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## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR 2013 IS A STROLL ON STEWART STREET

Preservation of Historic Winchester hosts the 37th annual Holiday House Tour on December 7 and 8, 2013 for a stroll along the sycamore-lined South Stewart Street. The street is named for Captain Robert Stewart, a native of Prince William County and a close and trusted friend of George Washington. Stewart Street remained rural until about the 1900s, and once Handley High School was completed in 1923, the neighborhood grew. The street is mostly Colonial Revival style houses with a Spanish Revival, Tudor and American Foursquare adding variety.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Start the Holiday House Tour weekend on Saturday at the Bough and Dough Shop at the Winchester Little Theatre, 315 West Boscawen Street, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., to find the perfect artisan-crafted gift or stock up on freshly cut greenery for your holiday decorating. [See page 3 for the list of featured artisans at the Shop.]

Learn how to make a wreath at a free wreath-making lesson from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at the Bough and Dough Shop. Make one wreath for yourself and make the second to sell at the Shop. Materials will be provided; bring your own gloves and trimmers.

The fun continues Saturday evening with the Preview Party and Candlelight Tour of seven homes on South Stewart and South Washington Streets in Winchester from 6 to 9 p.m. Start your evening at the Preview Party in the home of Bruce and Donna Downing at 520 South Stewart Street before visiting the other locations during this special evening tour. RSVP required for the Saturday evening event; purchase your tickets by December 6 to secure your spot! [House descriptions can be found on page 2.]

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Bough and Dough Shop opens again on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., while Daylight Tours of six homes on South Stewart Street and South Washington Street start at 1 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Carolers in period costumes from the Winchester Little Theatre will stroll the streets from 1:30-3:30 p.m. If you prefer to stay inside for your musical entertainment, drop by the Bough and Dough Shop in the same timeframe to hear Sandy Lore and David Prince play holiday tunes on the violin and concertina.

### TICKET SALE INFORMATION

Buy tickets starting November 18 at the following Winchester locations: Kimberly's, the Winchester Book Gallery, The Final Yard, Wilkins' Shoe Center, OakCrest, the Winchester-Frederick County Convention and Visitors Center, the PHW office at the Hexagon House, and online at [www.phwi.org](http://www.phwi.org). Tickets are also on sale at the Bough and Dough Shop on December 7 and 8.

### PRICES

Bough and Dough Shop: Free. Stop by to shop, listen to live music, and enjoy complimentary hot drinks.

Saturday Preview Party and Tour: \$40 for PHW members, \$50 for non-members.

Sunday Daylight Tour: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, single admission to one house is \$5 at the door

Wreath-making Lesson: Free. Make two wreaths, one to keep and one to sell at the Bough and Dough Shop (materials provided, bring your own gloves and trimmers). ♦

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# HOUSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR 2013



110 South Stewart Street  
The Home of Wilborn and Martha Roberson  
House Chairman Mary Margaret Wise  
House Decorator Pamela DeBergh

This Dutch Colonial Revival-style dwelling is an excellent example of domestic architecture built along South Stewart Street in the early twentieth century. Likely constructed circa 1905, this two-story, rectangular-plan home sits on a stone foundation, is clad in stucco, and is topped by a gambrel roof with overhanging eaves. An exterior end stucco-clad chimney with a corbeled cap rises at the north elevation of the home. The windows, a favorite feature of the current owners, are set in wood surrounds, flanked by louvered shutters and consist of one-over-one double-hung wood sashes with a distinctive diamond-light upper sash and a single-light lower sash. The home's front entrance, comprised of a wood paneled door set in a wood surround with diamond-light sidelights and transom, is sheltered by a full-width porch with four Doric columns. Modifications to the home over the years include a modern kitchen addition completed in 2003 by the Roberson family. The warm yellow color of the home's exterior and the wide front porch welcome guests in the neighborhood.

Tour highlights of the Roberson home include art, furnishings and holiday decorations collected over the years through family and travel.



