



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Jessica O'Connor, Secretary; Margaret Moore, Treasurer.

Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Mary Ann Schmidt; Leslie Rawls, Donn Lee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See our Web Site and FaceBook Page for Announcements of Upcoming Events.

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

Once again, we begin a new season of the year and see signs of new life all around us. New leaves on trees, bulbs putting up new shoots, tiny blades of grass appearing in our lawns.

In the midst of all this welcomed newness, we are fortunate to also be surrounded by the many signs of the rich history and culture that surround us.

Tucked in among the hustle and bustle of a growing city, there are many historical sites like ours that have been preserved. There are also many which are worthy and are awaiting preservation.

We invite you to visit us and experience a living history that began right in the heart of this community.

WINTER'S LAST FORAY

Donn Lee ventured out in the February chill to capture the house in snow.



DID YOU KNOW

Va. Beach has been a Tree City since 1980 with an estimated 3.2 million trees within the city. The tree canopy provides economic savings and environmental benefits by providing storm water runoff and property value increases.

In 2020 Virginia Beach also became a Bee City USA affiliate, joining other cities and campuses who are uniting to provide better environments for pollinators.

In support of both efforts, the Va. Beach Parks & Rec Dept recently gifted the WBHF with the planting of several flowering trees. These will add beauty and attract pollinators to our grounds.

The official tree of Va. Beach is the Live Oak. The one on the west side of the house is approximately 150 years old.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

The official start of spring was March 20th. We look forward to the emerging daffodils each year, and the early display this year was delightful.



TOUR GUIDES

On March 26th, the WBHF hosted a meeting for those interested in leading tours for the Whitehurst-Buffington House.



This was the first group training offered since the WBHF started managing the house in 2012.

One volunteer was already greeting guests & shadowing a tour by the end of the session.

Tours are available during events and our regular hours on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 1-4pm.



If you missed our meet & greet and are interested, it is not too late to volunteer. Contact Phyllis Sawyer at 757-427-1151 to find out how you can participate.

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

FORGOT TO RENEW A MEMBERSHIP?

It's not too late. Memberships last through the end of the year.

Receive quarterly mailings, advance notice of events and a discount on building use requests in return for your help with funds for repairs and acquisitions.

To renew or to join for the first time, just mail to us at: P.O. Box 56114, Va. Beach, VA 23456

Membership levels are: Friend \$25; Patron \$100; Sponsor \$250 and above; Students \$10.

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Interested in Volunteering?

Help us with:

_____ Greeting Visitors

_____ Gardening

_____ Serving on a Committee

_____ Cleaning

_____ Leading Tours

_____ Special Events

_____ Clerical Work

_____ Other: _____

Call the Whitehurst-Buffington Foundation President at 757-427-1151 for more information.

HISTORY NOTE

During the Revolutionary War, Capt. Johann Ewald led Hessian soldiers from Great Bridge through Princess Anne County in 1781. (They would have marched right past the Whitehurst-Buffington House.)

Ewald and Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe wanted to capture militia commander Amos Weeks who had mounted ambushes on British detachments in Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties.

They were forced to trudge through Dauge's Swamp when they discovered the bridge had been burned. Fighting commenced at James' Plantation, but Weeks and many of his men escaped.

The bridge was rebuilt and is now known as Dozier's Bridge. On Princess Anne Road between Holland and Seaboard Roads, it is a launching point for those seeking to fish, bird watch and enjoy nature.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1st.

Although the WBHF is still making plans, we are excited about sharing details in the near future.

Currently, we are signing up participants for Crafters and Artists booths. Anyone interested may review details on our FaceBook page or request information by emailing board member Leslie Rawls at lrawls2@cox.net

We are also encouraging owners of antique vehicles to sign up in advance this year. If you would like to join us, just email lrawls2@cox.net to secure a spot.

Space is limited, so let us know soon if you are interested.

DONATIONS

We extend thanks to Beth Bettingfield of Pungo, Va. Beach who donated a pine and oak spinning wheel from the Elba Murden estate. A must-see item, it matches the style of a 1781 Isaac Moore model.



Additionally, Beth brought us a colonial era dough tray in amazing condition.



Special thanks also go out to Lori and Paul Heyman of Virginia Beach who donated a beautiful antique drop leaf table.



A very rare example, the top and each side are made from a single board!



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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.