Village
HOMESCHOOL DAY
Thursday, September 12, 2024
10 am to 3 pm



In the Visitor Center

Welcome Table (10 am to 12 pm)

In the Gardens

Garden Scavenger Hunt (throughout the day)

The Shakers had many gardens—for food, for medicines, for seeds and for other purposes. On this scavenger hunt, search for answers to Shaker-related questions about good plants for healing, for cooking, and making life a little bit better. *Pick up your garden scavenger hunt at check-in.*

In the Discovery Barn

The Shakers' Voyage to America (throughout the day)

The Shakers' arrival in America in 1774--250 years ago--was quite dramatic! In the Discovery Barn, you will participate in several activities related to this trip:

- Read/hear the story of their journey, then draw a picture or make a comic to share your own version of the story.
- Dress like a Shaker and take your picture "on" our version of the Shakers' vessel, *The Mariah*.
- Make a small (very small) ship like *The Mariah* that actually floats!

In the Brick Dwelling

Shaker Foodways (10 am-1 pm) in the Dwelling Kitchen

Explore the Shakers' fascinating kitchen, designed and built in 1830. Help us churn butter and make a celebratory "Poor Man's Cake" in honor of the Shakers' 250th anniversary. Take a look at Shaker menus and recipes—choose one to try at home!

**At 11 am—Cheese-making demonstration with Livestock Manager Olive Larrivee.

Shaker Music & Dance (at 12 pm) in the Dwelling Meeting Room

Join the Shaker "dance-a-thon"! You'll understand how the Shakers got their name.

Other Activities These following activities are offered to the general public. Homeschoolers are welcome to take part:

- **Meet the Farm Animals** (throughout the day)
- **Hike the Farm & Forest Trail**
- See our **water turbine** in action in the Laundry and Machine Shop at 1 pm
- **Visit our crafters**
 - **Woodworkers** in the *Tannery* (10 am-3 pm) and Brethren's Shop (10 am-12 pm)
 - **Blacksmithing** in the *Tannery* (all day)