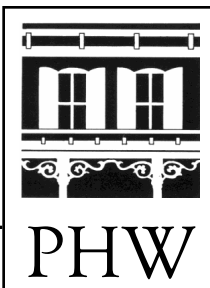


of Preservation Historic Winchester, Inc.

Holiday House Tour Edition 2009

Volume 32, No. 4



2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Richard Bell
President

Franklin Wright
Past President

Mary Scully Riley
Treasurer

Debra L. Johnson
Secretary

Richie Pifer, Jr.
V. P. for Projects

David Edwards
V.P. for Issues

Emily Skiles
*V.P. for
Special Events*

DIRECTORS

Cee Ann Davis
Bruce Downing
Rob Hustick
David Logan
Mark Lore
Dan McCoig
Darla McCrary
Tim Winther

STAFF

Sandra Bosley
Office Administrator

CONTACT

Phone
(540) 667-3577

E-mail
phwi@verizon.net

Website
www.phwi.org

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR TOURING CLIFFORD STREET



It's that time of year again—the first weekend in December is just around the corner! On Saturday, December 5, the **Preview Party and Candlelight Tour** will be held from 6- 9 pm. This year's party house is the Frances Barton Event Center, 124 West Boscawen Street. The grand event, the **Daylight Tour**, will be Sunday, December 6. The tours run from noon to 5 pm.

Docents inside the houses will point out interesting features. Musicians from the Symphony of the Valley will perform during the Preview Party and the Daylight tour. The event is put together almost entirely by volunteers, from the decorators to the house chairs. We draw on the varied talent of the city to put together these tours – volunteers are not just PHW members. Thank you all for your support!



309 South Stewart Street

Home of George and Margie Sheppard

This Colonial Revival style home made of brown brick is a combination of conservative colonial style detailing and decorative woodwork. This stately house welcomes visitors onto the center columned porch and through the paneled front door flanked by decorative elliptical tracery transom and sidelights into a warm and friendly environment. While the influence of colonial America is seen in a combination of small pane sash windows topped with a center keystone lintel on the first story and the shuttered second story windows, an interesting multi-paned glass door with small pane sidelights opens onto the front entry porch roof. Along the eaves front slate roof the eye is entertained with a center gabled dormer flanked by round arch dormers while parapet chimneys with semi-circular attic windows anchor the gable ends.



309 West Clifford Street

Home of Richard and Melanie Lewis

The charm of this c.1910 house comes from the diversity of its late Queen Anne style and early 20th century building technology. The 2 ½-story façade covered with clapboard and shaped shingles is punctuated by a two-story semi-circular bay topped with a turned finial and an upper story wing-tip gable dormer. A variety of windows with 6/1 sash, clustered 2/1 sash and colored small pane glass light the interior and decorate the façade. The asymmetrical porch with paired attenuated columns welcomes all to the oval beveled glass front door. (cont. page 2)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Plaque History	3
Board Retreat	3
Then and Now	3
HHT Order Form	4

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, CONT.



403 West Clifford Street

Home of Bob and Lynne Caldwell

This home is locally known as the Nancy Larrick house. It was constructed in 1926 by Nancy Larrick's parents. Behind a limestone wall this 2 1/2-story brick Colonial Revival style house exhibits a strong symmetrical facade with an eaves front roof supported by a dentil cornice. Its front Doric columned porch leads to a center hall door with small pane transom and sidelights which is flanked by large tripartite windows. The second-story is opened with 6/1 sash windows. Exterior end chimneys are flanked by quarter round attic lights.



415 West Clifford Street

Home of John and Elizabeth Quinn

The symmetry and order of the Colonial Revival style combined with the textural variety of the Queen Anne style has influenced the creation of this 2 1/2-story house built in the early 20th century with shingles and stucco. A wrought iron fence welcomes visitors to the first-story front porch supported by Doric columns. A paneled door surrounded by a fanlight transom and decorative shaped sidelights opens to the center hallway. The hipped roof with triple vertical pane windows in the dormer extends over 8/8 sash windows on the symmetrical façade.



419 West Clifford Street

Home of Gregory and Steffany Plotts

Ascending halfway up the gentle hill of Clifford Street is this 2 1/2-story Colonial Revival style house of brick and stucco. The gradual rise of an eaves front roof is outlined with a dentil cornice. Paired 9/9 sash windows on the second story and three-part 9/9 sash windows on the first story light the house interior. The front porch, with fluted Doric columns and a low railing with turned balustrade, enhances the symmetrical façade with a dentil cornice and center paneled doorway flanked with sidelights.



124 West Boscawen Street

Frances Barton Event Center

Originally known as the Thomas Phillips house, this brick 3-bay Federal style home with its parapet chimneys, Colonial Revival style front entry porch and two-story northeast porch addition has graced the front of Boscawen Street since c.1820. The house retains its delicate Federal style woodwork with six panel doors, bulls eye surrounds, five Winchester mantels, 6/6 sash windows and front hallway fanlight.

The Bough and Dough Shop will be open Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday noon to 5pm in the Frances Barton Event Center, 124 W. Boscawen St. The shop sells unique items such as fresh baked pies, cakes and Neiman-Marcus Cookies in gift tins, fresh cut greenery for holiday decorating, freshly made natural wreaths and topiaries, holiday gift items and ceramics, Holiday House Tour Tickets, and complimentary hot chocolate and coffee. All proceeds from the Bough and Dough shop benefit Preservation of Historic Winchester. Musicians from the Symphony of the Valley will be performing at the Barton Event Center both Saturday evening and Sunday.

