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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PHW is indebted to everyone who came out for Holiday House Tour 2012. Despite some rainy and overcast weather, sales at the Bough and Dough Shop and the Preview Party were up this year, thanks in no small part to our dedicated team of volunteers who pulled the event together. The houses offered a spectacular spread of different architectural styles, furnishings, and holiday decorating, providing something of interest for everyone. The interest in the tour depends on the owners who generously allow us to tour their buildings. Thank you for opening your buildings, New Lifestyles, Christ Episcopal Church, Chuck Alton and Judy Omslaer, Ardis Cullers, Erich and Kristin Bruhn, John Chesson and Anne Schempp, Richard and Pamela DeBergh, and the Winchester Little Theatre!

The Winchester Little Theatre provided tremendous support for the tour again this year, from hosting our Bough and Dough Shop as well as providing carolers on Sunday after-

noon. Special thanks to the Blue Ridge Blend Barbershop Quartet who provide musical entertainment, as well as Mike St. Jacques, who allowed us to sample some historic beer at the party. We are also deeply indebted to our Holiday House Tour sponsors who make this event possible through their financial support. It would simply not be feasible to host the Holiday House Tour every year without the aid of the sponsors. Thank you to our major sponsor The Adams Companies; sponsors BB&T, The Cake Boutique, and Union First Market Bank; minor sponsor OakCrest Companies; and printing sponsor The Final Yard!

Mark your calendars for next year's tour on December 7 and 8. Planning is already underway for 2013 and 2014. Tina Scully has volunteered to take the lead as Holiday House Tour chairman in 2013, and several houses are lined up. We hope to improve on the 2012 tour and follow your feedback suggestions to visit South Stewart Street in 2013. ♦

OUR MOST GENEROUS SPONSOR . . . FRANKLIN E. WRIGHT, PRESIDENT

PHW depends upon its membership and a number of sponsors to fund its operations and projects. By far, our most generous sponsor is our "landlord" – the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Trustees of the Glass-Glen Burnie Foundation, the owners of the magnificent Hexagon House. For the past six years, the Museum has made the House available to us for use as our offices, at an annual rental of One Dollar! While we are responsible for some of the costs of operating the building, the calculated value of what the Museum provides is \$40,000 per year!

This is just one example of many, stretching across more than twenty years, beginning with Julian Wood Glass, Jr. and Lee Taylor, where PHW and Glass-Glen Burnie have partnered to their mutual benefit. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Trustees and the Museum Director for their generosity in making the Hexagon House our home. ♦

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HELP RESTORE THE WINCHESTER HIRAM LODGE

The Winchester Hiram Lodge, located at 118 North Loudoun Street, needs your help. As you may remember, in March 2012 the Lodge was vandalized during a break-in and several of the fresco paintings on the third floor were damaged.

The frescos were painted on the walls and ceiling of the Lodge in 1868 by a Mr. Ango from the Peabody Institute of Baltimore. More history and images of the treasured frescos may be viewed at the Lodge's website www.winchesterhiram21.org. Although the vandalized artwork has since been restored, the Lodge is continuing work to preserve the rest of the undamaged frescos. The work will remove the layers of grime and soot that have accumulated over the years and return the paintings to their original luster in order to match the already restored panels. To see an example of the restoration/cleaning process, visit www.phwi.org/blog/?p=960

Currently, the Lodge requires about \$50,000 to finish the restoration work on 6 side panels. For more information

on how to donate to the fresco preservation project, call Larry Renner at 540-722-0172. ♦



Restoration work is underway on this panel of George Washington. To see the full effect, visit the PHW website.

TWO MARCH EVENTS FROM PHW

Reception and Silent Auction at the Samuel Noakes House

Date: 3/9/2013

Times: 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person for 3-5 p.m.
\$30 per person for 6-8 p.m.

Place: The Samuel Noakes House, 201 S. Braddock Street
See the completed Noakes House! The afternoon showing includes barbeque, beer and a silent auction for a cold frame. The evening showing includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, and a silent auction for a barber chair. Space is limited to 40 guests per event time, so read more and reserve your tickets now at www.phwi.org/noakes13.php.

Second Annual St. Patty's Day Poker Party

Date: 3/16/2013

Time: 7-10 p.m.

