



Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation

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Board of Directors: Susan Kellam; Donn Lee, Jane Bloodworth-Rowe. Board Emeritus: Mary Ann Schmidt.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Festival (September 12) * Holiday Open House (December 6)

A FEW WORDS FROM PHYLLIS

It's hard to believe that half the year has gone by and summer is upon us. For many of us, the weather means time for the beach or a swim in the pool, for cookouts and birthday parties, ice cream cones and hot dogs, watermelon and fireworks under the stars.

But this July is even more exciting as we celebrate the birthday of our nation. It has been said that Virginia is the most patriotic state in the union. It has also been called the birthplace of the nation. From cities and towns of the Commonwealth to the nation's capital, the flags will be flying, and people will be celebrating our nation and its heritage.

Historic homes like the Whitehurst-Buffington House, built 1793, give today's residents and families an opportunity to view life as it might have been lived in bygone days. In current fast paced days, where commercial sites and neighborhoods fill our streets and highways, we have an important task before us. Virginia Beach is a beautiful city, and our historic sites both add depth and keep our heritage alive. This summer is a propitious time to learn more about the history of old Princess Anne County.

We are open for tours 1:00-4:00 Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday afternoons. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated.

ODE TO SPRING

On Saturday, May 16th, the Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation hosted its annual Spring Tea.



Traditional treats like cucumber sandwiches, homemade pimento cheese, and strawberry bread were included on trays heaped with sweet, savory and chocolate options. Devonshire Cream, jam, and lemon curd were served alongside scones. And plates were garnished with beautiful strawberries provided by Barbara Henley.



Teapots were kept filled with hot water, so all the guests could sample from a variety of teas.



And docent Larry Lane shared historical facts and trivia about the ritual of the tea.



A floral arrangement given as a door prize and small corsages were created and donated by Charlene Wesseler.

Visitors had fun with finery and hats while enjoying the fellowship of accompanying and new friends.

(See more pictures in the Past Events 2026 Photo folder on our FaceBook page.)

WELCOME

The Whitehurst-Buffington House Foundation welcomes its newest board member, Jane Bloodworth Rowe. Jane, a master gardener, is taking on the Horticulture committee. Check out what she has been refreshing in the Kitchen Garden on your next visit to the house. The WBHF is excited to have Jane join us.

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

VISITORS

Pembroke Meadows Garden Club met at the Whitehurst-Buffington House on May 20th. They also toured the house and enjoyed a little afternoon shade.



Forever Young members from the Great Neck Recreation Center visited on June 10th. They took a personalized tour with trip sponsor Jane Bloodworth-Rowe and president Phyllis Sawyer. (Forever Young is a City of Virginia Beach program for seniors. Anyone with a recreation center or Silver Sneakers membership can join.)

DONATIONS

Mary Schmidt, Board Member Emeritus, gifted two items in May- a Bachelor's Chest and a lovely tea table- now on display.



Rose Ann Arnaud donated a wonderful buffet. With help from Bob Clark, it was delivered in May and placed in the dining room. (You may recognize them from playing cello and hammered dulcimer at our 2025 Holiday Open 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 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

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FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Artists & Crafters, Special Guests,
Shmitt Sandwich Food Truck,
Tours of our Historic House

Booths for Artists & Crafters are still available.
Contact Leslie Rawls at lrawls2@cox.net or at 757-672-1313

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.