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HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW



Christmas in Winchester begins with the PHW Holiday House Tour – it's tradition! The 2007 Holiday House Tour will be on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd. Each day offers glimpses into beautiful holiday traditions and this year in both historic and new settings. Titled "Something Old, Something New," the 2007 tour is a mix of historic buildings carefully restored for modern-day uses and new homes that blend beautifully into Winchester's historic neighborhoods.

There are two equally exciting ways to experience Christmas in Winchester with this year's tour – the Saturday evening Preview Party and Candlelight Tour on Saturday, December 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 PM or the afternoon tour Sunday, December 2nd from noon to 5:00 PM. On either tour you can visit the following sites:

1. 465 Glen Lea Court

Tom Dillon and Margaret Galloway
Richie Pifer, Jr., House Chair

2. 441 Glen Lea Court

Les and Sabra Veach
M.J. Stinson, House Chair

3. 420 Glen Lea Court

Dr. Richard and Annoica Ingram
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441 Glen Lea Court, the home of Les and Sabra Veach.

6. 145 Baker Street

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4. 225 West North Street

Chad Bales and Lori Fountain Bales
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5. 213 North Cameron Street

The City Meat Building
Reader & Swartz Architects
and Water Street Design
M.J. Stinson, House Chair



465 Glen Lea Court, the home of Tom Dillon and Margaret Galloway.

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PHW'S 43RD ANNUAL MEETING

OakCrest Companies opened its doors to PHW on June 16 from to host the Annual Meeting and award presentation at the Education Center in the Lewis Jones Knitting Mill on Kent Street. Approximately 40 PHW members graciously gave up a beautiful Saturday afternoon to attend the Annual Meeting and Christopher Owens' lecture and question and answer session. Howard Kittell, PHW's President since 2005, handed the reins to Franklin E. Wright, while the membership elected Richard Bell and Ann Burkholder to the Board of Directors. Following the business meeting, members were allowed to tour the building before joining the reception, prepared by Darla and John McCrary.

This year marked a first in the format of the award selection. PHW members were invited to write in suggestions for award recipients. If you missed your chance for the 2007 meeting, keep your eye on the community to find a worthy project or person to nominate for 2008. This year's award recipients are:

Lucille Lozier Award (For restoration retaining 75% of the original materials)

- The OakCrest Companies, Lewis Jones Knitting Mill restoration and adaptive reuse

Carroll M. Henkel Awards (For outstanding leadership in the preservation community)

- Congressman Frank R. Wolf, for his ongoing support of preservation and heritage tourism initiatives
- Elizabeth Reader and Charles Swartz, for their contributions to the appropriate reuse of the built environment of Winchester
- Richard E. Bell, for his leadership and wise judgment as chairman (2003-2007) of the Winchester Board of Architectural Review

Katherine G. Rockwood Revolving Fund Award (For the outstanding restoration of a PHW Revolving Fund building)

- Erich and Kristin Bruhn, restoration and landscaping of 211 S. Washington Street

Awards of Merit (For worthy preservation projects in Winchester and Frederick County)

- Thomas H. and Lucy D. Rockwood, restoration, expansion, and landscaping of 101 N. Washington Street
- Reader & Swartz Architects, the City Meat Building, 213 N. Cameron Street
- KSR, LLC, 208-220 S. Kent Street and its contribution to Kent Street revitalization ♦



Christopher Owens provided the keynote lecture and a question and answer session for PHW's 43rd Annual Meeting.

WORK ON OLD CHURCH WALL HAS BEGUN

RA Restorations, Inc. of Roanoke, Virginia has begun the work to restore and stabilize the Old Church Wall in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. The wall is the remnant of the first Lutheran Church built in Winchester with the cornerstone being laid in April 1764. Work is expected to be completed by the first of the year.

