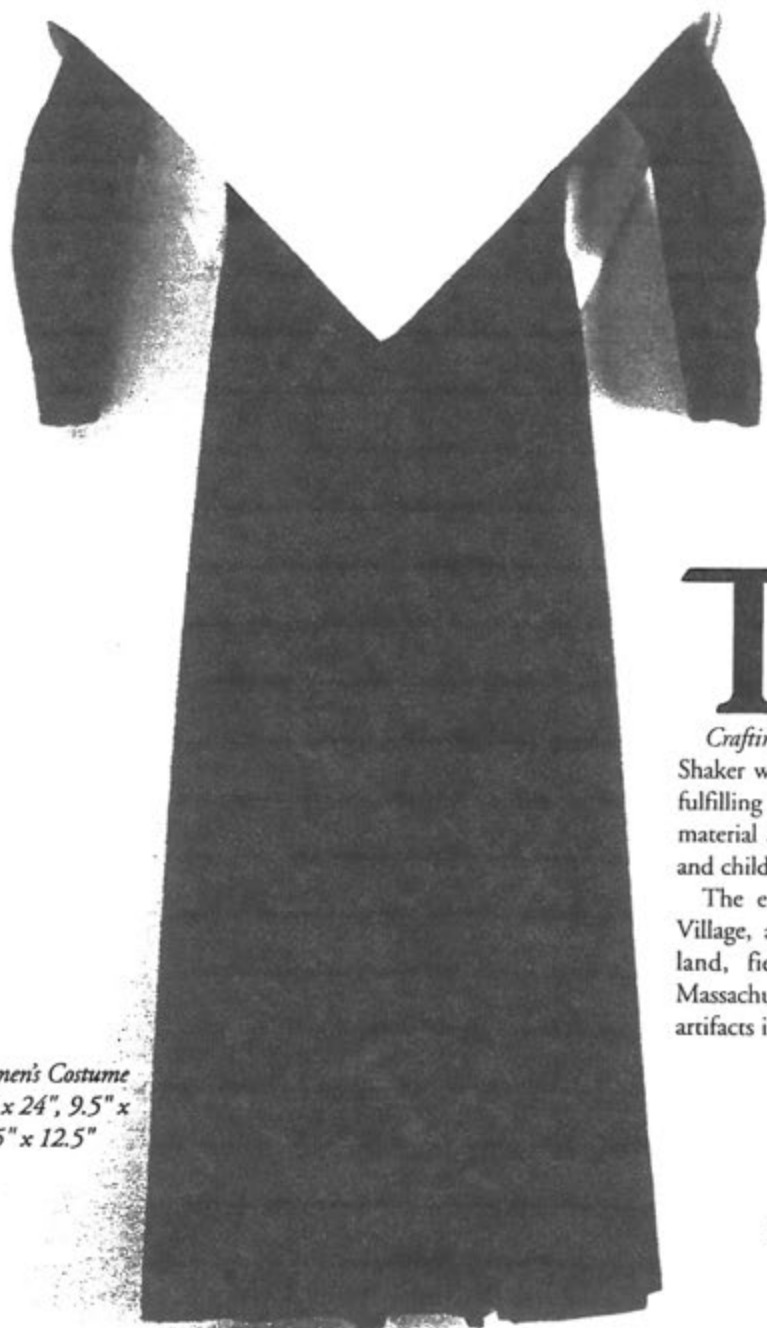


CRAFTING UTOPIA

the Art of Shaker Women




Women's Costume
57" x 24", 9.5" x
12.5" x 12.5"

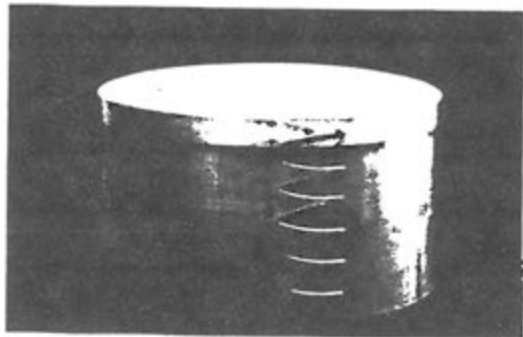


The most common view of Shaker history has been through their architecture, furniture, textiles and wooden wares produced in the early and mid-nineteenth century, but without so much attention to Shaker women and the religious culture that inspired them.

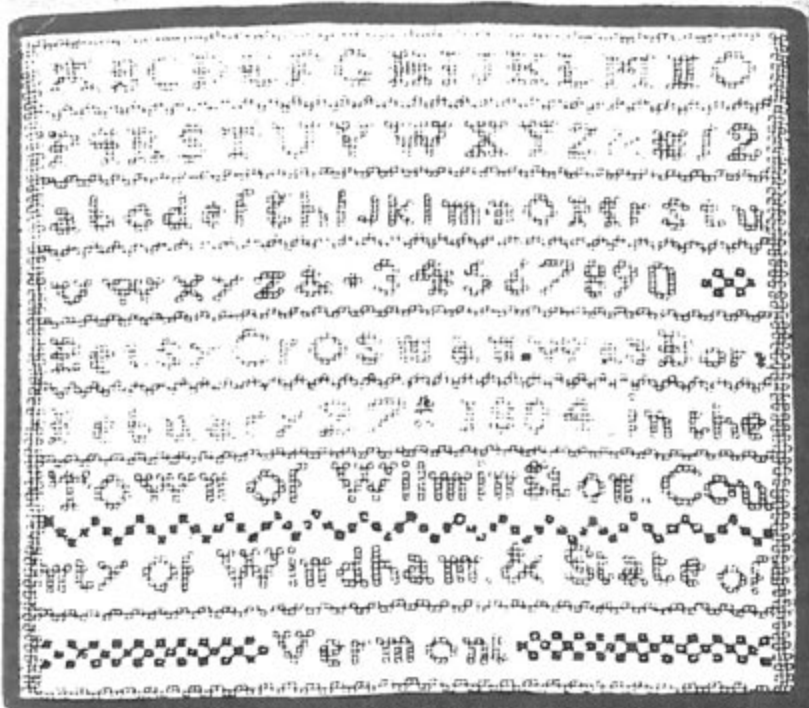
Crafting Utopia, the Art of Shaker Women exhibit spotlights the impact Shaker women had on their culture and their participation in a rich, fulfilling lifestyle that provided the comfort of a close community, material security and a spiritual home to thousands of men, women and children.