Tickets for the Daylight Tour of the event are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event at any of the houses on the tour. Preview Party tickets are \$35 for PHW members, \$50 for individuals and \$80 for couples. Advance tickets may be purchased at Kimberly's, the Country Store, Winchester Book Gallery, Celebrate!, The Final Yard, and the PHW office at the Hexagon House. PHW wishes to extend special thanks to our sponsors: The Adams Companies, First Bank, Wachovia, BB&T, Selma Medical Associates, and printing by The Final Yard, for making these tours possible. ♦

WINCHESTER HISTORIC PLAQUE HISTORY

Many times the question of what the oval Winchester Historic Plaques mean and when they came into use has come up with researchers visiting Preservation of Historic Winchester. While completing research for another project, Sandra Bosley stumbled across the first glimmers of this history hidden in PHW's scrapbook collection.

It appears the first historic plaque in Winchester was placed on the Kurtz House at 21 South Loudoun Street in a joint effort between PHW and the City of Winchester on October 16, 1967. Other articles list the Lozier House at 211 South Washington Street, the Hardy House at 419 North Loudoun Street, and the "Little Pink House" at 128

North Washington Street as other early plaque recipients. The plaques were originally intended to mark buildings worthy of preservation with the stipulation that the building was constructed prior to 1860.

By 1973, twenty-seven properties were sporting these stylish plaques, with representative buildings on Braddock, Cork, Amherst, Boscawen, Loudoun, Washington, Wolfe, Sharp, and Fairmont. Today, 142 plaques have been placed on buildings in Winchester. They are no longer limited by the age on the building, merely confined to the historic district and the individual merit of the structure. ♦

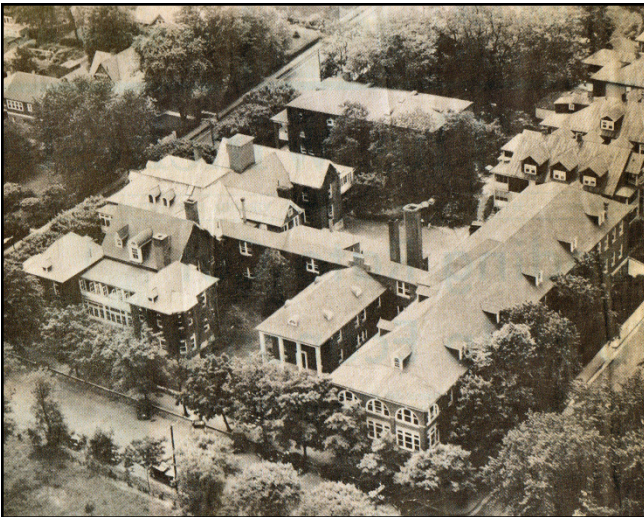
BOARD RETREAT CONFIRMS GOALS

In lieu of a standard board meeting in October, the PHW Board of Directors held a retreat to discuss the goals of the organization. The retreat confirmed PHW's two-pronged mission: education and advocacy. At the meeting, a new vision of how to implement the educational mission was formulated. Expect to see some changes to PHW's website and other services as a result — we think the members will find the planned changes will streamline finding information, renewing memberships, and

providing more interaction for members between our regular live events. We also anticipate some "members only" perks to come from these changes.

One other item action from the board meeting is worth mentioning. The board has placed a temporary freeze on the Façade Improvement Grant and Loan Program to better examine the application process. This will, in the end, result in a better program for all. ♦

THE WAY IT WAS



This aerial view of the old Winchester Hospital was taken in 1935. South Stewart Street is visible along the bottom of the picture as a tree-lined street. On the opposite side of Stewart is a glimpse of the grassy field which is today a parking lot. West Clifford Street, the site of this year's Holiday House Tour, is visible on the left side of the picture. The building at the corner of South Stewart and West Clifford is the original hospital structure, built in 1902. The columned entrance in the center of the photograph was constructed in 1932. Apartments on West Cork Street, visible at the right edge of the photograph, and the nurses' home in the center, were demolished to make way for a six-story addition.

Winchester Hospital relocated to Amherst Street in 1990. Demolition of the South Stewart areas on the old hospital took place at that time, leaving only the six-story construction intact. An arch from the original hospital was salvaged and relocated to the green space fronting Stewart Street. One thousand bricks, marked with engraved plaques, were salvaged and sold as a fundraiser for the arch. ♦

Check each item that you are willing to volunteer your time and return to **PHW, 530 Amherst St. Winchester, VA 22601**

PHW Activities

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

Holiday House Tour

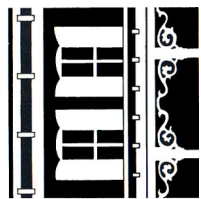
- ☐ Docents
- ☐ House Chairmen
- ☐ Decorators
- ☐ Publicity
- ☐ Bough and Dough Shop

Name:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Preservation
of Historic
Winchester



Hexagon House ♦ 530 Amherst St. ♦ Winchester, VA 22601

NEWS

Holiday House Tour 2009

Nonprofit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 34
Winchester, VA

ADVANCE TICKET AND PREVIEW PARTY ORDER FORM



Join PHW for the 33rd Annual Holiday House Tour, *Clifford Street: Aglow for the Holidays*, featuring homes on Clifford, Stewart, and Boscawen Streets. The Preview Party and Candlelight Tour will be held on Saturday, December 5, while the daylight tours will be held on Sunday, December 6.

Order your advance tickets through the PHW office by mailing a check to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601. *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. **Remember, only current PHW members qualify for the Preview Party discount price!**

Preview Party _____ x \$35 per person
(PHW member discount price)

Name: _____

Preview Party Single _____ x \$50 per person

Preview Party Couple _____ x \$80 per couple

Address: _____

Daylight Adult _____ x \$15 per person

Phone: _____

Child (12 and under) _____ x \$6 per person

Total: _____

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: _____