



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

As the year 2022 begins, we look forward with a feeling of renewal and strengthening of purpose.

The past two years have been challenging to all of us in many ways.

This amazing old house has withstood snow and ice, floods, and blazing heat but has stood-- strong and resilient—through times of war and peace. It is a wonderful example for us as its caretakers.

Working together, we can make this a great year!



RING IN THE NEW YEAR

There are many customs, from eating black eyed peas and greens to tossing out fireplace ashes, to ring in the New Year with good fortune and a clean slate. Medieval reflections to live a better life led to secular resolutions in the Victorian era. The 1800s popularized gentlemen visiting eligible ladies and calling on neighbors.

However you celebrated, we wish you all the best and hope you call on us in 2022.

TIME FOR RENEWAL

Annual and new memberships start in January.

In addition to donations, dues help with repairs and acquisitions to keep this wonderful historic house going. Members receive quarterly mailings, advance

Membership levels are:

- WBHF Friend \$25*
- WBHF Patron \$100*
- WBHF Sponsor \$250 and above*
- Students \$10*

To renew or to join for the first time, just mail to us at:

P.O. Box 56114,
Va. Beach, VA 23456

Your support is always much appreciated

DECK THE HALLS

After the widespread closures of 2020, we were delighted to be able to have our Holiday Open House this year.

COGC members returned to share their talents with us, providing fresh greenery and traditional flourishes to set the mood. Organized by Kay Eckert and Peggy Caverly, the décor was much admired by our guests.

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FOND FAREWELL

Retirement is always bittersweet. It is always hard to say goodbye to someone who has worked tirelessly and contributed greatly to the work of an organization.



Barbara Vaughan is just such a person.

A founding member of the WBHF, she has given unselfishly of her time, energy, and resources.

An avid historian, Barbara filled scrapbooks with both news of the house and the history of old Princess Anne County. With a keen eye, she also looked for new ideas and projects for us.

We wish her all the best as she focuses on other interests and takes a little time for herself.



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

DID YOU KNOW

The yule log was originally an entire tree! The end of the trunk was put in the fireplace to feed the fire for the twelve days of Christmas, ending on January 6th.



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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 Foundation President
at 757-427-1151
for more information.

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Holiday spirit was merry with the light, melodious touch of Bob Clark on his hammered dulcimer. Visitors enjoyed his knowledge and stories as well.



Summer Cozzens played some holiday tunes on her violin in the afternoon.

Ornaments were on display by Stephanie Sawyer who uses natural materials like okra, cotton & cedar to craft decorations with husband Steve.



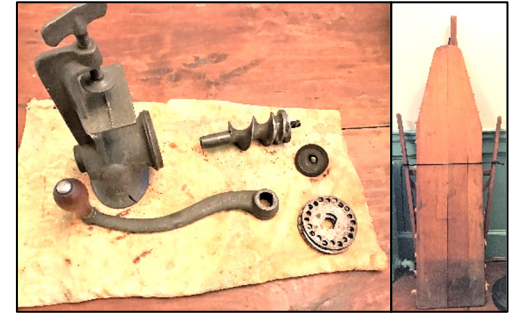
The WBHF was very pleased to spend time with old friends and make so many new ones.



Visit our FaceBook page to view all photos

DONATIONS

The Sawyer family donated a 1930s ironing board and a 1920s meat grinder now displayed in the kitchen.



Nancy Craft brought us a number of family items, including a bundt pan used in making her mother's wedding cake. Also in her trove were antique keys, kitchen items, a pewter cup from the early 1900s, framed floral prints and children's items from the 1940s.



Kay Eckert donated a Creche Bell which was on display with a COGC arrangement.



We have some additional Hellebores in the bed on the west side of the house courtesy of Jan Fine.

Behind the house we have planted a dogwood given to us by Susan Wight. We can't wait to see it in the spring.

The WBHF is so thankful for all the donations made over the holiday season.

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.