

Canterbury Scholar Brings Shaker History to UNH

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Scott Swank, director and president of Canterbury Shaker Village, will present a lecture at the University of New Hampshire Thursday, Nov. 18, 12:30-2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, theater II.

The lecture, "Shaker Intent: The Building of a Community and a Museum," will examine how the Shakers created their community during a more than 200-year period and how the museum today presents the Shakers to the modern world. The lecture is part of the series, "Making New Hampshire History," sponsored by the James H. Hayes and Claire Short Hayes Chair in the Humanities.

Swank is a noted scholar of early American decorative arts, who was at the Winterthur Library and Museum in Delaware before joining Canterbury Shaker Village in 1990. He has published many works on decorative arts, including "Arts of the Pennsylvania Germans," before arriving at Canterbury. He recently published a monumental study of Canterbury called "Shaker Life, Art, And Architecture: Hands to Work, Hearts to God," which traces the founding of the Shaker movement by Ann Lee in America in 1774 and its development at Canterbury until the death of the last Shaker there in 1992.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception and discussion with Scott Swank will follow the lecture. For further information, contact David Watters, Hayes Chair, at 603-862-3983.

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