Cost: \$20/chip set

Place: The Grim-Moore House, 510 S. Loudoun Street
Join PHW hosts Sharon Collette and Nancy Murphy for a St. Patty's Day Poker Party! Buy your chips at the door as a donation to PHW and play in a friendly atmosphere. No poker experience is necessary. Expect door prizes, beer, and light refreshments. As a special thank you, members who have joined PHW since 1/1/2011 will receive \$5 in chips on the house. Bring a friend to join PHW! RSVP to (540) 667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net by 3/13/2013. ♦

HELP MAKE OUR EVENTS A SUCCESS

The Membership and Events Committee is hard at work planning the events roster for 2013. While we have some fabulous event ideas in mind for the upcoming year, we don't have all the supplies we need to make the events a success. The committee has generated a list of items we will need to have **loaned and/or donated:**

- Card tables
- Folding chairs
- Tablecloths, preferably white, for card tables

- One croquet set
- Flameless candles
- Decks of playing cards

Please contact the PHW office at 540-667-3577 or phwi@verizon.net if you have these items, and let us know if these will be available for loan or for donation. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, items donated to PHW may qualify as a tax-deductible contribution. ♦

ARCHITECTURAL WORD SEARCH

There are 34 architecturally-themed words hidden in this puzzle. The answer key is at www.phwi.org/activities.php. ♦

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CHARLEY ROUSS DAY ACTIVITIES

Rouss Day returns this year with a two-pronged slate of activities for 2013. Stop by **Rouss City Hall on February 11**; the first 100 visitors will receive a birthday cupcake. Guided building tours will also be held at noon and 5:15 p.m. The feature event will be held **May 25 at Abram’s Delight and Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center**. Professor Warren Hofstra will speak on the history of the spring. Professor Woody Bosquet will give a presentation titled **The Nature of Rouss Spring: Geology, Plants**

& Animal Life, followed by a tour. After the tour, participants can adjourn to the picnic grounds outside Hollingsworth Mill for ice cream and lemonade. Immediately following the event, there will be a wreath-laying at Rouss Mausoleum in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. More events may be added to the Rouss Day activities; be sure to follow the program schedule at www.winchesterva.gov/Rouss ♦

COMING SOON. . .

Stay tuned for an upcoming series of PHW education programs designed for the general public, designers, builders, and property owners and managers. Professional certifications will be offered when applicable. Topics include:

- Plan Your Historic Preservation Project
- PHW, Winchester, Virginia and National Preservation Resources
- Navigate the Application and Approval Process
- Repair and Restore Historic Wood Windows
- Repair and Restore Historic Brick and Mortar
- Repair and Restore Historic Wood Trim
- Research the History of Your Historic Property
- Gain Best State and IRS Historic Tax Credit Advantages
- Green Your Historic Preservation Project
- Integrate Mechanical and Electrical Systems into your Historic Preservation Project
- Best Practices for Mitigation of Hazardous Substances for Contractor or DIY Job
- Prepare and Repaint the Exterior Surfaces of Historic Structures
- Vanished Winchester - Before and After

Presentations may be scheduled as “lunch and learns” or evening programs depending on speaker availability. A schedule of exact dates and times to follow as presenters and venues are confirmed. ♦

Rumor has it that you may want to invest in some Roaring 20s outfits for a PHW event in October 2013. You can stop in Purple Paisley and Partners at 132 N. Brad-dock Street to investigate a custom designed outfit. Visit them on the web at www.facebook.com/pages/Purple-Paisley-and-Partners/ ♦



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11: Charley Rouss Day at City Hall

The first 100 visitors to Rouss City Hall will receive cupcakes to celebrate Rouss's birthday. There will also be two guided tours of the building at noon and 5:15 p.m.

March 9: Noakes House Reception and Silent Auction at 201 S. Braddock

Two receptions with different auction prizes will be held. Cold frames made from window sashes of the Noakes House as well as a barber chair from the Peoples Barber Shop will be up for grabs. See page 2 for more details!

March 16: St. Patty's Day Poker Party at 510 S. Loudoun

The second annual Poker Party includes a special perk for new members this year. If you joined from January 2011 to the present, you can receive \$5 in chips on the house. See page 2 for more details!

May 25: Charley Rouss Day at the Visitor's Center

Professors Warren Hofstra and Woody Bosquet will lead the presentation on Rouss Springs at the Visitor's Center. Lemonade and ice cream will be served afterward.

June 15: Annual Meeting at the Hexagon House

Get ready to celebrate preservation work in the area! Croquet will be set up on the front lawn after the awards are presented. Rain date is June 16. ♦

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.

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