



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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**WE HAVE NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER.
JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th FOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL 2021**

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

What a beautiful week we have just experienced!

Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, and trees are leafing out. Life is GOOD.

During the cold, wet months of winter we managed to maintain a presence at the Whitehurst-Buffington House. Equipped with masks, hand sanitizer, and practicing social distancing, we were able to welcome small groups of visitors and continue to offer an opportunity to experience a life lived in old Princess Anne County.

We were unable to host any sort of event, but, with the increase in vaccinations, lower case numbers, and the resulting relaxing of restrictions, we have great expectations for the upcoming months.

Please continue to follow us on our web site wbhouse.org and FaceBook for news.



HISTORY CONNECTIONS

In the early days of Princess Anne County, there was a tract of land along Princess Anne Road (now the Southgate neighborhood) that stretched toward Nimmo United Methodist Church from what is now Seaboard Road.

This property was owned by the Brown family-- Lucullus Brown and, later, John L. Brown and wife Mary Ann Land Brown—and the family farmhouse remained visible on this property until the early 1970s.

Their land ended across from Seaboard Road at Brown Town Road which ran back into the community, turning sharply back toward Princess Anne Road. The neighborhood was home to a number of families, many of whom worked on the Browns' farmland.

This tract is shown on Sam's Maps



which are displayed at the Whitehurst-Buffington House.

By the 1870s many of the community's log cabins located on this Brown Town Road were owned by "freed men" and their families, having been gifted or purchased from the Brown family.

The neighborhood along Princess Anne Road, from Dozier's Bridges to Nimmo Methodist Church, was also home to a number of African American families. A delegation from this community visited Nimmo seeking support for a new church building in which these families could worship. A portion of land at the front of the Brown Farm became the site for the new AME Church built in 1872. Daniel Whitehurst was one of the sponsoring trustees.

Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church remains an active parish to this day.

SPRING BACK

Since events were cancelled in 2020, we are sharing a picture from spring of 2019. We look forward to the next Teas & Tonics with Vickie Shufer.



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

MEMBERSHIPS

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation appreciates everyone who has already renewed or initiated new memberships for 2021.

Membership levels are:

WBHF Friend \$25

WBHF Patron \$100

WBHF Sponsor \$250 and above

Students \$10

If you are interested in supporting this wonderful historic house, it's never too late.

To join, just mail to us at:

P.O. Box 56114

Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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.

DID YOU KNOW

The Whitehurst-Buffington House was built in 1793. The original house was one room with a sleeping loft. It had wood sheathing and a Dutch gambrel roof.



Date is visible
on brick in
east chimney.

There were remarkable events occurring in our country at this time.

George Washington and John Adams were inaugurated for their second term. Washington addressed "the people of united America" in only 135 words.

Washington officiated the cornerstone setting for the U. S. Capitol.

It was the first year of regular production for the U. S. Mint.

Noah Webster established the first daily newspaper, *The American Minerva*.

Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. Hannah Slater patented a new method of producing sewing thread from cotton.

Jean-Pierre Blanchard was the first to fly a gas balloon in the western hemisphere.

FALL FESTIVAL ARTISTS & CRAFTERS

We are looking forward to hosting artists and crafters as part of our Fall Festival 2021.

We have a number of talented individuals who will be joining us after we had to

RECENT DONATIONS

Anthony Wheelless brought us a hand-crafted box full of tiny treasures.

All the items were found on Princess Anne County properties. Included are a mini ball, skeleton lock keyplate, watch fob, chauffeur license, love tokens, buckles, a button, and a butter knife.



A charming painted, iron doorstep depicting Noah's Ark was donated by board member Jessica O'Connor. It is now in one of the upstairs bedrooms.



cancel the event last year due to COVID restrictions.

There are, however, still a handful of open spaces remaining. If you are interested, please email lrwls2@cox.net for more info. Please be sure to include the information below for consideration.

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

CELL PHONE:

ALTERNATE PHONE:

WHAT WOULD YOU BE DISPLAYING?

Please be specific - We are trying to avoid overlapping in category of work as much as possible
Include type and style of craft or art (Le. Textile- Quilting, Art- Acrylic Modern, Jewelry- Beading)

LIST ANY FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE INFO:

CHECK IF INCLUDING PICTURES

Visit & Like the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation FaceBook page.

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.