

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Barbara Vaughan, Vice-President; Mary Ann Schmidt, Secretary; Margaret Moore, Treasurer.
Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Jim Oglesby, David Lee, Kenny Harris, Leslie Rawls

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 12th -- 11:00 am-4:00 pm
For Our FALL FESTIVAL featuring Antique Cars, Local Crafters & Malbon's BBQ

FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Phyllis Sawyer*

Summer is in all her glory. Bright sunny days, picnics, fireworks, trips to the beach.

If you are looking for something a little bit different to do, you might add a trip to the beautiful Whitehurst-Buffington House to your summertime activities.

The grounds are picturesque, especially with the wonderful new gardens.

COGC GARDEN IS COMPLETE!

The Council of Garden Clubs sponsored the addition to our landscape. Laura Jacobs, outgoing president, coordinated the project. A formal announcement about the donation was made at a June luncheon attended by WBHF board members. A dedication is forthcoming.



Paula Larossa & Laura Jacobs are reviewing plans in late April this year

The design was created by consultant Paula Larossa. Her plan specified native plants and incorporated the existing flora. She is a former Virginia Beach employee and member of the Virginia Society of Landscape Designers. Paula was recently

Adjacent to the Municipal Center and West Neck Creek Natural Area, we are accessible from all areas of the city.

The house is cool and inviting, and we are always ready to welcome visitors during our normal hours. Special visits can also be arranged at other times by calling 427-1151 or 427- 1833.

Summer is the ideal time to give your family a taste of what life was like in old Princess Anne County.

Spotted sprucing up the garden for summer visitors.

Symsi Houser, Operations Coordinator to the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Dept. collaborated on the new garden. Parks & Rec employees helped install plants and put down mulch.



So, save some time to stroll the paths, sit a spell under the Yaupon and enjoy this beautiful garden on your next visit.



From left: Paula Larossa, Mary Anne Schmidt, Symsi Houser, Laura Jacobs, and Phyllis Sawyer.

RARE CLOCK HAS NEW HOME



Jim Oglesby recently donated a C. Jerome & Company clock now on display at the Whitehurst-Buffington House.

A rare Virginia made clock, it dates to 1835.

It boasts the original dial, hands, weights, and pendulum bob. The brushed works movement was professionally restored and is in excellent working order. The reverse painting is on old glass.

Chauncey Jerome and his brother Noble established their shop in Richmond, Virginia in 1835. In business for only a year, they were located near B&S Jones Tavern on Shockoe Hill. The brothers originally produced only 30-hour wood movement clocks. The one donated to the WBHF is among only a handful of known examples still in existence.

Jim Oglesby is a retired principal in the Virginia Beach School system and local expert in antiques. He has been a collector for over 35 years. Jim has been a member of the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation board since it was formed in 2012.

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

FRANK-LY FUN

Frank Cubillo performed Frank Sinatra hits and more at the WBHF benefit hosted by the (Creeds) Senior Resource Center on May 16th.



Left to right: Susan Kellam, Leslie Rawls, Frank Cubillo, Phyllis Sawyer, Mary Anne Schmidt, Mickey Moore, and Barbara Vaughn.

VB STRONG

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation board is touched and saddened by the May 31st tragedy in Bldg. 2 of the Municipal Center.

The WBHF has a close relationship with many of the people working for the City of Virginia Beach which owns the Whitehurst-Buffington property.

The house closed the first weekend of June out of respect for those lost and their families. Members participated in local services held.

TASTE OF COUNTRY

Kitchen Garden on the back, southern exposure of the house is blooming.



SOON ON DISPLAY

Given by Wiley Lamm after the passing of his wife Judy Kaye, a portrait of a Strawhand family member will soon hang over an upstairs mantel.

Judy Kay was a descendant of the Strawhands who lived on West Neck Road. They owned quite a bit of property still held by the family today. Beech Grove UMC was built on some of their land.

From Judy Kay's collection, the WBHF was also given two bibles dated 1843 and 1881.

We are happy to share items so connected to our local history.

Crafters & Artists Wanted
Fall Festival
October 12, 2019

Application info will be posted on our website and FaceBook page

Don't forget to visit and  Like our Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation FaceBook page.

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

RECENT DONATION

WBHF member Shirley Zartman donated a number of items for display.

Included are flat irons, a bowler hat, button hooks, a manicure set, and small toys. There is also a bone clapper, a musical instrument played like spoons.

Bakelite handles date some items to the 1930s and a horse bank is at least 100 years old.



DID YOU KNOW

In 1835 Southern Legislatures priced licenses excessively high to discourage "Yankee peddlers". Goods made in their own states, however, could be sold without a license.

- From Snowden Taylor's article "C. Jerome & Co." in the NAWC Bulletin dated August 2008 to which Jim Oalesbv contributed.

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.