407 South Stewart Street  
The Home of Gina Sullivan and Steve Surber  
House Chairman Tina Marie Scully  
House Decorator Donna Kitchin

Look for the large, ancient curb-side sycamore tree and you will know you have arrived at a home that exemplifies the vernacular Colonial Revival style. Built in 1918, when Americans were looking for correct proportions and details from our country's early history, this brick home epitomizes the symmetrical, well balanced façade so loved by the turn of the century architects. An eaves front shingled roof protects the symmetrical brick façade with its six-over-one sash windows. The full front one-story porch supported by fluted Tuscan columns has a square spindle railing, wrought iron hand railing and brick stairs which welcome the visitor to the first floor center hall entry with transom and sidelights.

The Surber-Sullivan home will feature original artwork by local artists.



409 South Stewart Street  
The Home of Susu Bearov  
House Chairman Sharon Collette  
House Decorator Pat Jackson

This house once belonged to Peyton

Marshall, Winchester Clerk of the Court from 1940 until 1975. Built in 1910, supposedly by Mr. Marshall's grandfather, William, it was the first house to stand on this block. Its symmetrical brick façade is opened by 26 sash windows with round arch brick lintels and louvered blinds. On the north and south sides of the house there are 2-story bays, one with slate shingles in the attic gable. In the front of the house a decorative tripartite window in the gabled dormer lights the attic. The full front Tuscan-columned porch with denticulated entablature has a small paneled pediment which accents the entry way to a vestibule opened by a double paneled front door. Once inside, guests are welcomed into a large hallway with a prominent multi-level staircase. The first floor plan is repeated on the second floor. Interesting features of the house are living room pocket doors, a working kitchen that originally had no cabinetry, and a back staircase that climbs from the basement all the way to the attic.



407 South Washington Street  
The Home of George and Kim Craft  
House Chairman Doug Watson

It is believed that the nucleus of Thorn Hill Manor was built in 1787 by Robert White, Jr. on land acquired from James Wood's widow, Mary, on September 14, 1786. Mr. White was a private in the Continental Army until receiving a serious wound in 1778, sending him back home to Winchester where he began his studies in law with his uncle, Alexander White. After a stellar legal career he was appointed judge of the General Court of Virginia in 1793. He died in 1831 and by 1840 his home began to be passed down to some of the accomplished families in the area such as Joseph Tuley, who built the Tuleries in Clarke County, William Byrd, son of Colonel Richard E. Bird, W. Alexander Baker, City Council member and city treasurer, and Dr. Monford D. Custer, Jr. The original Federal-style house was probably one room deep, three rooms across and two and half stories high. It is believed that the intricate woodwork, mantel and crown molding in the dining room was carved by Hessian workmen who remained in this country after the Revolutionary War. There is evidence of a fire c.1850 after which the house was rebuilt adding two front rooms, lengthening the center hallway and adding the Greek Revival front door with its transom and sidelights. The grand two-story portico with its full pediment and Ionic columns was added c.1920 by Alexander Baker. In 1952 while Dr. and Mrs. Monford Custer were doing renovations, they came upon a message left by Nathaniel B. Meade regarding troop movements during the Civil War.



704 South Stewart Street  
The Home of Joe and Amy Ressa  
House Chairman Mark Lore  
House Decorator Amy Ressa

Between the many Colonial  
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## BOUGH AND DOUGH SHOP INFORMATION

315 West Boscawen Street, Winchester Little Theatre  
Open Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Dec. 8, noon-5 p.m.  
Free Wreath-making Lesson: Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-noon  
Musical Entertainment: Dec. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
House Chairman: Dolly Vachon  
Shop Co-Chairs: Debra L. Johnson and Jackie Tobin

The Shop offers fresh cut greenery for your holiday decorating. Baked goods and handcrafts from local artists are available for gift-giving. Don't miss the wreath-making lesson on Saturday morning and the live musical entertainment by Sandy Lore and Dave Prince on Sunday.