The exhibit features items on loan from the Hancock Shaker Village, a living-history museum located in 1,200 acres of woodland, field and meadow in the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts. The Village houses the largest collection of Shaker artifacts in any restored Shaker site. 

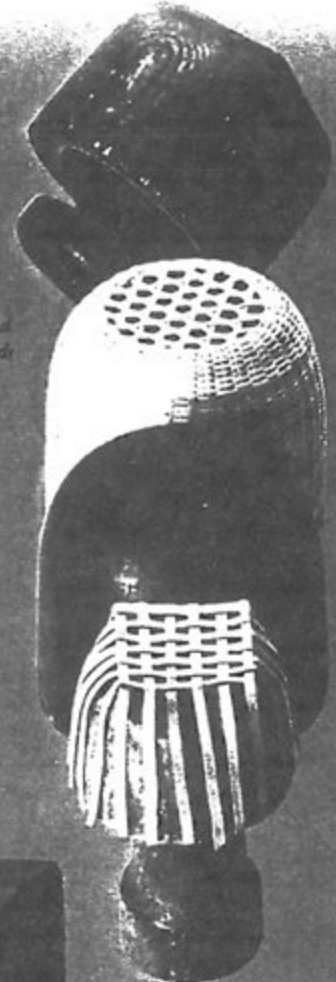
Oval Box



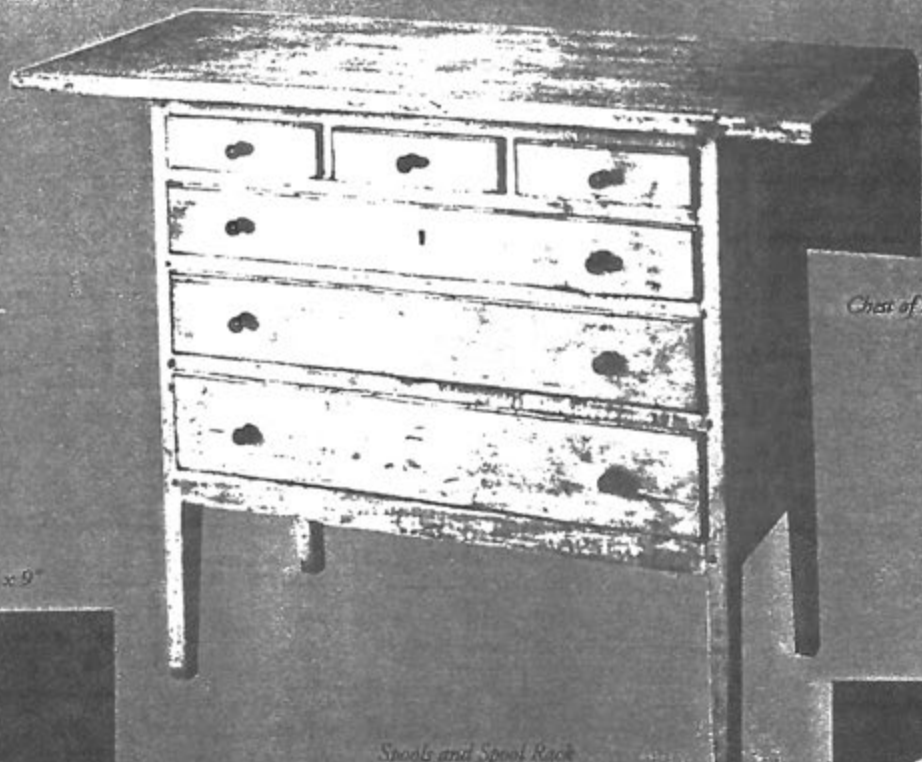
Crafting Utopia, the Art of Shaker Women is on exhibit at the Menello Museum of American Folk Art Jan. 17-March 17. For more information, call (407) 246-4278.



A Sampler by Betsy Crossman 9" x 10.5"



Baskets and Basket Molds

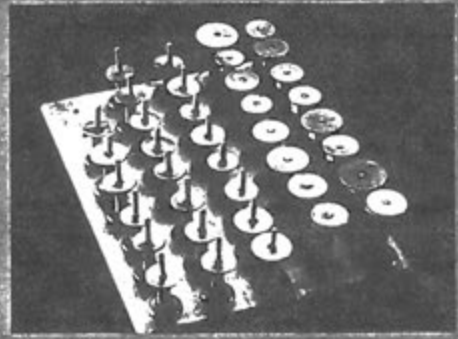


Chest of Drawers

Apple Peeler 18.5" x 17" x 9"



Spools and Spool Rack



Lidded Basket

