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Greetings!

We have a number of interesting events coming up, so be sure to mark your calendars: an opportunity to volunteer this coming Saturday, the story of a lapsed Shaker who became one of America's most outspoken voices for freedom of speech, and what promises to be an amazing morning of Shaker design through the lens of modern architecture.

Due to a powerful storm that left New Lebanon without power on Monday evening, we will had to cancel the scheduled talk *Seats of Shaker Innovation: The Peculiar Grace of a Shaker Chair*. We are working to schedule a new date in the coming weeks, and will let you know when that is set. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Care for your local National Historic Landmark: Landscape Volunteer Day. Saturday, August 21

9 am to Noon, the North Family, Mount Lebanon Shaker Village

The Shakers at Mount Lebanon created not only beautiful buildings and objects, but also a large and lasting impression in their crafting of the landscape. Following a 2009 Historic American Landscapes Survey conducted by the National Park Service that documented the key features and plantings of the site, this summer we are hosting a series of Landscape Volunteer Days, to begin to uncover and

preserve the most important of the North Family's landscape icons. See these magnificent trees in the right of this ca. 1930s photo? On Saturday we'll be clearing under and around them, improving the view and the trees' breathing room. Come help out--just wear work clothes and we'll provide gloves and tools. Questions? Call 518-794-9100 x 220.



D.M. Bennett: The Truth Seeker. Tuesday, August 24

7 pm. Video and book signing. North Family Granary, Mount Lebanon Shaker Village. \$5; free for Members. Books available for purchase and signing.

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Author Roderick Bradford will screen his new one-hour video and discuss his book about D.M. Bennett and wife Mary Wicks--both former Mount Lebanon Shakers--who founded the "blasphemous" New York City freethought periodical *The Truth Seeker*. Bennett's courageous fight for freedom of speech, supported by the Shakers, went all the way to the



Supreme Court.

Material Manifestations: The Legacy of the Shakers. Saturday, September 11

10 am. Architecture exhibit, discussion, book launch, and reception. At the Tannery, Darrow School, Mount Lebanon. Free Admission. Books available for purchase.

What happens when an architecture student spends an entire semester working with one Shaker object? Students and faculty of the architecture program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy will present the results of their semester-long look at Shaker design, including imagining an archives and exhibition center for the Museum at Mount Lebanon. The presentation will celebrate the publication of a book on their work. Come see what 48 bright architecture students make of Shaker design through models, drawings, and discussion.

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