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Old Hospital Site Development

Preservation of Historic Winchester has been following the Conditional Use Permit waivers for the former Winchester Memorial Hospital site redevelopment. As we were in the 1990 rezoning, PHW remains concerned about the future impact development of this site will have on the surrounding historic neighborhood. We hoped in 1990 that “all future use of the old hospital structure and the area around it be compatible with the residential neighborhood.” The building reduction and additional green space with mature trees facing Stewart and less intensive medical use has been a welcome change and become the “new normal” for the residents.

Preservation of Historic Winchester supports the efforts of neighborhood residents who ask that any redevelopment of the old hospital site be done with respect for the history and carefully crafted zoning of the area. In 2016, this area was recognized as a National Register Historic District – as PHW hoped would happen in 1990 – with many of the late 19th and early 20th century homes lining the streets in much the same way they did in 1905 when the first hospital structures were built on this site. These were the homes built in large part for doctors, dentists, and nurses, and many of these buildings are still occupied by those same groups of medical service workers. To say this neighborhood is intact in architecture, character, and historic use is almost an understatement. While some historic structures were demolished years ago for hospital expansion, many more remain, contributing to the proud architectural heritage of Winchester.

We struggled with some of these same issues when the hospital moved in 1990. A primary argument made then still applies: Keep the site viable in health-related uses, but do not further destroy the historic fabric of the neighborhood. The core idea of adaptive reuse and new construction for assisted living at 333 West Cork Street is not bad, nor incompatible with the historic use of the site. As we cautioned in 1990,

however, “a delicate balance must be struck in order to preserve one of Winchester’s finest residential neighborhoods and keep the site viable. Medical related services are a natural use, but they should be restricted so the use does not impede on the neighborhood or compete commercially with other sections of the city.”

The Hospital Services zoning overlay was created with protections against excessive height, density, bulk, and width to lessen future development’s impacts on this historic neighborhood. We ask that Council honor those same safeguards today. ◆

Veterans Sought for Traditional Trades

The National Historic Preservation Training Center is looking for post-9/11 veterans to participate in a dynamic trades apprenticeship. The Traditional Trades Apprenticeship Program (TTAP) provides an immersive, six-month experience for veterans to develop historic preservation trade skills as they maintain and care for monuments, memorials, and structures in our national parks.

Candidates are being recruited now for apprenticeships that will begin in April 2019.

Program participants can expect to:

- Make a meaningful impact on our national parks and historic communities that will last for generations.
- Develop highly-marketable job skills for the construction trades industry.
- Receive a National Center for Construction Education and Research graduation certificate.

- Work with a team of individuals who share a similar passion for history and craftsmanship.
- Have a fun, paid experience.

Applicants must be 18-35 years of age, a United States citizen or legal resident, and be in possession of a certificate of release or discharge from active duty with a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions. Learn more at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1098/traditional-trades-apprenticeship-program.htm> ◆

Limestone Book Progress Update

Since January, a number of PHW volunteers have been looking over the resetting and editing of the *Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture* book. As we noted last newsletter, the image clarity was our highest priority. A slightly used copy of the book was unbound and scanned to capture the original images digitally. By unbinding, we were able to lessen most of the concerns about altering the photographic composition of James Morrison’s work. The text also remains mostly the same, with some light editing to bring the text in line with modern style and research guidelines.

As of the time of writing, we are currently updating the appendix to take into account the updated period of significance and expansions of Winchester’s National Register Historic District and individual nominations. While we do not have a timeline yet for copies to be in hand, the book is largely retyped, reset, updated, and in the final stages of internal approval. ◆

Preservation of Historic Winchester Awards

Nominations may be submitted for the following categories.

- **Lucille Lozier Award:** For the renovation of a significant structure retaining 75% of the historic architectural fabric.
- **Katherine G. Rockwood Revolving Fund Award:** For outstanding renovation of a Jennings Revolving Fund property.
- **Elsie M. Rosenberger Award:** For the unsung volunteer or volunteers who selflessly contributed to the activities of PHW.
- **Ben Belchic Award:** For significant contribution to understanding Winchester's history.
- **Carroll H. Henkel Award:** For outstanding leadership for historic preservation in the Winchester-Frederick County area.
- **Patron's Award:** For that person or business who has been an outstanding supporter of the goals and programs of PHW.
- **Lifetime Achievement:** For a person who has worked for the goals and programs of PHW over many years.

Award of Merit: Houses or buildings whose renovation contribute to improving the character of their neighborhoods and maintaining the overall historic fabric of the city.

Nominee: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Briefly describe the project/activity or the individual/organization that is being nominated. You may use photocopies of this form for additional nominations.

Return applications to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601 or by email at phwinc.org@gmail.com. **Applications should be sent by May 31 for consideration for a 2019 award.** Thank you!