PHW has led the way for community support with a commitment of \$15,000 to the restoration costs. According to the Old Church Wall Task Group at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, \$175,000 needs to be raised to cover the costs. Including the PHW gift and \$25,000 initial commitment from the church along with gifts from members of the congregation and others throughout the community and beyond, over \$53,000 has been raised. Plans are being made for a visitation of potential donors and mail solicitation. Pastor James H. Utt of Grace Lutheran Church was present at the October Memberfest to express thanks to PHW on behalf of the congregation for the generous support shown toward this project of restoration. ♦

MEMBERFEST AT THE HEXAGON HOUSE

PHW and The Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley hosted Memberfest and an Open House on October 13 from 4-6 p.m. at the Hexagon House. The crisp fall air and open doors attracted approximately 80 party goers to socialize and catch up with old friends and new acquaintances. Darla McCrary and Brook Herndon coordinated the reception, while longtime PHW member and familiar face Brookie Phillips donated the flower arrangements.

This year, PHW celebrated the one year anniversary of its return to the Hexagon House and welcomed its new upstairs neighbors, The Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. The intriguing six-sided structure was constructed at the request of James W. Burgess, a Frederick County furniture and casket dealer, between 1871 and 1874. PHW maintained offices in the Hexagon House from 1986 until the opening of the Kurtz Cultural Center, and we returned to lease the remarkable structure in 2006 at the generous offer of the Glass-Glen Burnie Foundation. The Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley joined PHW in the building this year. The Hexagon House is owned and maintained by the Glass-Glen Burnie Foundation. ♦

WINCHESTER UNDERGROUND

Winchester Underground, a new tour series launched by PHW in spring 2007, set a goal to take visitors to rarely seen gems of Winchester's architectural history and to raise awareness of preservation efforts for these remarkable structures. Proceeds from the Winchester Underground events are earmarked for the restoration of the Rouss Fire Hall meeting room, a true hidden jewel of Winchester's architectural past.

The kickoff event was held in the old Lewis Jones Knitting Mill on North Kent Street, across from the Judicial Center, from 6-8 p.m. The Mill has been lovingly adapted from an empty warehouse to upscale offices for OakCrest. Approximately 50 guests toured the fabulously restored Mill. PHW would like to extend thanks to Jim Vickers for allowing us to use the Mill for the first tour location.

The second tour on June 9, 3-5 p.m., stopped at three downtown buildings rarely open to the public, all treasures hidden in plain sight: The Hiram Masonic Lodge on the Loudoun Street Mall, the Handley Regional Library, and Rouss Fire Hall. The Masonic Lodge is well-known and lauded for its priceless frescoes and intriguing history, although they are not open to the public on a regular basis; for more information on the Lodge's past and its frescoes, visit <http://www.winchesterhiram21.org/>. Handley Library, too, while well known and visited by many in Winchester, contains a wealth of back stairwells and out of the way nooks and crannies to explore. The tour here spanned the third floor with a view of the dome all the way to the well in the basement. Rouss Fire Hall may have provided the greatest surprise of all—a spacious meeting hall complete with ornate chairs and ceilings. A reception was held after the tour at Piccadilly's Brew Pub, another downtown structure that has undergone fantastic adaptive reuse. Over 200 visitors braved the long lines to tour the three locations on a sunny Saturday afternoon. PHW cannot thank our host locations and our patient guests enough for their support of the tour. Look for more Winchester Underground events next spring. ♦



Guests awaiting a tour through the Masonic Temple could browse portraits of past Masters of the Lodge.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR (CONT.)

The Saturday evening tour includes the always popular Preview Party with an abundance of outstanding food and fellowship at an exquisitely restored Winchester home. This year the Party will be held at 119 S. Washington Street, the home of Walter Jackson Helm, Jr.. Tickets to the Preview Party are \$35 per person and require advance registration.

The Daylight Tour on Sunday will be held noon to 5 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$15, or \$20 at the door on the day of the tour. Children twelve and under are \$6. Advance tickets will be sold at Kimberly's, The Country Store, The Final Yard, Celebrate!, Winchester Book Gallery, and the PHW office at the Hexagon House.



420 Glen Lea Court, the home of Dr. Richard and Annoica Ingram.

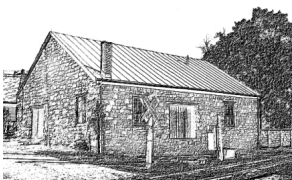


225 W. North Street, home of Chad and Lori Fountain Bales.

Another key element of Holiday House Tours is the annual Bough and Dough Shop where tour goers can shop for greens, decorations, and homemade goodies to start their holiday season. The Bough and Dough Shop will open its doors at the Friends Meeting House, located on the corner of North Washington and Piccadilly Streets, on Saturday December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday December 2 from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission fee to visit the Shop. We will stock our signature freshly cut greenery, including boxwood, magnolia, and holly, for your decorating needs. Baked goods, including gift tins of Neiman-Marcus cookies, and handicrafts from local artists, such as Christmas ceramics and giftware, will be available to bring the spirit of the holidays to your home. This year will see the return of book signings of *More Images of the Past* as well as our traditional complimentary hot chocolate and coffee.



