Material Culture Is Theme for 2019

Attendees at the 2019 Communal Studies Conference October 17-19, 2019 will experience a change of pace from most CSA meetings—instead of meeting at an historic communal site, we will instead meet at one of America’s premier decorative arts museums, Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library. The vision of Henry Francis DuPont, the house contains his extensive collection of antiques, including numerous Shaker pieces. Its vast 2600-acre site is beautifully landscaped and the Winterthur library contains the Edward Deming Andrews Shaker manuscript collection and the papers of other historic communities, including Arden and Rose Valley.

Local arrangements chair Tom Guiler, an Assistant Professor of Humanities at Winterthur and a CSA board member, is planning special tours of the collections pertinent to intentional communities. Attendees will also be able to take a free general public tour of the museum and gardens on their own during the conference.

The theme for the conference is “Space, Place and the Spirit of Material Culture,” is appropriate for a meeting in a place so brimming over with artifacts of communities, intentional or otherwise. Many presentations will focus on the theme. Susan Love Brown is Program Chair. The preliminary program is now online at www.communalstudies.org/annualconference as is registration information.

Pre-Conference Tours
Two tours are planned before the conference. Wednesday, October 16 will feature tours, led by Tom Guiler, to nearby Arden, a single-tax community, and Rose Valley, a turn of the 20th century arts and crafts community. Thursday’s tour is to Greenbelt, Maryland, a Depression-era planned community, near Washington, D. C. Space on the tours is limited, so sign up early.

Travel and Accommodations
The Crowne Plaza Wilmington North at 630 Naamans Rd., Claymont, DE 19703 has been selected as the conference hotel. It is approximately 22 minutes via DE 92 East from the museum. Cost is $119 per night, double occupancy. Call the hotel at 302-792-2700 directly for reservations and say you are with CSA. Room reservations should be made at least a month in advance, as any rooms not reserved at that time will be released by the hotel after September 17.

Attendees using air transportation should use Philadelphia, PA (PHL) airport. No shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotel, so attendees should anticipate either renting a car or using ride-hailing services. Likewise, no service from the hotel to the conference site or dinner venues is anticipated, so attendees are encouraged to pair up with other attendees who do have transportation.

Reflecting Pool at the Winterthur Gardens
Exhibit Room. Photos courtesy Winterthur Museum.
Message from the CSA President
Matt Grow

By the time you receive this newsletter, our fall conference will be fast approaching. We are fortunate that the conference will be held at one of the premier institutions of early American material culture, the Winterthur Museum, Garden, and Library. Two pre-conference tours are scheduled, the first going to Arden and Rose Valley, Pennsylvania, and the second to Greenbelt, Maryland.

Typical of CSA conferences, the sessions will cover a wide range of topics, this year clustered around the theme “Space, Place, and the Spirit of Material Culture.” The conference program looks terrific. We are grateful to hear from many new presenters as well as many CSA veterans. Special thanks to Tom Guiler and Susan Love Brown for their work on the local arrangements and the program!

I am also excited to let you know that we are working on a major redesign of the CSA website to update the look, enhance the functionality, make it more mobile-friendly, and increase the search-engine optimization. Thank you for your ongoing support of CSA.

Matt Grow

Communal News

South Union Shaker Village recently received the Edith Bingham Excellence in Preservation Education award from Preservation Kentucky. One of nine awards given by PK annually, South Union Shaker Village was recognized for its commitment to historic preservation through restoration efforts, educational programming, publications, and exhibitions. Among South Union’s most notable recent achievements is the exhibit, "Dictates of Conscience and Feelings of Humanity: People of Color at South Union, 1807-1860," a fascinating study of the African American experience among the Shakers. Educational programming for school children also focuses on issues of race and gender in the Shaker community. South Union’s Southern foodways and folklife traditions, as well as the sect’s attitudes toward sustainability and early examples of "green living."

The PK award is named for Edith Bingham, one of Kentucky’s most recognized historic preservation advocates. Mrs. Bingham has been involved in countless preservation projects across the Commonwealth for many years and continues to generously offer her time, talent, and expertise to preserve Kentucky’s past. SUSV Executive Director Tommy Hines stated "Edie Bingham began donating her time at South Union nearly 30 years ago, and is currently chairing our Advisory Committee. It is difficult to state just how invaluable she has been and continues to be for our historic site. The fact that we received an award that was named in her honor makes it all the more special to us."

