



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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JOIN US on Thursday, May 16th - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
For "FRANK SINGS FRANK" being hosted by the Senior Resource Center

NEW GARDEN

In the wooded area on the left side of the yard, the Council of Garden Clubs is preparing a woodland garden centered around a grove of Yaupon Hollies.

These trees had become overgrown with vines and weeds. Horticulturist Nicholas McIntyre and Laura Jacobson, COGC President, have supervised clearing of the area in preparation for the future garden.

Highlights will be a moss garden under the trees, and woodland plantings to enhance the natural beauty of this area.

Many thanks to the COGC for their generosity and to the Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation Department staff for all their hard work.

-Phyllis Sawyer



Yaupon Hollies were widely grown in colonial days and have leaves which can be used to make a caffeinated beverage.

ZOOM IN: A Cause You Can Support

The Whitehurst-Buffington House was originally built in 1793. Like most structures of this age, there are things needed for it to endure.

The mission of the WBHF supports reflecting three centuries of life in Princess Anne County as "a house over time".

To sustain and share the heritage of what has been designated as one of the 50 most historically significant structures in Virginia Beach takes many hands.

We can always use support in getting the job done!

If you are interested in helping us achieve our goals, please contact us at 757-427-1151 or 757-427-1833.

- Barbara Vaughan

YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

Copies of Bob Clark's maps, featured in a November 2018 *Beacon* article for their inclusion in the Library of Congress, are still available!

Proceeds benefit the WBHF in their endeavors to preserve this home as a living example of early American life in Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation would like to thank all of you who have already renewed your membership for 2019 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. If you have not yet become a member, please consider becoming one soon to support this beautiful historic home.

-Maraaret Moore

The Whitehurst-Buffington House is open 1:00- 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT MEET OUR NEWEST DOCENT

Chelsea Mandello discovered the Whitehurst-Buffington House while walking on the nearby trails and wanted to know more.

The WBH is adjacent to West Neck Creek Natural Area which is located on part of the original Whitehurst property.

As soon as she took a tour, Chelsea wanted to share its story with others and volunteered to docent.

And she knows how to work a plan.

Chelsea is the CEO of Troopster, LLC, a non-profit in Norfolk dedicated to sending care packages to deployed service members. Her passion for this cause stems from her own service in the U.S. Navy for which she worked as a photojournalist all over the world.

A native of Louisville, KY, Chelsea is a 2011 graduate of Ball State University with a BS in Journalism, majoring in Advertising. She currently resides in Norfolk.

Chelsea said, "I enjoy sharing information and wanted to share the excitement that I feel when I learn the history of the Whitehurst Buffington home."

The Whitehurst- Buffington House Foundation is excited to have her on board.



RECENT DONATIONS to the WBHF include a bed warmer (Jim Oglesby), a set of oil lamps (Jamie Buffington), a large stoneware pot (Allesson Reingold), and a decorative ceramic



sculpture (Phyllis Sawyer).

Anyone interested in donating should contact Jim Oglesby at 757-426-0562 or by emailing to pdgjim97@cox.net.



CHECK OUT the new floral arrangements inside the Whitehurst-Buffington House.



The Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach is providing fresh flowers, arranged and delivered each week by different gardening groups!

Varying in size and composition, the flowers are being displayed in the foyer, on the downstairs mantels and in the dining room.

The COGC was organized in 1950 by Bay Colony, Birdneck, Cavalier, Linkhorn Park, Princess Anne and Virginia Beach Garden Clubs and now has more than forty garden clubs in its membership.

DID YOU KNOW: Why Are Barns Red?

Hundreds of years ago, many farmers would seal their barns with linseed oil, which is an orange-colored oil derived from the seeds of the flax plant. To this oil, they would add a variety of things. Rust was plentiful on farms and because it killed fungi and mosses that might grow on barns, it was very effective as a sealant. It turned the mixture red in color.

When paint became more available, many people chose red paint for their barns in honor of tradition.

From "The Farmers' Almanac"

KITCHEN GARDEN

The Whitehurst-Buffington House is getting a kitchen garden in April!

Traditionally these gardens included a variety of plants for culinary, medicinal, cosmetic, and household uses.

A blend of herbs and flowering plants in the beds on the back of the house will reflect historical sensibilities. Stone markers will identify each plant.

Being implemented by Jason's Garden Service, LLC, the garden was inspired by a number of 18th and 19th century sources. Additional contributions were made by Vickie Shufer of Eco Images. Chalet was sourced from Concrete Creations.

Be sure to check it out on your next visit.



Jason Rawls (Jason's Garden Service, LLC) is creating a wattle fence using grapevine sourced from the grounds. He is donating this border for the garden to the WBHF.

OUR PAST YEAR IN EVENTS

Teas & Tonics

Sunday, March 18, 2018



Holiday Open House

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2019



NORTH LANDING RIVER

Saturday, June 9, 2018



Antique Appraisals



Sunday, August 19,



Fall Festival



Sat. Nov. 10, 2019



SHARING OUR STORY - The Whitehurst Buffington House Foundation returned to the Home Gardener Day with a display about our historic house.

The annual event sponsored by The Virginia Horticultural Foundation at The Founders Inn & Spa was held January 14th this year.

Other organizations represented provided brochures that could be helpful for programs at the WBH. Included were the Virginia Beach Beautification Committee and the Virginia Tech Experimental Station on Diamond Springs Road.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The WBHF is represented on FaceBook. Check out information, pictures, event news and more

And don't forget to  Like our Page.



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

Interested in Volunteering?

Help us with:

- Greeting Visitors
- Gardening
- Serving on a Committee
- Cleaning
- Leading Tours
- Special Events
- Clerical Work
- Other: _____

Call the Foundation President at
757-427-1151 or the
Vice President at 757-427-1833
for more information.

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.