205-213 N. Cameron Street, the City Meat Building.

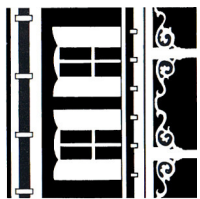


145 Baker Street, the office of Habitat for Humanity.

PHW also wants to acknowledge the following businesses that are supporting the 31st annual Holiday House Tour. They include: Wachovia Bank, the Adams Companies, BB&T, Make-Nest Interiors, and Virginia National Bank. The Final Yard will sponsor printing costs.

For additional information please contact Sandra Bosley at PHW Headquarters by calling (540) 667-3577 or e-mailing phwi@verizon.net. ♦

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PHW LAUNCHES WEBSITE

Earlier this year, PHW began constructing a website to ease the flow of information to our members between newsletters and mailings. You may find the website at <http://www.phwi.org/>. You can easily browse through our past events, find information on upcoming events like the Holiday House Tour, and search our catalog of library books and links to other sites for more preservation and restoration information. As time permits, more information, such as the history of PHW's Revolving Fund properties, will be added to the site as well. Sandra Bosley would love to hear your suggestions for more topics on the website; feel free to contact her at the office with your ideas.

This issue will also mark the beginning of an online archive of past issues in PDF format, which is easily accessible for most computer systems. An additional advantage lies within the use of color in the PDF documents. Now you can enjoy the same newsletter—but in color! ♦

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 and 2: Holiday House Tour

Join PHW for the 31st Annual Holiday House Tour, *Something Old, Something New*, featuring homes on Glen Lea Court and North, Cameron, and Baker Streets. Don't forget to stock up on holiday crafts, fresh greens and baked goods at the Bough and Dough Shop, located at the Centre Friends Meeting House on the corner of Washington and Piccadilly Streets. The Preview Party, at the home of Walter Jackson Helm, Jr., at 119 S. Washington Street, and Candlelight Tour will be held on Saturday, December 1, while the daylight tours will be held on Sunday, December 2. Advance tickets are on sale at Kimberly's, Celebrate!, The Country Store, The Final Yard, Winchester Book Gallery, and the PHW Office at the Hexagon House. See the article on page one for more information, and the insert page for an order form. ♦

ARE YOU A PHW MEMBER?

Preservation of Historic Winchester, Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Winchester's architectural heritage. PHW depends on income from membership and contributions to achieve its goals. *All contributions above membership are tax deductible.*

Join today by completing this form and returning it to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601.



____ Individual \$25
____ Corporate \$100

____ Family/Business \$45
____ Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____



ADVANCE TICKET AND PREVIEW PARTY ORDER FORM

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Order your advance tickets through the PHW office by mailing a check to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601. You will be able to pick up your tickets at any of the homes on the day of the tour. *Advance ticket purchases will not be refunded.* Please complete the form below and enclose it with your payment for accurate recording on the reservation list.

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Daylight Adult	_____ x \$15 per person	Name: _____
Child (12 and under)	_____ x \$6 per person	Address: _____
Preview Party	_____ x \$35 per person	_____
Total:	_____	Phone: _____

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_____ Corporate	\$100	_____ Other	

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PHW is looking for volunteers to help with the following projects. Please check all that interest you and return the form to PHW, 530 Amherst, Winchester, VA 22601:

Name (print)

Phone Number

E-mail

- ☐ **Newsletter**
- ☐ **Education**
- ☐ **Community Relations**
- ☐ **Special Events**
- ☐ **Membership Campaign**
- ☐ **Revolving Fund**

Holiday House Tour

- ☐ **Docents**
- ☐ **House Chairmen**
- ☐ **Decorators**
- ☐ **Publicity**
- ☐ **Bough and Dough Shop**

Call PHW at (540) 667-3577 for more information.