

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation



Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Leslie Rawls, Vice President; Margaret Moore, Treasurer.
Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Mary Ann Schmidt; Donn Lee.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:
Fall Festival on September 14th & Holiday Open House on December 10th

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

As I look out my window, the sun is beginning its climb, the dew still fresh on the grass and shrubbery. I am once again reminded of the beauty that surrounds us, not only here at the Whitehurst-Buffington House, but all around this wonderful city we call home.

As recipients of the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission's annual award, it is gratifying to know that, amidst the hustle and bustle of a growing city, value is still placed on contributions being made to the beauty of our city. In addition to sites like ours, the members of garden clubs and individuals throughout the city work tirelessly to make Virginia Beach a greener and more beautiful place to live.

We invite you to visit us & experience the natural beauty surrounding our historic house including the West Neck Creek Natural Preserve trails & our 150 year old Live Oak.



We are open
1:00- 4:00 pm

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Our board is seeking new members. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Phyllis Sawyer at 757-427-1151.

SPRING VISITS

Spring brought us daffodils in the woods, blooms around the house and fresh beauties for the inside arrangements shared each week by the CGCVB volunteers. As in days past, warmer weather also brought more guests and visiting groups to the house.



On May 9th, members of the Stratford Chase Garden Club held their monthly meeting at the house.



On June 18th, Larkspur Garden Club had their annual luncheon meeting for the installation of officers.



SPRING TEA

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation held their very first tea party on Saturday, May 4th.



Tables were set out in the dining and living rooms for shared seating. A selection of vintage teapots was used to both serve and decorate.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of teas and a traditional sampling of sweets, savories, and chocolates including homemade scones and lemon curd.



Deon Dallman, a cofounder of the Virginia Historical Tea Society, was instrumental in the appropriate place settings. She also spoke about the history of high tea.

DID YOU KNOW

The Virginia Beach Public Library (Princess Anne) will have a liaison assigned to the board of the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation. We are looking forward to partnering on more programs with our friends at the library.

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

DONATIONS

Lynn Lohrman, our newest docent, donated a print of Robert Furber's *Spring*. Furber, an early eighteenth-century horticulturist, is known for producing the first seed catalog in his native England.

Laura Jacobson donated an antique silver punchbowl, ladle & cups. She also gifted four vintage planter/candle holders we can't wait to use for holiday decorating.

Bill Burns donated a galvanized double bucket used for feeding animals or gathering vegetables from the garden.

Pat Creech donated some drift roses now gracing the front of the house.



A THING OF BEAUTY

The WBHF received an award from the Va Beach Beautification Commission in June. It celebrated continuing efforts in landscaping & contributing to the beauty of our city. It was presented by councilwoman Barbara Henley and committee member Jessica O'Connor.



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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.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM




Crafters & Artists
Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild
Va. Beach Farmer's Market
Va. Beach Public Library
Bee City - Va. Beach
Regency Society of Virginia
Moore to See Photo Expeditions
Team Fat Kid Food Truck
Picnic Area with Tables

FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE

Take a tour of the historic house

Whitehurst-Buffington House

2441 North Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

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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.