Preservation Kentucky’s mission is to preserve and connect Kentuckians to their heritage, and make Kentucky communities stronger, healthier and economically sustainable. Their goals are to promote preservation as the proven economic driver it is for community stabilization, revitalization, heritage tourism and job creation; and to help Kentuckians appreciate, maintain and protect their heritage.

South Union Shaker Village is located 10 miles west of Bowling Green or 3 miles east of Auburn, just off US 68-80. For more information about visiting South Union, call 270-542-4167 or visit southunionshakervillage.com.

Roger Lee Hall, an authority on Shaker music, has compiled and edited a multimedia publication, "More Love" - A Recorded Shaker Legacy (PTME 1060). Included on the disc are over 100 audio examples, including his appearances on Public Radio and his in-person interviews with Shaker singers at Canterbury, New Hampshire, and Sabbathday Lake, Maine. Also included is his interview with American composer, Aaron Copland, who arranged "Simple Gifts" and helped to make it known throughout the world. For information about this new multimedia publication, go to: www.americanmusicpreservation.com/josephBrackettSimpleGifts.htm
The International Communal Studies Association recently held its triennial conference in conjunction with the Camphill Research Symposium from July 18-21 at four different Camphill communities located in the Hudson River Valley of New York: Camphill Hudson, Camphill Triform, Camphill Copake, and Camphill Ghent. The theme of the conference was “Diversity and Inclusion in Intentional Community,” which allowed for a broad range of topics and presentations, including questions of gender, disability, and age diversity.

The conference consisted of research paper panels, community workshops, artistic workshops, films, and dramatic performances. Participants were welcomed by ICSA founders Yaacov Oved and Donald Pitzer. The conference was truly international with participants from Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Kenya, Norway, Rwanda, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Participants had the opportunity to learn about historic intentional communities, as well as contemporary communities, including the wide array of Camphill communities, L’Arche, ecovillages, and emerging Israeli urban kibbutzim.

With the exception of Camphill Hudson, an urban community, the other Camphill communities that served as sites for the conference were located in rural parts of New York, all of which consisted of beautiful architecture. Participants enjoyed superb hospitality, food, and entertainment by the host communities. All in all, this ICSA conference provided the opportunity to discuss the problems and solutions of inclusion and diversity in intentional community.

Executive Director’s Column
By Kathy Fernandez

I had the privilege of attending the recent ICSA conference at the Camphill communities in the beautiful Hudson Valley of New York. As I knew little about Camphill beforehand, I found the sessions were most enlightening and the aims of the organization, to provide housing, care and occupations for the differently-abled, to be most impressive. One thing struck me was the number of young people in attendance, and their enthusiasm was evident.

I remember that early CSA conferences had lots of younger attendees, both students and members of current communities. This fact is often remarked upon by current CSA members and board.

Looking at this year’s conference program, I see lots of names of people, mostly students, who have never before attended and are not current members. I plan to greet all of them and encourage them to become part of CSA, and I hope you will, too. And, you can go a step further – if you teach a class in communalism, I hope you’ll tell your students about us – how this organization is such a great community in itself – and, better yet, buy those promising students a membership in CSA, $20 a year.

We have a great program planned for this year at a most picturesque site, thanks go to Local Arrangements Chair Tom Guiler and Program Chair Susan Love Brown. See you at Winterthur in October!

ICS A Triennial Conference in NY

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FIC Needs Your Support

Thousands of communities model solutions for social connection, environmental responsibility, and economic equality. For over 30 years, the Foundation for Intentional Community (FIC) has supported the development of intentional communities as pathways towards a more sustainable and just world. FIC.org is the leading resource for finding, joining, and starting community. We list 1000+ intentional communities worldwide in our Communities Directory, produce Communities Magazine, operate an online Bookstore, and serve as a networking hub for all kinds of community initiatives.

In recent years, the FIC has undergone a transformation. We are taking a stronger stand on social justice and climate change issues. We have improved our services to better meet the needs of the movement. This spring, we revamped our visual presence by introducing a new logo, enhanced website, and name evolution from the Fellowship to the Foundation for Intentional Community.

To support these changes and our ambitious plans for the future, we’ve launched a monthly donor program, called Giving Hands. This circle of committed friends will provide FIC with financial stability throughout the year.

