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## SHAKER VILLAGE ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBIT

"Pieces of Pleasant Hill" to open in August.

HARRODSBURG, Ky., (July 29, 2020) – A new exhibit, <u>Pieces of Pleasant Hill: Objects + Stories</u>, will debut at Shaker Village on Saturday, August 8, 2020. It will be housed in the second floor of the historic Centre Family Dwelling. The exhibit highlights Shaker Village's artifact and archival collection, and encourages visitors to think critically about what, and why, we collect. Featuring over 20 artifacts, some familiar and some that have never been displayed before, this exhibit will help visitors piece together the daily lives of the Pleasant Hill Shakers by exploring the items they left behind.

Assistant Program Manager, and content creator for *Pieces of Pleasant Hill* Maggie McAdams said, "We are looking forward to bringing a new exhibit to Shaker Village as we know guests are looking for local experiences during a time when activities are limited. This exhibit is special because it places focus on both the Pleasant Hill artifact collection as a whole, as well as the individual stories that each artifact can tell. We are excited to be able to share these unique and diverse stories."

A special preview opening event will be held on Friday, August 7 for Annual Passholders beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public opening will be held on Saturday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Attendance to the public opening is included with Shaker Village's \$5 after 5pm admission and can be registered for online. Maggie McAdams will host both openings and be on hand to answer questions.

This project is supported with funding from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund (KRS 171.325), a program administered by the Kentucky Historical Society. For more information, visit <a href="https://history.ky.gov/local-history-fund">history.ky.gov/local-history-fund</a>.

Safety protocols will be in place during the exhibit opening events which include mandatory masks worn by all guests, social distancing of 6 feet and hand sanitization stations. All Shaker Village staff will be masked and ensure that safety guidelines are enforced. A complete overview of safety procedures can be accessed on Shaker Village's website.

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg, Ky. is located just 40 minutes away from Lexington, and 80 minutes outside of Louisville. To plan your visit to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill visit <a href="mailto:shakervillageky.org">shakervillageky.org</a> or call 859.734.5411.

## ABOUT SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL

Named a top hidden travel destination by BBC News and awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is

home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Demonstrating a commitment to community, sustainability and ingenuity, Shaker Village embraces three pillars rooted in time-honored Shaker legacies, including balanced preservation and conservation; engaged learning and exploration; and warm, spirited hospitality. Onsite services at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill include overnight accommodations, dining, beverage and catering services, three craft shops, exhibitions in historic buildings, a farm and garden area, the Dixie Belle Riverboat and 1,200 acres of restored native prairie. For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:shakervillageky.org">shakervillageky.org</a>.

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