

*Bob Gigliotti*



It's a privilege to connect with you for the first time as Shaker Village's President & CEO. As you may know, Maynard Crossland retired after 12 years of serving the Village, and it's an honor for me to be entrusted with leading us into its next phase.

And that next phase is upon us, as you'll read about in this edition of the newsletter. We've put our Long-Range Plan into action, beginning work on several projects across the Village. The extensive list of plans set a new vision for our future. Rest assured that as we begin work on these projects our priority will always be to protect the historic buildings and natural environments that have been entrusted to our care, while also engaging new audiences.

It's an exciting time for the Village, and I invite you to come out and explore all of the new additions and improvements.

My thanks for the generous support and encouragement of our friends, donors and Board of Trustees. Your help allows Shaker Village to grow and sustain us so we can continue to inspire future generations and share the legacies the of the Pleasant Hill Shakers.

*President & CEO, Shaker Village*

# Simple Gifts

*This Place Matters!*

## BUILDING THE FUTURE

There's been a lot of activity happening at the Village in the last six months. We've weathered storms (quite literally as you'll see below) and begun work on some exciting projects that will benefit our youngest guests. It's all thanks to donors like you who are ensuring that the Village has a bright future ahead.

You may remember that a strong storm blew through the Village in March leaving a path of destruction in its wake. The 1835 Carriage House sustained catastrophic damage and was leveled by the powerful winds of the storm. It was especially disheartening because the historic structure underwent a complete renovation last summer.

As stewards of Pleasant Hill, it's our mission to leave this place in better shape than we found it, so when we lose a piece of it, we are reminded how precious it is and how quickly something can be lost.

We shouldn't have worried because after reaching out to supporters like you the response was overwhelming! Because of your generous donations the Carriage House is being reconstructed with many of the original materials that were salvageable. The complete rebuild will be finished by the end of 2023.



The Carriage House isn't the only piece of the Village that's getting a new life. We have several exciting projects underway as part of our Long-Range Plan.

### A Place to Play

Through the generosity of two private donors, a natural children's playscape is being constructed in the farm and garden area. The playscape utilizes natural materials including logs, branches, stones, sand and water, shaped into an environment that encourages kids to climb, build and explore.

Research has shown that play in nature buffers the impact of life's stresses on children, helps

them better deal with adversity and stimulates cooperation with others. Armed with this information, and a supportive partnership from Bernheim Forest, we broke ground on the playscape in early July.



The playscape should be fully operational in time for all our spring events in 2024!

### Landing a New Event Venue

Thanks to a generous private donation, work has begun on the 1866 Timber Frame Stable at Shaker Landing along the Kentucky River. In addition to preserving this important building, our team is outfitting the space so it may be used as a venue for dinners, receptions, social events, youth camping trips, public boat launches, educational programs and more.



We hope to begin using this venue for activities before the end of this fall, and it will be available for rental groups beginning in the spring of 2024.

The boat launch has also received an upgrade this summer, with a new kayak/canoe slip added at the dock.



Plans are also underway to beautify Shaker Landing and River Road by manicuring the grounds, determining locations for future river-related activities and adding interpretive elements. Another important project will be providing shuttling services and guest parking options that allow safer access to Shaker Landing.

There is a full slate of exciting projects included in our Long-Range Plan which you can read about by visiting our blog at [shakervillageky.org](http://shakervillageky.org). Thank you for your continued support without which none of these projects would be possible.

## EVENTS TO ENGAGE

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES  
Fri-Sat | May-Oct

MUSIC ON THE LAWN  
Fri-Sat Evenings | May-Oct

SPIRIT STROLLS  
Fri-Sat Evenings | Sept-Oct

HAY WAGON RIDES  
Fri-Sat Evenings | Sept-Oct

KENTUCKY HERITAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL  
Sept 16-17 | Free Admission Provided by Family Wealth Group

HARVEST FEST  
Sept 23-24 | Sponsored by Lexington Clinic & Mercer County Tourism

TRICK OR TREAT  
Oct 20-21 | Sponsored by Accuprint & Mercer County Tourism

EQUINE FESTIVAL  
Nov 4

FRESH FOOD ADVENTURE: QUAIL DINNER  
Nov 11

ILLUMINATED EVENINGS  
Dec 2, 9 & 16 | Sponsored by Mercer County Tourism

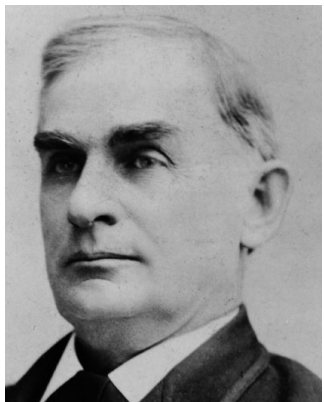
Learn more at [shakervillageky.org/event-calendar](https://shakervillageky.org/event-calendar)



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## LEAVING A LEGACY



In 2018, Shaker Village established the William Pennebaker Planned Giving Society for individuals and families to advance a powerful legacy that preserves Kentucky's largest National Historic Landmark for future generations.

As an extension of your support, please consider taking the next step in your Shaker experience by including Shaker Village in your estate planning. Planned giving leaves a lasting imprint on the future of Shaker Village, while you receive significant tax benefits.

*"Leaving Shaker Village in my estate is like planting a tree. I may never see it reach its full potential but I believe future generations will reap the rewards... The rich history of the Pleasant Hill Shakers began over 200 years ago and I think it is our responsibility to grow and sustain this national treasure for another 200 years."*

**David Morgan, Shaker Village Board of Trustees and retired Executive Director of the Kentucky Heritage Council**

If you would like additional information about the Society, please call the Development Office at 859-734-1547.

## BECOME AN ANNUAL PASSHOLDER

Enjoy unlimited free admission for an entire year, tickets to signature events and discounts on dining, overnight stays, shopping and other special Passholder activities.

An annual pass is not only a great gift to yourself, but it also makes the perfect gift for others.

Check out [shakervillageky.org/annual-pass](https://shakervillageky.org/annual-pass) to learn more and to purchase your pass today.



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