

Shaker Style and History



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About the Shaker community:

- In the 1780s, the Shakers established a number of relatively self-sufficient villages spread from Maine to Kentucky.
- Initially, the Shakers separated themselves from the outside world to allow themselves the freedom to pursue their unique spiritual vision and communal lifestyle.
- The exhibition offers viewers the opportunity to compare and contrast objects made for use by the Shakers, such as the large sewing chest from Enfield, Connecticut, and objects made for sale, including a number of oval sewing boxes, from Sabbathday Lake, Maine.

Shaker craftsman talks about creating shaker work:









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