

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation



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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Fall Festival (September 23rd) and Holiday Open House (December 10th)

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

As I sit to write, our country is celebrating its founding as a nation. We see "1776" on everything from ads to decorations. I am reminded of the 1793 etched on the bricks of the chimney at the WB House. The fact that we are celebrating a house built just 17 years after our country was founded which is still standing is a tribute to the strength of old Princess Anne County. Standing, as the Court House was moved and the surrounding community grew. Still standing, at the end of the long drive, next to the 150-year-old Live Oak tree, waiting to welcome the next generation of visitors. It is humbling to think of the people that lived & raised their families here and to know we are now responsible for its care and visitors. We appreciate those who donated items that helped to furnish the house. We are so thankful to the City of Va. Beach for the maintenance they provide and, most especially, for entrusting the house to our Foundation and its members. We join our nation on the 4th of July in asking that God Bless America, and we include the Whitehurst-Buffington House in this blessing.



Official ribbon cutting held on June 5th 2012

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

On June 14th the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation marked its tenth year!

In 2010 a group of citizens came together as part of the Princess Anne County Historical Society. Ultimately they would form a non-profit dedicated to the preservation of this historic home as a living example of early American life in the 18th and 19th centuries in Princess Anne County.

It would take two years before the Whitehurst-Buffington House would be open to the public. It was designated as one of the 50 most historically significant structures in Virginia Beach.

We celebrated ten years on this mission with many friends from the City of Va. Beach Council, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Committee and Parks & Recreation. Also joining us were COGC Officers & community supporters.

Speakers included our District 2 Councilwoman Barbara Henley, Towne Bank Sr. VP Debbie Mallard and Historic Preservation Planner Mark Reed.



PROCLAMATION

Mayor Bobby Dyer proclaimed June 14, 2023 Whitehurst-Buffington Historic House Foundation Day. The Proclamation, read by Vice Mayor Rosemary Wilson, included: "I call upon all citizens to salute the hard work, vision, and commitment that these members of the foundation have given to see that we continue to maintain this jewel in our backyard."



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

GLEEFUL GATHERING

The ladies of the Larkspur Garden Club met at the house on June 20th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their club. The luncheon included a tour of the house. We are so pleased they chose to share their milestone with us!



DONATIONS

Gwen and Jack Stace of Virginia Beach donated two matching chairs, an accent chair and a rocker.

In excellent condition, you can see the chairs displayed in our parlor- and maybe sit a spell during your next visit



Lynda and Bill Burns of Va. Beach donated an 1800s bread bowl. Lynda's family history documents it as a wedding present in 1903 to her grandmother Rosa Mae Dixon Rice. The Burns also donated a 1930s rolling pin and wooden spoon.



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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.

YOUTH DAY STUDENT EVENT

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation held our first Youth Day event for students on Sunday, May 7th.

Participants received the new student passport. And our special guests treated our young visitors to a variety of fun and historic activities.

Vickie Shufer, a naturalist with Wild Woods Farms, shared knowledge about native plants and weeds that included sampling some local honeysuckle.



Lee Lockamy, Chief Emeritus of the Nansemond Tribe brought a "touch table" to share tools, instruments, artifacts and lore.



Victoria Phelps, a member of Virginia Storytelling Alliance, entertained everyone with interactive songs, stories and improv games.



We hope to host this event again in 2024.

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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.