

Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation



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JOIN US: Saturday, October 12th for our *Fall Festival*
SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 15th for Our *Holiday Open House*

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

In spite of the recent very warm weather, the calendar tells us fall has arrived. A wonderful time of the year with beautiful foliage, cooler nights and pumpkins on every doorstep.

Fall activities are going on everywhere you look, including right here at the Whitehurst-Buffington House! Hope you will be able to join us on Saturday, October 12th for an afternoon of fun for the whole family.

This wonderful old house and surrounding grounds were home to three families since the first small house was built in 1793. One can easily imagine children in bygone years- running and playing in the falling leaves, gathering up walnuts for fall baking, and coming in to warm up by the fireplace.

We welcome visitors to stroll the grounds & visit the house as the days grow cooler.

The trails of the West Neck Creed Natural Area are open to walkers during all daylight hours, and the house is open for tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. Special tours can also be arranged for groups.

See more information on our web site at www.wbhouse.org.

- Phyllis Sawyer

WALK THIS WAY

The City of Virginia Beach is sponsoring an employee walk to benefit the United Way on Thursday, October 31st.

Hosted annually by the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, the walk starts at noon this Halloween.

Organized by the City of Virginia Beach United Way Committee, the walk raises money for donation to the United Way Campaign.

Members of the WBHF will be in the house to answer questions, although formal tours are not currently scheduled.



ROADS TO THE PAST

Signed copies of Bob Clark's maps are still available! The maps represent 1691, 1791 and 1891. If you are unfamiliar with these maps, you can view our framed prints on display in the front hall. Bob's maps were included in the Library of Congress in 2018.

Also available are copies of the Sams' Maps & Index. These were drafted by Conway Whittle Sams in 1930, a Norfolk attorney related to the Moseley family.

FEELING FESTIVE

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation is excited to report that the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs will be decorating the house for the holidays.

The COGC is planning displays of fresh, native greenery and historically based ornamentation.

Among the volunteers are members who helped decorate the Whitehurst-Buffington House for the Holiday Tour of Homes in 2012. They also bring experience from other historic sites including the Francis Land House.

This is the first project for the Whitehurst-Buffington House under new COGC president Betty Anne DesRoches. It is being coordinated by the Historic Houses committee headed by Peggy Caverly and Kay Slover Eckhardt.

Decorating is scheduled for December 9th – just in time for the Holiday Open House!

Join us for our event on December 15th or stop by any time during the holiday season to share in the fine decorating skills of the COGC.



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

RECENT DONATIONS

Jim Oglesby, WBHF board member and resident antiques expert, is currently reviewing recent furniture offerings. Considering making a donation? Contact him at pdgjim97@cox.net or by phone at 757-426-056.

ALL CALL FOR DOCENTS

Do you love local history? Have some free time? The WBHF would love to hear from anyone interested in leading tours.

Schedules are on a volunteer basis. Just contact Phyllis Sawyer at 427-1151 or Barbara Vaughan at 427-1833.

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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.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation is happy to welcome Jessica O'Connor to the board.

Originally from Illinois, she came to Virginia Beach with her husband David in 1965.

Jessica has been involved in a number of community volunteer organizations, including the COGC & the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission. She is a Master Gardener (Emeritus) with 20 years of service who is currently serving as first vice president of Lynnhaven



Heritage Club.

Jessica has always loved historic properties and is a member of the Friends of Virginia Beach Historic Houses. She is "looking forward to working with the dedicated group that serves the WB".

DID YOU KNOW

You can vote on your favorite antique vehicle at our Fall Festival!

A variety of models will be displayed from a number of local club members.

One owner will be presented with a People's Choice award.

Ballots will be available at the welcome table to anyone who attends the event. So be sure to pick one up and show some support for your "favorite ride".

Fall Festival
Saturday, October 12, 2019
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Antique Cars
Local Artists & Crafters
Tours of the Whitehurst-Buffington House
Malbon's BBQ

Event is Free & Open to All
Donations welcomed. Proceeds benefit the historic WBH.

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.