

Shaker Museum

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Shaker Museum invites the public to participate in a community engagement project, "Call for Woodwork: In Union, Remotely"

CHATHAM, NEW YORK, January 6, 2021 – Shaker Museum invites the public to participate in a community engagement project, "Call for Woodwork: In Union, Remotely," by creating and submitting woodwork pieces for this online showcase. All submissions should draw inspiration from the Shakers' values or way of life, which the participants can learn more about in Shaker Museum's comprehensive online collection.

Woodworkers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are encouraged to submit clear digital images of their work by midnight on March 15, 2021. The submissions will be displayed online through the Museum's social media channels from March 26, 2021 - September 31, 2021. Submissions must be emailed to Membership and Program Coordinator, Susie Harding, sharding@shakermuseum.us with the subject heading, IN UNION, REMOTELY.

Registration is immediately available [here](#). Anyone with special needs that may pose an obstacle to participation may contact Susie Harding for assistance. Shaker Museum is committed to including all who wish to participate.

Registration ahead of submission is encouraged. Registered participants will receive special assistance in exploring the online collection, access to suggested readings, and invitations to Zoom events to meet other woodworkers to share inspiration and camaraderie. Furniture designer [Brian Persico](#) will speak at [the orientation event](#) on January 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM EST to talk about how the Shakers have inspired his woodworking practices and John and Wonhee Arndt of [Studio Gorm](#) will join [the second event](#) in the series on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM EST to talk about their design work in [Furnishing Utopia](#). Subsequent Zoom events will feature participants sharing their works in progress to share advice about wood working techniques.



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With more than 18,000 objects, Shaker Museum stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives. It is the leader nationwide among organizations devoted to Shaker history. Its permanent new facility in Chatham, NY designed by Selldorf Architects is estimated for completion in 2023. The museum also stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, NY and has a campus in Old Chatham, NY, which is open year-round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection can be viewed online at <http://shakermuseum.us>