



# Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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## JOIN US for a Visit in 2020 Watch for Upcoming Events Soon to be Shared

### A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

The holiday season has passed and a new decade has arrived.

So much has happened since the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation was formed.

It has been a significant decade for a house that has seen so many generations come and go.

We are looking forward to the new year and a new decade with enthusiasm.



2012 Ribbon cutting before our first Open House.



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Our quarterly kudos go out to the ladies of the Va. Beach Council of Garden Clubs who decorated for the WBHF Holiday Open House this year.

Led by Peggy Caverly and Kay Slover Eckhardt, members produced a delightful array of traditional decorations. The greenery, fruit & creative touches were the perfect garnish for our celebration.

### MERRY & BRIGHT

Our Holiday Open House was a lovely prelude to the season.



The COGC dressed the house with native greenery, fruits, berries, and pinecones in the spirit of bygone celebrations.

The air was filled with the sweet sounds



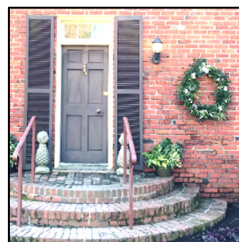
of violin from Summer Cuzzins and the sublime chords of the hammered dulcimer played by Bob Clark.



Conversations were shared over sweets, nuts and warm apple cider.

We were fortunate to host a large number of supporters, new friends and families.

The WBHF board genuinely appreciates everyone who helped make this year's Holiday Open House such a resounding success!



### WBHF MEMBERSHIPS

We at the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation would like to thank everyone who has renewed memberships for 2020 and those who have recently joined.

If you have not yet become a member, please consider becoming one soon to support this beautiful historic home.

Memberships are:

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

Membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> of one year until the following January 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

To join, just mail to:

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

Once again, Thank You for supporting the WBHF.

*-Margaret Moore*

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

## UNITED WAY WALK

The City of Virginia Beach sponsored a walk to benefit the United Way on October 31st.

Held annually at the Whitehurst-Buffington House, this year's turnout made the event very successful.

Walkers were also in the Halloween spirit.



## Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

### Interested in Volunteering?

Help us with:

\_\_\_ Greeting Visitors

\_\_\_ Gardening

\_\_\_ Serving on a Committee

\_\_\_ Cleaning

\_\_\_ Leading Tours

\_\_\_ Special Events

\_\_\_ Clerical Work

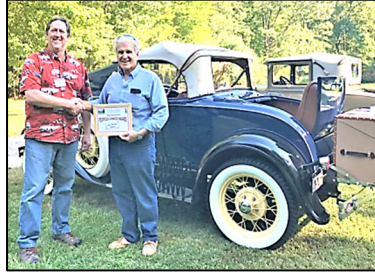
\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## FALL FESTIVAL

This year's Fall Festival was held on October 12th.

Antique cars from local group members were on display. Those attending the event voted for our first People's Choice Award.



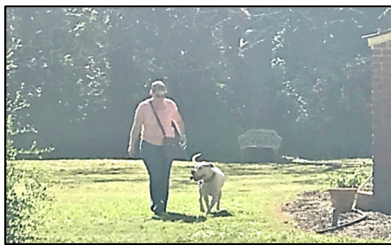
Also a new tradition, the WBHF hosted local crafters. Hard to make a choice from all the wonderful things they shared!



BBQ from Malbon's was a big hit. Many friends and families enjoyed lunch at tables set up under the age-old trees behind the house.



Beautiful weather allowed everyone the chance to look over the COGC and Kitchen Gardens that were planted in the spring. And some took advantage of the adjacent West Neck Creek trails as well.



We were happy to have so many visitors, including members of the Hampton Roads Hikers, tour the house.

A delightful afternoon with new and old friends alike!

## WINTER TEAS & TONICS

On December 8th Vickie Shufer hosted a lovely group of ladies at the Whitehurst-Buffington House for her Winter Teas & Tonics.

She reviewed plants traditionally used for health benefits and prepared with the group a sampling of warming teas and strengthening tonics.

Vickie has an M.S. in Therapeutic Herbalism and runs Wild Woods Farms in Virginia Beach.



### DID YOU KNOW

The Christmas tree was popularized in the 1850s after images of Queen Victoria & Prince Albert with a table-top tree were reprinted in newspapers here. *Harper's Weekly* illustrator Thomas Nast created the modern Santa image in 1863. Christmas was declared a federal holiday in 1870 by Ulysses S. Grant.

### RECENT DONATIONS

Jim Oglesby, WBHF board member and resident antiques expert, is currently reviewing recent furniture offerings.

Always of interest are 18th and 19th century period items. Articles reflecting local Princess Anne County history are also welcomed.

Anyone considering making a donation may contact Jim at [pdgjim97@cox.net](mailto:pdgjim97@cox.net) or by phone at 757-426-056.

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.