

SHAKER MUSEUM | MOUNT LEBANON

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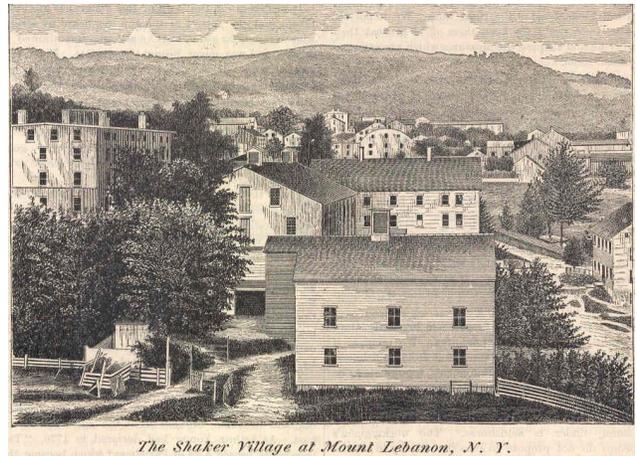
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SHAKER MUSEUM | MOUNT LEBANON RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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(New Lebanon, NY) – On December 14

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon received notification of a grant award from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) under the Regional Economic Development Council Consolidated Funding Application. The grant



allows the Museum to increase its Director of Advancement position from part-time to full-time.

Earlier this year Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon hired Lisa Malone Jackson as a part-time Director of Advancement. Thanks to the support from NYSCA, she will transition to full time work as of January 1, 2018. Malone Jackson is responsible for donor cultivation, major gifts, membership growth, donor research, and general outreach. Her work will help support the Museum as it increases programming in the new year.

In 2011, Governor Cuomo launched the Regional Economic Development Councils and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to provide each region with the tools to create and implement their own roadmap for economic prosperity and job creation. After six successful rounds, the 2017 CFA made over \$800 million in economic development resources available from over thirty programs across twelve state agencies. The Agency's programs provide resources for projects focused on community development and job creation, tourism, waterfront revitalization, energy and environmental improvements, sustainability, and low-cost financing.

Other local organizations that received funding as part of this program include Basilica Hudson, Columbia Land Conservancy, Hudson Opera House, and Olana.

“This grant recognizes the Shaker Museum as an important economic driver in Columbia County,” said Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon’s Executive Director Lacy Schutz, “and we’re especially proud to play that role in New Lebanon.”

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon tells the story of the Shakers by stewarding the historic North Family site at the Mount Lebanon Shaker Village, as well as an unparalleled collection of Shaker objects, including furniture, textiles, tools, archives, and more. The Mount Lebanon site is open seasonally for recreation, exhibitions, guided tours, and public programs. The administrative offices, collections storage, and the library are located in Old Chatham and open year-round by appointment. Learn more at shakerml.org.