Plus, for a limited time, we have been offered an incentive grant ($100 for every new monthly donor) from the Fund for Democratic Communities. Your commitment of as little as $5 each month as a part of Giving Hands will help secure this opportunity!

We are primed to serve the communities movement better than ever before, but we need your help to carry out this mission. Join us as we catalyze community solutions! Visit https://www.ic.org/donate/ to support the FIC.

CSA Member News

Kathy Fernandez, Executive Director of the Communal Studies Association and former site director of Historic Zoar Village, recently published a history of that community, Zoar: The Story of an Intentional Community (Kent State University Press, 2019). She is also the author of a previous volume, A Singular People: Images of Zoar (Kent State University Press, 2003).

Timothy Miller, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas, recently retired. He was honored by the Kansas State Senate for outstanding service. Miller is a former ICSA president, a CSA distinguished scholar, and author of the recently published Communes in America, 1975-2000 (Syracuse University Press, 2019). Miller is known for his many books documenting intentional communities in the United States.

Beverly Seckinger, Professor in the School of Theatre, Film, and Television, at the University of Arizona in Tucson, showed her film, Hippie Family Values (2017) at the triennial meeting of the International Communal Studies Association (ICSA). The film documents ten years in the lives of individuals living on a communal ranch in New Mexico. She is also the producer, director, and photographer of the documentary Laramie Inside Out.

Evelyn Sterne, an Associate Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island and new member of CSA, has just been appointed Director of URI’s Center for the Humanities. Her research focuses on varieties of religious expression in early twentieth-century America. Her latest research project has led her out of New England and into the study of intentional communities. She is currently writing a book about the House of David, a religious commune that drew believers from around the world to a tiny town in Michigan. Approaching the study of religion as a social historian rather than a theologian, she is intrigued by why individuals join faith communities and the ways in which religion and society are mutually constitutive.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August
August 11 - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill – River Boat cruises on the Dixie Belle
August 11, 18, 25 – Koreshan State Park, Farmers Market and Native Plant Sale,
August 14 – Hancock Shaker Village, Shaker Foodways
August 17 – New Harmony, Gallery book launch & moonlight walk
August 17 – Canterbury Shaker Village, New Hampshire Permaculture Day
August 18-21 – Hancock Shaker Village, Shaker Foodways
August 24 – New Harmony art and antique stroll

September
September 1, 8 – Koreshan State Park, Farmers Market and Native Plant Sale
September 7 – South Union Shaker Village, Farm to Table fall dinner
September 7 – Historic Zoaar Village, Speaker Series, Civil War General John Hunt Morgan
September 14 – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Hard Cider Bash
September 14 – Kashi Ashram, One Day Yoga Retreat
September 14 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury Artisan Festival
September 14 – New Harmony, Moonlight walk
September 14 – Enfield Shaker Museum, Harvest Festival and Organ Concert
September 14 & 15 – Koreshan State Park, guided historic tours
September 14 & 15 – Watervliet Shaker Village, Shaker Craft Fair
September 20 – Historic Zoaar Village, Civil War School Day
September 21 – Historic Zoaar Village, Civil War Reenactment
September 21 & 22 – New Harmony, Kunstfest German festival and artisan fair
September 25, 27, 28 – Kashi Ashram, Kali Fire Puja (first night)
September 28 – South Union Shaker Village, Spirits of South Union Candlelight Tour
September 28, 30 & October 1 – Kashi Ashram, Laxmi Fire Puja (first night)

October
October 2, 3 & 4 – Kashi Ashram, Saraswati Fire Puja
October 4-7 – Amana Colonies, Oktoberfest
October 5 – Kashi Ashram, Durga Fire Puja
October 5 – Historic Zoaar Village, Speaker Series, the Ohio and Erie Canal
October 5-6 – Old Economy Village – Emteankfest Harvest Festival
October 11-12 – Ephrata Cloister, Apple Dumpling Sale
October 11-20 – Old Aurora Colony, 47th Annual Quilt Show
October 12 – New Harmony, Atheneum 40th Anniversary Gala
October 12 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Vintage Car Show
October 12 – Watervliet Shaker Village, Paranormal Investigation
October 13 – Kashi Ashram, Monthly Market
October 13 – Ephrata Cloister, Day of Music
October 17-19 – Communal Studies Association conference Winterthur Museum, Gardens, & Library, Delaware
October 17-20 – New Harmony, Chautauqua on the Wabash Dulcimer Festival
October 26 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Harvest Music Festival
October 26 – Old Economy Village, A Halloween Haunting