### FEATURED ARTISANS AT THE SHOP

Jackie Tobin: Ornaments, greenery arrangements & more  
Mary Turner of "Valley Stream Marketplace": Variety of Homespun items  
Lin Hausknecht of "Shenandoah Potter's Guild": Handcrafted pottery

Karen Cartlidge of "Homespun Creations": Hand-sewn crafts including casserole carriers, pot holders, table runners, placemats & more  
Sharon T. Music of "Creations from Harmony Hill": Handcrafted wool  
Nina Burke of "Polymer Clay Jewelry": Jewelry  
Caroline Ott of "Beads of Color": Handmade beaded jewelry  
Avery Snyder: Holiday luminaries  
Becky Parish of "A Matter of Taste": Sweet baked goods  
Narelle Jackson: Sweet baked goods

### Also Available

Freshly cut greens including pine, juniper, magnolia, boxwood, and nandina  
Decorated wreaths and premade bows  
Advance tickets for the Holiday House Tour (Dec. 7 & 8)

### CREDIT CARDS, CASH, AND CHECKS ACCEPTED

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## HOUSE DESCRIPTIONS (CONT.)

Revival-style houses on this street are tucked in delightful eclectic examples of styles popular in the early 20th century, such as this Tudor Revival style home. Built in 1926, the first year of the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, this house exhibits the variety of the style with an asymmetrical brick façade defined with a high pitched shingled roof, front half-timber gable dormer and protruding front gabled façade. The round arched vertical board front entry with large strap hinges is decorated with a delicately painted bird in a wreath. Once inside the visitor enters a vestibule with tile flooring and an entry way with a 5-tier wedding cake chandelier, parquet floor and plaster moldings which continue into the living and dining rooms. Since milk was delivered fresh in the 1920s, the kitchen has a small milk delivery cupboard in the wall. In the front of this home are first story small paned French doors which open onto a front patio surrounded by a brick pillar and wrought iron railing.



800 South Stewart Street  
The Home of Tim and Barbara Bandyke  
House Chairman Brookie Phillips

A brick wall topped with a wrought iron fence and rails neatly defines the yard of this vernacular Colonial Revival style house on the corner of Pall Mall and Stewart Streets. It is one of the latest structures on this tour with a construction date of 1935. Staying true to the characteristics of the Colonial Revival style this house exhibits the eaves-front symmetrical façade opened by small multi-paned sash windows with shutters. The full front porch with its Tuscan columns and denticulated entablature protects the center hall entry way with transom and sidelights. Inside, the

home features several generations of family heirlooms. After touring the main house, visitors may peek into the circa 1925 Craftsman-style cottage to the rear of the property at 205 West Pall Mall Street for a look at a renovation in progress.



Preview Party House  
520 South Stewart Street  
Open Saturday, Dec. 7, 6-9 p.m. only  
The Home of Bruce and Donna Downing  
House Decorator Donna Downing

The Downings moved into their 1929 Colonial Revival home in 1978. The house was built by Lucretia Wood Ely. Mrs. Ely, her two daughters and a son-in-law, Ben Arthur, all resided in the house at one time. The home borrows its styling from early American building traditions with small pane windows, a pedimented porch with columns protecting the sidelights and transom around the front entry and a symmetrical façade balanced by porch additions on both sides. The Downings have maintained the historic integrity of their home over the years while making changes to accommodate their family needs. The rear sunroom was expanded in 1983 and an elevator was installed in 1984. A pergola connected the house to the garage in 1985 and a rear screened-in porch was added in 1999. The kitchen renovation done in 2003 extended the south façade while protecting the majestic oak tree outside their kitchen window.

The house is furnished with family heirlooms and fine art pieces created by local and regional artists. ♦

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# Preservation of Historic Winchester

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

## NEWS

Holiday House Tour 2013

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### Ticket Order and Reservation Form

#### Daylight Tour

Adult Advance Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20

Child (12 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6

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

#### Preview Party & Candlelight Tour

PHW Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40

Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to PHW.*

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530 Amherst St.

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