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SHAKER MUSEUM | MOUNT LEBANON RECEIVES \$21,000 FROM SENATOR KATHY MARCHIONE TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE AT HISTORIC SITE

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Senator Kathy Marchione

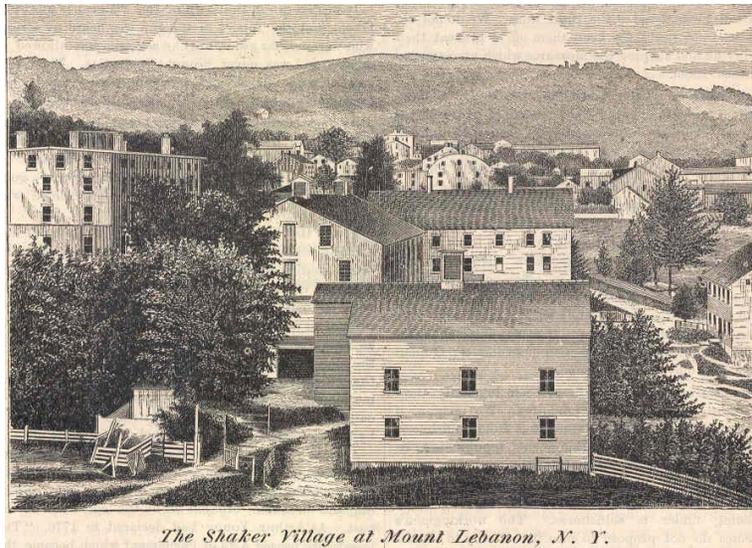
(R,C,I,Reform-Halfmoon), Chair

of the Senate's Local

Government Committee,

and Shaker Museum | Mount

Lebanon today jointly



announced that Senator Marchione secured \$21,000 in state supplemental education aid for

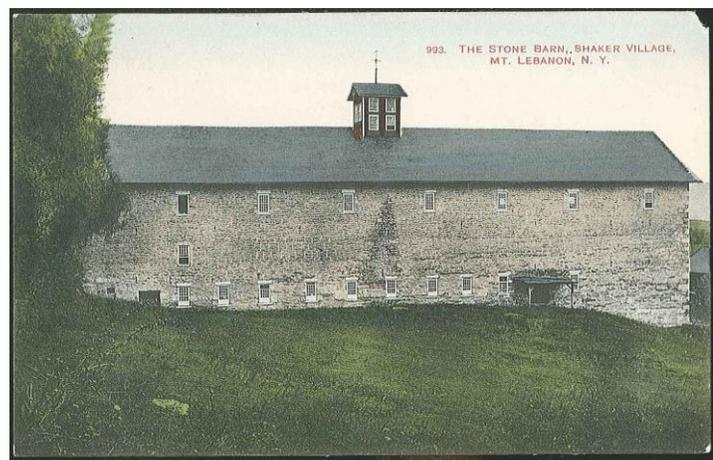
Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon during the 2017 Legislative Session. Shaker Museum |

Mount Lebanon will use the \$21,000 secured by Senator Marchione to install educational

signage at the Mount Lebanon site in New Lebanon, New York.

“Preserving and celebrating the past is critical to increasing our understanding and appreciation of tomorrow. The Shaker Museum does a remarkable job preserving the rich cultural and architectural legacy of the Shakers to help history come alive for the next generation. I was proud to secure this funding that will support the mission of the Shaker Museum and further its vital educational efforts,” Senator Kathy Marchione said.

“At present, the museum is only able to staff the historic site part-time and seasonally. Visitors who are unable to come to the site during these limited hours aren’t able to access the rich history of the site, of



its buildings and landscape, and of the Shakers themselves. We are thrilled that Senator Marchione secured this valuable state funding to support the museum and enhance the experience of visitors to the Mount Lebanon site,” said Lacy Schutz, the museum’s Executive Director.

The signage is expected to be installed by spring or early summer of 2018 and is part of a broader effort to make the history of Mount Lebanon more accessible and to provide visitors with a deeper educational experience. The museum will also offer a newly designed

and revised self-guided tour brochure, funded in part by the Furthermore Foundation. The brochure will work in tandem with the signage to provide more visitors a meaningful experience at Mount Lebanon.

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon is dedicated to preserving the history of the Shakers, including their furniture and architecture as well as their values of inclusion, innovation, integrity, and conviction. It stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, New York, which is currently open from June to October and offers tours, exhibitions, and public programs. The museum also has a campus in Old Chatham, New York, open year round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection of over 56,000 Shaker items is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world. Please visit shakerml.org for more information.