2019 Bough and Dough Shop Artisan Application

We expect to finalize the 2019 vendor lineup no later than **October 31, 2019**. However, we strongly recommend early application as space will fill quickly. If you have questions, please contact us by phone at 540-667-3577 or email phwinc.org@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

Name _____
Business Name _____
Preferred Mailing Address _____

Preferred Phone _____
E-mail address _____
Business Website, Facebook, etc. _____

What products would you like to exhibit? We recommend focusing on one or two product types.

What is your price range for your items? We look for a variety of price options for our shop.

- Please provide up to 5 clear, high quality representative images of your work. These images may be used on our website and in promotional materials for the event. You may include a display setup photo and/or packaging detail photo.
- Please provide an artist bio or artist statement. This text is used in our promotion before and during the event. We may use this information in your shop display.

Interior space at the Hexagon House is eccentric, but estimate where your items will best fit. Vertical displays are highly encouraged. This helps volunteers determine our table layout before artists arrive. (This answer will not impact your jury process.)

- Window (7) (approximately 3'x9", with a radiator top approximately 2'x15"; sills are approximately 30" from the floor and radiator tops about 3" shorter. Radiators are functional.)
- Mantel shelf (3) (approximately 5'x9", shelves are approximately 54" tall.)
- Half table spot – 2.5' square
- Full table spot – 5'x2.5'

Can you restock items during the event? (This answer will not impact your jury process.)

- I will be able to replenish sold out items throughout the event
- I will NOT be able to replenish items sold through the event
- Other: _____

Return the above information to Preservation of Historic Winchester, 530 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601 or by email at phwinc.org@gmail.com. This form is also available online at <https://goo.gl/forms/ubvz1W6rQuDISb9f1> (Google account may be required).

National Preservation Month and Award Nominations

May is just around the corner, and that means PHW is on the lookout for people and projects in Winchester and Frederick County to highlight with our preservation awards at our annual meeting in June. A nomination form is included in the newsletter. You may nominate yourself or any project for consideration, and you may make more than one nomination. Work should be complete or near complete at the time of nomination. Winners will be announced and given a few moments to talk about their project at PHW's Annual Meeting, likely to be held June 23 or 30, 2019.

There are a variety of categories to choose from, so see if you can give a boost of recognition to a project that may have gone under the radar this past year. Remember to get your forms in by May 31 to the PHW office, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601! ♦

PHW Board Positions

We hope to fill at least four spots on our board at the Annual Meeting in June to help us divide the work and provide the best services possible to those seeking help with historic preservation. PHW is a working board, so if there's a project you think we are falling behind on, you can join our leadership and directly improve our organization and services. Contact any board member or the office to learn more! ♦

Bough & Dough Shop

PHW was delighted with the new format of the Shop in 2018, and it seems you enjoyed it as well! Last year, we hosted 23 artists and 3 nonprofits in the Hexagon House. As you know, we regularly ask for feedback on the shop from our guests, and we felt it was more important than ever in 2018 given that this was a major overhaul of the shop.

It seems this approach worked out as we hoped. For the first time since we have been collecting information, feedback for the shop was overwhelmingly positive instead of mixed or negative. Shoppers appreciated the increased hours, larger floor space, and the variety and larger number of artisans we were able to accommodate.

A combination of factors this year also made checkout a "no stress" situation for the

first time in recent memory. It seems we finally had the perfect combination of hardware, internet/GPS stability, and a new (though labor intensive) digital item catalog that helped us accurately record sales for each artist. There was of course still some slowdown as we hand wrote our sales receipts, but by extending the duration of the Shop, we never experienced the crushing lines of shoppers that were common in past years.

Applications for artists are open now through October 31, and if you are thinking of joining the shop, we recommend applying early—at least half of our spaces are spoken for at this time. An application with bare-bones information is included. You can find a full handbook of information for artists at our website: <http://www.phwi.org/events/Shopinfo.pdf> ♦



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Cleaning: If you are cleaning and downsizing, PHW is happy to accept donations of gently used shopping bags, bubble wrap, counter/tabletop displays, and possibly floor racks or pegboard at the Hexagon House, 530 Amherst St. We are also happy to take unwanted Christmas light strings (working or non-working).

Now-May 31: Use the enclosed nomination form to help us recognize preservation projects and leaders at our Annual Meeting.

Now-October 31: Artist applications for the Bough & Dough Shop are open. An application is enclosed.

June: PHW will host our 55th Annual Meeting this year. More details will be available as we approach the event, tentatively scheduled for June 23 or 30.

July: PHW and many other local historic and cultural organizations are collaborating with Winchester Parks & Recreation for two week-long kids summer camps. If you have a child 10-14 years old, keep an eye out for information on Expedition Winchester!

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 \$30 Family/Business \$55
 Corporate \$100 Other

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