

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation



www.wbhouse.org

Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Jessica O'Connor, Secretary; Margaret Moore, Treasurer.
Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Mary Ann Schmidt; Leslie Rawls, Donn Lee, Deon Dallman, Phyllis Doverspike.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Holiday Open House on December 10th

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

The fall season is always a busy time at the Whitehurst-Buffington House, and this year was no exception.

Being featured on the front page of the *Beacon* provided the opportunity for many people to see us.

This beautiful home is a showplace for life as it might have been lived in old Princess Anne County. It provided a home for the three families who walked its halls, raised their children and enjoyed life here from 1793 until the mid-1980s. After being closed for twenty years, the house took on new life as the Foundation was formed, the lease with the City was signed, and the house was brought back to life.

With recent activities building uses and visiting groups, this life has been very good.

Funds for the operation of the house are provided by donations and memberships from our supporters. Recent exterior painting done by the City enhanced the beauty of the house, and upcoming repairs to the oldest chimney (1793) are being finalized with the combined attention of the Foundation and City.

As in all things historical, support by our members and "friends" is greatly appreciated.

FALL FESTIVAL

The WBHF held its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30th. Thankfully, a damp looking morning gave way to a most pleasant, fall afternoon.

Many of our friends and neighbors joined us. We enjoyed meeting the new friends and families who visited with us too. Tours of the house were very popular.



We had a lot of happy shoppers strolling through the booths of local artists & crafters. And our special guests contributed so much to a great day!

The Tidewater Blacksmiths Guild displayed wares and conducted demonstrations. The Regency Society of Virginia showed weaving and wood working methods from the 1800s. Their duck was also a big hit with everyone.

The Virginia Beach Farmer's market brought Beachy the Cow to help them share info about their programs. The Virginia Beach Public Library was there with news about community offerings. Guests who contributed squares to their

paper quilt got fun prizes.

Erik Moore, local author and photographer, was on deck to talk about tours of the North Landing River. The Bee City Committee was also on hand to talk about the importance of our pollinator friends.

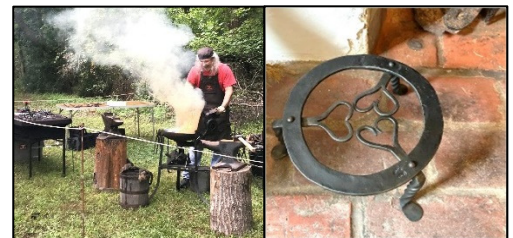
Team Fat Kid served up yummy lunches—for sure, no one went away hungry.

Our Model A friends were with us again. Melanie Kordis won the People's Choice award with Lady Lili.



JUST FOR US

The Tidewater Blacksmith's Guild made a pot trivet for the dining room hearth. We are always thankful for their generosity.



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

DONATIONS



Larry and Cheryl Lane donated a folding sewing rocker made by Albert M. Lock & Son, Inc. The embroidered chair was produced in approximately the 1930s.



Mary Ann Schmidt donated a candlestick table for the parlor.

Barbara Vaughan donated a rug that was handmade by her mother, Anna nee Armentrout Vaughan.

The Buffington bed in the dormer room had a makeover. It now boasts a 1920s foldaway mattress that once belonged to David Kellam's Aunt Laura. The sporty red wool blanket made by the British Company (Shanghai) was owned by Robert Portner, uncle to board members Phyllis Sawyer and Mickey Moore.



A 1940s pipe owned by Harold Hessel of Princess Anne County was donated by Phyllis Sawyer.



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

Interested in Volunteering?

Help us with:

___ Greeting Visitors

___ Gardening

___ Serving on a Committee

___ Cleaning

___ Leading Tours

___ Special Events

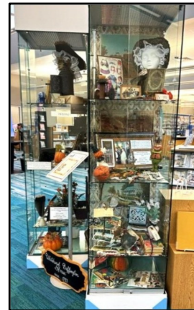
___ Clerical Work

___ Other: _____

Call the Whitehurst-Buffington Foundation President at 757-427-1151 for more information.

A LIBRARY NEAR YOU

The Whitehurst-Buffington House is represented in a display at the Princess Anne branch of the Virginia Beach Public Library on Nimmo Parkway. Assembled by board member Phyllis Doverspike, its inclusion has been extended from September through the end of October.



If you stopped by the Princess Anne Library on Saturday, October 7th, you might have seen our president Phyllis Sawyer and several board members.

We were there participating in the Community Partnership Showcase. This event is part of the Princess Anne Library's 20th Anniversary Celebration.



SPECIAL WELCOME

The WBHF welcomes our newest docents Dave Johnson and Larry Lane. Friends and fellow history buffs, both Dave and Larry have completed training and are already conducting tours of the house.

GOOD ROOTS

Renee Haynes brought the Genealogical Society for a special group visit at the Whitehurst-Buffington House. The tour was conducted by board member Susan Kellam.



Visit &  Like the [Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation Facebook page](#).

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.