



## **Coach Tour Options for Christmas at the Village at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**

*The suggested timeframe for each program is one-hour.*

**Shaker Herbs: A Winter Tea Tasting** – Taste a Shaker-recipe herbal tea blend, and discover the origins of the Shaker medicinal herb industry. Appealing to a wide market, Shakers supplied medicines internationally and were among the first Americans to cultivate and sell herbal remedies.

**Shaker Christmas Traditions** – The Shaker celebration of Christmas has changed much in the two hundred years that the Shaker religion has existed in America. The Shakers celebrated Christmas as early as 1776, setting aside the day as one of personal introspection and a time to prepare for the New Year that was approaching. Trace the evolution of Christmas celebrations at Pleasant Hill and compare them to the contemporary interpretations of the Holiday season.

**Candlelight Tour (evening hours only)** – Experience a pleasant walking tour at Shaker Village by candlelight, and take in the holiday ambience. Explore the landscape and buildings that allowed the Shakers to live communally while learning about what life would have been like in the winter months for the community.

**Shaker Music** - The Shakers valued unity and community very highly, and their music is built around the ultimate goal of connection – connection to God, but also connection to the people and community around them. Hear traditional Shaker song and see demonstrations of Shaker dance during this program. (Program length is 40 minutes)

### ***Special Programming Activities***

**Reed Stars** - (2-hour duration; maximum 12 participants/instructor at one time)

Make your own holiday star this year! Try your hand at weaving an intricate star pattern using reed, which can be replicated at home in a variety of sizes and materials. Each participant will take home two reed stars.

**Eco-Ornaments** - (2-hour duration; maximum 20 participants/instructor at one time)

Holiday decorations can be expensive, messy, and harmful to the environment. Instead, learn to make beautiful, simple, even scented decorations using non-harmful materials you can find around your house, and in your neighborhood.

### ***Chartered Activities***

**Jingle Bell Shuttle** - (maximum 25 passengers at one time)

Enjoy a guided ride through Shaker Village aboard a festive hay wagon while taking in all of the holiday décor! Along the way learn about the unique history of the Shaker community and visit rarely toured areas of the property.