November
November 2 – South Union Shaker Village, Shaker Breakfast
November 9 – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Quail Dinner
November 17 – Kashi Ashram Monthly Market
November 29 to December 2 – Amana Colonies, Prelude to Christmas
November 30 – Ephrata Cloister, Candlelight Open House

December
December 6, 8, 13, 15 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Christmas with Canterbury Shakers
December 6 – South Union Shaker Village, Holiday Market preview party
December 7 – South Union Shaker Village, Holiday Market
December 7 – New Harmony, Christmas in New Harmony
December 7 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Christmas at Canterbury
December 7 – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Children’s Tea Time with Mrs. Claus
December 7-8 – Old Economy Village, Christmas at the Village
December 7-8 – Koreshan State Park, 3rd Annual Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar
December 9-10 – Ephrata Cloister, Christmas at the Cloister
December 14 – Canterbury Shaker Village, Christmas at Canterbury
December 17 – South Union Shaker Village, Dickens in the Centre House
December 26-29 – Ephrata Cloister, Lantern Tours
December 28 – Kashi Ashram, New Year’s Fire Puja
Center for Communal Studies Awards Annual Prizes & Grants

The Center for Communal Studies at the University of Southern Indiana annually invites submissions for its prize competition for the best undergraduate and graduate student papers on historic or contemporary communal groups, intentional communities and utopias. The Center also annually invites applications for a Research Travel Grant to fund research at the Communal Studies Collection at USI’s David L. Rice Library. The Communal Studies Collection’s rich archival materials hold information on over 600 historic and contemporary communal societies, utopias, and intentional communities. Applicants may be graduate students or established scholars in the United States or abroad from any discipline that involves the study of communalism (including history, American Studies, English, anthropology, economics, sociology, etc.).

Winners of the 2019 undergraduate & graduate prizes & research travel grant were:

Undergraduate Prize of $250 to Ashley Lawhorn of the University of Southern Indiana for “New Harmony, Indiana – Including Women in the Nineteenth Century”

Graduate Prize of $500 to Oded Marom of the University of Southern California for “Trying Not to Think About It: The Limits of Inter-ideological Collaboration in Prefigurative Communities”

Research Travel Grants to Joshua Lockyer of Arkansas Tech University for his project on “Celo Community North Carolina” and John Page of Southern Cross University (Australia) for his project on “The Lawful Forest”

The Center for Communal Studies promotes the study of historic and contemporary communal groups, intentional communities, and utopias. Established in 1976 at the University of Southern Indiana, it encourages and facilitates meetings, classes, scholarships, publications, networking and public interest in communal groups past and present, here and abroad. For more information, contact Casey Harison, Director, Center for Communal Studies, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN 47712 USA, by phone at 812.465.7150, or by email at charison@usi.edu

Hidden Collections Grant

Does your organization, library or the community you study have papers they would like to digitize and place online? The Communal Studies Association offers a $2500 grant for digitizing (including digitizing of existing microfilm) materials related to communal studies.

The application is open to any non-profit organization, current communal group, historic site or library. The digitized material must be then made available to the public online. A dollar-to-dollar match is required. Half of the requested funds are given up front and the remainder when the project is completed. This “hidden collection” grant is for materials that are not currently available online.

For more information, go to our website www.communalstudies.org/hidden-collections-grant-application-form The deadline for applications is September 1, with the winner notified by October 1.

To entice you to come to Winterthur, a few more photos...

Photos Courtesy Winterthur Museum

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_____ $65 student/spouse/current communitarian before 9/23; $75 after
_____ $55 one-day registration before 9/23; $65 after
_____ $15 undergraduate student

Meals

_____ $128 ALL MEALS
_____ $40 Thurs. 10/17 dinner (at Crowne Plaza)
_____ $14 Fri. 10/18 lunch (at Winterthur)

_____ check if vegetarian

_____ $30 Fri. 10/18 dinner & auction (at Ballroom at Bethel)
_____ $14 Sat. 10/19 lunch (at Winterthur)
_____ $30 Sat. 10/19 dinner (at Ballroom at Bethel)

Pre-conference tours

_____ $60 Wed. 10/16 Tour of Arden & Rose Valley (incl. lunch)
_____ $40 Thurs. 10/17 Tour of Greenbelt, MD (lunch on own)

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