



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

As the heat of a long hot summer began to fade, we began to make final preparations for our annual Fall Festival.

With dates publicized, flyers distributed, information on Facebook, and banner in place, we were ready to celebrate on October 1st. Then came *Hurricane Ian*, and everything changed.

We weathered the storm, the sun came out, and we opened the gates bright and early on October 8th. Our vendors filled their booths, the blacksmiths set up & got to work, antique vehicles rolled in, and the strains of music from the hammered dulcimer filled the air. Our guests came to stroll, shop, visit, tour the house, compete for door prizes, and enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

At the close of the day, we all agreed the Rain Date turned out to be the best date after all.

DID YOU KNOW

Tuesday, September 27th was the 179th anniversary of James Howard Whitehurst's birthday. Some of the board members celebrated w/cake provided by docent Richard Tsikuris.



FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival was a great success despite Ian's interference. Moved to our rain date, we were rewarded with a beautiful, crisp autumn afternoon.



Visitors shopped with our talented artists and crafters, watched the Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild in action, and talked about Ecotours on local waters with Erik Moore. And everyone was able to hear Bob Clark play his hammered dulcimer.



ON THE ANVIL

The Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild began making us a boot scraper! It will be installed in holes on the porch where we believe one was originally mounted.



Some lucky guests won items in our raffle and a savvy guesser at the apple table won a prize for estimating how many Cullipher Farms apples were in a basket.



Board members and docents shared the history of the Whitehurst-Buffington House with many of our new friends.



Jerry Johnson's Model A won the People's Choice.

FESTIVAL DONATION

Ellen & Jeff Burns donated a reproduction of a small child's antique dress from Colonial Williamsburg.

It was their first year joining us for the festival.



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

GOOD READ

The Princess Anne Book Club held a meeting at the Whitehurst-Buffington House Sunday, September 18th. With refreshments and a good book, it was a ladies' afternoon for days past.

REMINDER

Memberships renew in January for 2023. Levels are: *Friend \$25; Patron \$100; Sponsor \$250 and above; Students \$10.*

To renew or to join for the first time, just mail to us at: P.O. Box 56114, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

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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.

TOOLS OF THE TIMES

Our thanks to Joyce and Wes Wassums for a collection of antique trivets, accessories, and small kitchen tools like a pestle. Also in the collection were antique hay hooks & a horseshoe. It was certainly our good luck to receive this collection.



DRESS TO IMPRESS

Deon Dallman recently donated a lovely period costume for display at the Whitehurst-Buffington House.

She previously wore the dress as a docent for the Ferry Plantation House.

We are so happy to share Deon's donation and we are also looking forward to spending more time with our newest volunteer.



Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 11
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Live Dulcimer & Violin Music

Period Decorating courtesy of the
Va. Beach Council of Garden Clubs

Admission is free
Donations are appreciated

Whitehurst-Buffington House

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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.