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SHAKER VILLAGE NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS & THANKSGIVING TIPS

A thankful month of workshops and food offerings.

HARRODSBURG, KY, (November 9, 2020) – Fall is in full swing at Shaker Village, and those looking to enjoy the outdoors, delicious food and activities can visit Pleasant Hill for safe and fun experiences. Guests can register for several workshops and educational daily tours including:

[War Comes to Zion: Pleasant Hill & the American Civil War](#) – November 13 and 14 at 6:00 p.m. – Take a guided stroll through the Village and learn how the Civil War impacted Pleasant Hill in the 1860's. Tickets are available for \$5 (free for Annual Passholders).

[Holiday Greenery Helpers](#) – November 13, 14 and 15 from 2-4:00 p.m. - Assemble fresh cut greenery to make festive swags to decorate Shaker Village. Make one, then take one home to enjoy. Free to participate and no sign up required.

[Basic Basket Weaving: The Market Basket](#) – November 22 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Learn the art of weaving using natural reed to make a basket. Tickets are available for \$70 (\$65 for Annual Passholders) and include a boxed lunch.

[Blessing of the Hounds](#) – November 28 from 9-11:00 a.m. – Join the Long Run Woodford Hounds fox chasers for a blessing of the hounds, riders and the fox for the first meet of the formal hunting season. While no hunting will actually occur, visitors are invited to experience this grand traditional event while enjoying food and beverage pairings from the Shaker Village Bar. This experience is included with a general admission ticket.

It's no secret that Thanksgiving will look different for many families this year. In the leadup to turkey day Shaker Village Chef Amber Hokams has some tips to make your menu prep a little easier.

Brine Your Bird – Allowing your turkey to soak for at least 24 hours in a brine (¼ cup of salt per gallon of water) will significantly increase the flavor and texture of your turkey. Don't forget to add aromatics to your brine. Chef Hokams suggests sliced oranges, bay leaves, fresh thyme, rosemary and peppercorns. All of these flavors will infuse into your turkey making it especially delicious.

Cross Utilize Ingredients – Cut your shopping list in half! If you're making cranberry relish add extra fresh poached cranberries to your dinner salad. If corn pudding is taking center stage on your table add any leftover corn to your cornbread for an extra layer of flavor and texture.

Homemade Stock Makes a Difference – Save your chicken bones, or ask your local butcher if they have any for sale. Roast your bones for a rich caramelized flavor by adding celery, carrot, onion, a few bay leaves and peppercorns in a large pot. Cover everything with water and allow to reduce over low heat for at least eight hours. Strain the ingredients and continue to reduce until a deep flavorful stock has been achieved. Use this as a base for your gravy along with the pan drippings from your roasting tray. If you really want to show off, add a healthy portion of reduced apple cider to your gravy for an extra dimension.

Buy Local - Small businesses need our support more than ever. Pick up local baked breads and desserts from your favorite bakery, and encourage your family and friends to do the same.

If you want to forego cooking altogether this year then join us at [The Trustees' Table](#) where Chef Hokams will be serving a full Thanksgiving feast.

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg is located just 40 minutes away from Lexington, and 80 minutes outside of Louisville. To plan your visit to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, or to learn more, visit shakervillageky.org or call 800.734.5611.

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, riverboat and 1,200 acres of restored native prairie. For more information, please visit shakervillageky.org.

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