



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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Officers: Phyllis Sawyer, President; Leslie Rawls, Vice President; Margaret Moore, Treasurer, Alisha Hasson, Secretary.
Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Mary Ann Schmidt; Donn Lee.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:
Fall Festival 09-13-25 & Holiday Open House 12-07-25

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

This week we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday commemorating the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the 2nd Continental Congress.

It was less than twenty years later, in 1793, that the Whitehurst-Buffington House was built. The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation became an established entity in September of 2010.

the WBHF struggled to establish itself. From a simple idea, this wonderful old house, sitting right across the street from the city complex and boarded up for some 20 years, was deemed worth saving. The Foundation was recognized as a legal entity. Petitions were signed, letters of support were written, meetings were held, donations were received and the necessary support was given by the City. Finally, a lease between the City of Virginia Beach and the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation was signed, thereby securing our future.

A wonderful example of life as it might have been lived in old Princess Anne County, it stands ready to welcome local and out of town visitors today. It also serves as a gateway to the lower end of the city, where a more serene and agricultural, "country" area of the beautiful city of Virginia Beach exists.

ONE LUMP OR TWO?

Our Spring Tea, now an annual event, was held on Saturday, May 24th.



Trays of sweets, savories and chocolates included homemade sandwiches and treats. Guests chose from jam, Devonshire cream & fresh lemon curd to top their scones. Numerous teas were provided for sampling- the most popular choices were a traditional Earl Grey and a peach blend.



This year's Tea Talk speaker was Sarah Nasal who hails from northern Virginia. Her passion for tea began when she worked in a Victorian Tea House during college. She stays busy with her husband, three lively daughters, and a slew of animals but says it's important to always make time for a good cup of tea.



The weather was lovely, and the company made the afternoon truly enjoyable.

DID YOU KNOW

The WBHF has added another way to pay for memberships and make donations. Zeffy takes no fees, so all funds go to the account used for improvements and repairs. View the QR codes posted at the house or check it out with this link.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/whitehurst-buffington-house-foundations-memberships>

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

VISITING GROUP

In June Carly Jones led a yoga session at the Whitehurst-Buffington House. Carly is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who owns Waves of Change Coalition near the WBH. Using the science of therapeutic sound waves, she seeks to restore balance and sense of community. The session was originally to be held under our tranquil trees but was moved inside due to heavy rains at the time.



DONATIONS

Just in time for our Spring Tea in May, the WBHF received a set of sixteen floral painted, ceramic spoons we used for jam and lemon curd. The same member also donated a full set of delicately edged linen napkins that looked just lovely on our tea tables.



In June, WBHF board member Mary Ann Schmidt donated a sizeable set of Lenox china. Included are dinner plates, bread and butter plates, dessert plates and teacups with saucers. The set is a beautiful Addition to our table settings. Look for these at our Spring Tea in May 2026.



FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON

We still have some spaces available in Crafters & Artists area. If you are interested, please email lrawls2@cox.net for more info.

And look for more event info on our FaceBook page.



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.

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Free and Open to the public

Local Crafters & Artists * Special Guests
Schmitt Sandwich Food Truck * Picnic Area



Tours of our Historic House also available for a small cash donation

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.