



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Barbara Vaughan, Vice-President; Mary Ann Schmidt, Secretary; Margaret Moore, Treasurer.
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JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH - 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
For "TEAS & TONICS" WITH VICKIE SHUFER

LOOKING FOR FURNISHINGS

The Whitehurst Buffington House Foundation Board is seeking furniture and small furnishings to compliment the period from the late 18th century through the 19th century.

Simple furniture in the Federal or Chippendale style is preferred. 19th century country furniture made from walnut or mahogany would be greatly appreciated. The Board is also interested in 19th century prints, Staffordshire figurines, and china as well as simple Chinese figurines and bowls.

Please contact Jim Oglesby by e-mailing to pdgjim97@cox.net or by phone 757-426-0562.

WBHF REPRESENTED - with an exhibit at the 2018 Home Gardeners Day. The Virginia Horticultural Foundation held the event at Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, on January 15th. It offered a unique opportunity to share the WBHF story and generate enthusiasm about our local landmark. Featuring world renowned garden educators, workshops and displays from several historical groups, over 250 people attended.



In spite of the recent stormy weather, the flowers are beginning to bloom and the trees are budding - spring is about to arrive!

We are happy to report that the WB House is ready for spring visitors.

Earlier this winter, all of the interior painting was completed; and a fresh coat of paint was applied to the exterior trim and back porch.

Please stop by on any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

You will be a most welcome guest!

-Phyllis Sawyer

FROM THE FARMERS' ALMANAC: Trees, shrubs, and flowers are sensitive to temperature & day-length. Since ancient days, people have used them as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. The idea of watching for nature's seasonal signs is called phenology.

SAMS' MAPS

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation is pleased to announce that the "Sams' Maps" will once again be available in the month of March, but this time we will include the "Index".

The maps of Princess Anne County were done by Conway Whittle Sams, a Norfolk attorney (related to the Moseley family). Mr. Sams presented both to the Circuit Court of Princess Anne on August 30, 1930. Both are now housed in the

Clerk's Office (Building #10 B).

Historical information is posted on the maps: where the first court was held; of the five different Courthouses of Princess Anne County with dates of use; names placed upon various tracts of and that frequently reference a past owner; locations of roads; churches; old family names of Princess Anne County; Magisterial Districts; Bridges and Causeways; Ridges; Lakes; Hills; Necks; School Houses. There is just a wealth of information about Princess

Anne County on the "Sams' Maps".

Contents of the maps were intended to be made available by means of the Index. The Index helps in locating the historical information on the maps.

The "Sams' Maps" (full sets only) and the "Index" (106 pages) are available in March for a donation of \$40 (each) to the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation.

-Barbara Vaughan

The spring equinox (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls on Tuesday, March 20, 2018



SOMETHING NEW!

A pollinator garden has been planted in the back yard. Using funds donated by the Council of Garden Clubs, native flowers were purchased and put in near the tree line. This planting will complement the beauty berry bushes added last year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership and those who have recently joined.

If you forgot to renew this year, it is not too late – just mail your renewal to:

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation
P.O. Box 56114
Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Memberships are:

- WBHF Friend \$25;
- WBHF Patron \$100;
- WBHF Sponsor \$250 and up.

Membership runs from January 1st of one year until the following January 1st and gives you free admission to the Whitehurst-Buffington House during our open hours.

Your membership dues help the Foundation complete the repairs necessary to keep this wonderful old house going and to move forward with acquisition of furniture.

Once again Thank You for supporting the WBHF, and, if you have not yet become a member, please consider becoming one soon to support this beautiful historic home.

-Margaret Moore



Preserving the Whitehurst-Buffington House depends upon the community. While the City of Virginia Beach maintains the grounds and surrounding woodland areas, preservation of the house and its history is dependent upon the generosity of its friends and neighbors.

This important endeavor can only be completed with your help. Become a WBHF supporter and become part of something historic.

**Whitehurst-Buffington House
Foundation Membership**

P.O. Box 56114
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

- I would like to become a member
- Please RENEW my yearly membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

WBHF Friend \$25.00

WBHF Patron \$100.00

WBHF Sponsor \$250.00

Additional tax-deductible donation for preservation
\$ _____

Please make checks payable to WBHF

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation of this historic home as a living example of early American life in Virginia.



Teas & Tonics

Sunday, March 18, 2018

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Whitehurst-Buffington House

**2441 N. Landing Road, Va. Beach, VA
(directly across from City Hall)**

The Whitehurst-Buffington House is an 18th-century farmhouse located near City Hall.

It is owned by the City of Virginia Beach and leased by the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, a local non-profit group.



Join us as we stroll the grounds and gather wild herbs to prepare teas for sampling. Find out which plants have been used traditionally for making teas, how to prepare them, and their nutritional and health benefits.

Cost: \$20/person; a portion of proceeds to benefit the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation.

Pre-registration is required. Email wildfood@cox.net to register.

Vickie Shufer is an herbalist and forager with a Master's Degree in Therapeutic Herbalism. She teaches classes on edible and medicinal plants as well as outdoor education programs and is the author of several books, including "The Everything Guide to Foraging" (Adams Media, 2011). She is also the owner and manager of the Wild Woods Farm, a certified native nursery in northeastern North Carolina.