



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

The WBHF will be making plans soon for 2025

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

Glancing over the morning news, an item caught my attention. On January 1st in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, thereby freeing all enslaved persons. Locally, enslaved people living along Seaboard Rd by the Brown family farm were given not only their freedom but also their homes. In 1872 this community established the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church with the help of several trustees, one of whom was Daniel Whitehurst.

Past Nimmo Church, built in 1791, Mt. Zion AME & Dozier's Bridge, traffic moves quickly & the area is full of new houses, a strip mall, & a new school. Signs of progress and development continue through a busy intersection toward the new City Hall, going past the old courthouse for which construction was authorized by an elder Daniel Whitehurst, Commissioner in 1820/1823.

Directly across the street stands our beloved Whitehurst-Buffington House--one of the oldest houses in the city. Built in 1793, it has been home to three families and has seen many changes.

Here visitors can slow down and catch a glimpse of life in old Princess Anne County. It is truly a "House Over Time" in an area where generations have reflected on their history here and made resolutions for change and growth.

HOLIDAY AND THE IVY

On Sunday afternoon, December 8th, we hosted our annual Holiday Open House.



We are thankful to our friends from the Council of Garden Clubs Virginia Beach. Organized by Historic Homes Committee chairmen Peggy Caverly and Kay Eckhardt, they provided the fresh, period decorating. It was the perfect complement to the light fare and good company of the afternoon.



Although no formal tours were given, board members and docents were available to chat & answer questions.



Stephanie Sawyer shared some of her Natures Christmas treasures.

Everyone was delighted by the live music. We are very grateful to friends Bob Clarke for his mellifluous hammered dulcimer and Summer Cozzins for her dulcet violin.



We are just so happy to have spent the day with so many of our friends.

(Like the pictures? See more in the Past Events 2024 Album on our FaceBook page)

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

WBHF MEMBERSHIPS

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation would like to thank everyone who has renewed memberships for 2025 and those who have recently joined.

Your yearly dues help the WBHF complete the repairs necessary to keep this wonderful, historic house open.

Membership runs from January 1st of one year until the following January 1st and gives you free admission during our open hours and 25% off building use requests.

Memberships levels are: WBHF Friend \$25; WBHF Patron \$100; WBHF Sponsor \$250+

To join, just mail to: Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation, P.O. Box 56114, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

The WBHF thanks you for supporting our beautiful house.

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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

VISITS



Huzzah! On October 23rd, board members gave a group tour to some guests from the City of Virginia Beach. Included were (left to right) Frankie Peterson, Dylan Spivey, Rich Dickson, Brian Delfenthal, Emily Labows, and Council member Taylor with his two sons.

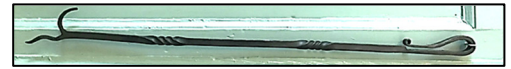


Tails, Trails and Tales! Va. Beach Parks & Rec's event, led by Katie Webb, was held October 11th. Spooky nighttime trails, smores, games, a craft and stories courtesy of Alisha Hasson were all part of the activity. And guests were welcomed to visit inside the Whitehurst-Buffington House where several board members & docents were on hand for questions.



It's winter. But check the new fence around the kitchen garden next time you visit the house.

SEASON OF GIVING



The Tidewater Blacksmiths Guild made and gifted us this fireplace poker after Fall Fest 2024. (We love their handiwork!)

In late October, Pat Creech donated two items- a Castilian bronze and porcelain footed tray & an embellished tiered server with glass dishes.



We also received a charming, tiered tray. It's Sabin Cathy Yellow Rose from the 1940s.



The beautiful multi-piece antique teapot originally belonged to Alice Kellam from her Asian travels.



Look for all of these at our next Tea Party.



We adore these cut paper silhouettes. Donated anonymously, this style was very popular in the 18th and 19th centuries.



Think you know what this is? You will just have to stop by the house for a tour or visit to check out this donated piece and discover its actual purpose.

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.