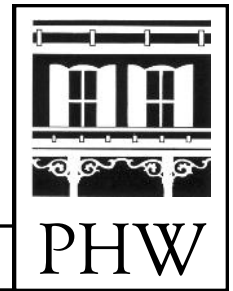


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**HOLIDAY
HOUSE TOUR:
DEC. 5 & 6, 2015**

THE HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR IS A DECEMBER DELIGHT

Join us for Preservation of Historic Winchester's 39th Annual Holiday House Tour, "December Delights." This year we visit a selection of homes and non-profit organizations in and around Winchester's newly expanded Virginia Landmarks Register Historic District, spanning the range of Winchester's architecture and history from the 1780s to the 1940s.



THE PREVIEW PARTY, 703 SOUTH STEWART STREET THE HOME OF BILL AND KATY WILEY

The spacious porch on this 1943 Colonial Revival brick home invites you to step inside for the Preview Party on Saturday evening. The home of Bill and Katy Wiley is open for its first Holiday House Tour only on Saturday evening from 6-9 p.m.

The dwelling was built on Lot 14 of the Handley Lands. It was sold to Mrs. Jessie I. Butler on March 30, 1936, with the stipulation that no building valued at less than \$8,000 would be built upon the land. The clean lines of the brick exterior are subtly accented with a denticulated cornice and fluted porch columns. The windows are framed by panel shutters with crescent moon cutouts. Such silhouettes were common in Colonial Revival architecture in the period between World War I and II. Solid panel shutters with cutouts could be securely closed, with the open patterns still admitting some natural light and ventilation to the home in the days before air conditioning. Home magazines recommended fastening wire screens over the cutouts to prevent intrepid birds from building nests in the inviting nooks.



608 SOUTH STEWART STREET THE HOME OF JOE AND JULIE CURRAN

The 1920s home of Joe and Julie Curran incorporates a number of eclectic design decisions to form a typical Winchester vernacular interpretation of a Colonial Revival style home. The shed roof dormer with paired windows adds light and headroom beneath steep roofs. The flat porch roof is surrounded by a turned baluster railing, continuing a longstanding Winchester tradition of double stacked porches. The front porch itself is supported by fluted Doric columns symmetrically arranged to frame the large windows and central Craftsman style door. The home has an elevator, which replaced the back staircase in 1940 to add accessibility for the homeowner, C. A. Robinson. Tim Bandyke restored the home from apartments in 2005, making the Currans only the second family to use the dwelling as their home.



226 AMHERST STREET THE HOME OF GEORGE AND JEANNE SCHEMBER

The Daniel Morgan House, home of the Revolutionary War General, was built in 1786 by London merchant George Flowerdew Norton. General Morgan, famed rifleman, moved here as his retirement home in 1800 and reputedly built the western portion at that time. He died in the upstairs master bedroom on July 6, 1802. Found throughout the home are the original Dutch elbow locks, doors, and red pine flooring. Most of the eight mantels date to the 1830s when the house was upgraded by Alexander Tidball. Other major architectural features, including the staircase, room layout, paneling and wainscoting, would have been familiar to Morgan himself. The home was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.



530 AMHERST STREET THE OFFICE OF PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC WINCHESTER

The Hexagon House, owned and maintained by the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, has been the location of Preservation of Historic Winchester's office since 2006. This six-sided Italianate villa was constructed between 1871-1874 by James W. Burgess, a local furniture and casket dealer. Burgess listed the Hexagon House for sale in the *Winchester News* in September of 1873. It was advertised as "one of the most convenient and substantial new brick dwellings in the valley" with a basement cistern,

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spacious rooms, and multiple closets. It is the only known hexagonal house built in Virginia, and one of only a dozen across the United States. The MSV purchased the property in 1985 and restored the building to its 1870s appearance. It was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The PHW Office on the first floor is furnished with Henkel-Harris furniture, maps of Winchester, and artwork relating to Winchester's architecture and the history of PHW.



**220 WEST BOSCAWEN ST.
THE HOME OF RICHARD
ORAM & DEBRA JOHNSON**

The Fuller House is an excellent example of Winchester's Greek Revival residential architecture. The brick and stucco home was built prior to 1854 by Joseph S. Denny

and subsequently enlarged by Dr. William McPhee Fuller, a dentist. An advertisement in the *Winchester Times* for June 30, 1898 locates his office as the "fifth door west of the Episcopal Church on Water Street." The house contains ten fireplaces and the original cherry circular staircase which spirals from the first to the third floor. Found throughout are intricate moldings and woodwork showing a master's touch. The kitchen and a butler's pantry converted to a wet bar have been completely modernized by Richard Oram. The carriage house to the rear of the property, which has been restored, will be included on the tour. Artifacts of Dr. Fuller will be displayed in the home.



**24 SOUTH WASHINGTON ST.
THE HOME OF DAVID LOOK
AND TERRY FRYE**

This Queen Anne style home was built in 1888 by Alexander M. Baker, a local businessman. The exterior is distinguished by its complex patterned slate rooflines,

including the prominent bell-shaped tower in the front. The house boasts seven chimneys and a wraparound front porch supported by fourteen columns. The second story projection features two sets of paired windows with concave lozenge-shaped upper lights. The house was purchased in 1983 and painstakingly restored to a single family residence and appointed with Victorian furniture and ornamentation by Hal and Betty Demuth. The

current owners, David Look and Terry Frye, moved into the home in 2014, and they retained a portion of the Demuth's collections. ♦

Don't forget to visit the Bough & Dough Shop at 315 West Boscawen Street for tickets, unique gifts, and new this year, even lunch! Purchases at the Shop will once again benefit the WLT Restoration Campaign. The Shop is open to the public with no entry fee on Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-5.

Order Tickets Now!

Saturday Preview Party & Two Day Tour Tickets

PHW Member _____ x \$40

Non-Member _____ x \$50

Daylight Tour: Sunday Afternoon Only

Adult Advance Tickets _____ x \$20

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Tickets the day of the tour are \$25 for adults.

Advance tickets are also available now at Kimberly's, The Final Yard, Winchester Book Gallery, Wilkins' Shoe Center, and the Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center.

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