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PHW's 40th Holiday House Tour Coming December 3 & 4

Preservation of Historic Winchester's 40th Annual Holiday House Tour will visit a selection of homes, nonprofit organizations, and a church. The mix of sites spans the earliest days of George Washington on the Winchester frontier in 1755, a landmark of the civilian Civil War experience, a Victorian-era palatial mansion, a magnificent Postmodern-style church, and an ultra-modern reimagining of a 1968 two-story home. Travel through time with Winchester architecture!

George Washington's Office Museum
32 West Cork Street
Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society
Open Saturday, December 3, between 3-9 p.m.



George Washington used the middle room of this little house as a military office from September 1755 to December 1756 while Fort Loudoun was being constructed. It was subsequently owned and treasured by the Adam Kurtz family from 1778 to 1908. The City of Winchester acquired it at that time, recognizing its historical significance. Today, the

building is a museum operated by the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

The current exhibit is entitled "George Washington and the West." This display includes some of Washington's personal effects, surveying equipment and a scale model of the town of Winchester circa 1755 which shows Fort Loudoun prominently located at the north end of the town. The Historical Society has graciously opened their doors to Holiday House Tour visitors this year on Saturday, December 3, between 3-9 p.m. only.



Levi Wickham House
203 South Braddock Street
John Chesson
Site of the Preview Party

This limestone house may be approaching two hundred years old, but it has been updated with modern sensibilities in mind. Levi Wickham, a weaver, built this home and the adjoining Samuel Noakes House circa 1818-1823. From William Greenway Russell's recollections of Winchester, Wickham relocated his home to 203 South Braddock

and his shop into 201 South Braddock shortly before moving to Wheeling, West Virginia prior to 1830.

While the exterior maintains its appearance as a Federal-style residence, the interior has been updated with modern amenities for an artist's loft studio. The historic windows feature acoustic panels by Indow Window to minimize noise intrusion. While the front sitting room is cozy with traditional club chairs and a sofa upholstered in sea-foam velvet, the primary living area is spacious and light-filled thanks to an array of south-facing windows and Velux skylight. The architect-designed open floor plan encompasses a dining area with seating for six, a modern kitchen featuring a spacious granite countertop, and a two-story vaulted sitting area. Join us at the Wickham House on Saturday evening to attend the Preview Party for light refreshments and drinks.



Das Swartzenreader Haus
314 Courtfield Avenue
Beth Reader and Chuck Swartz

Originally an ordinary two-story house built in 1968, this home has been transformed by the husband and wife architectural team Reader & Swartz Architects. Although the house had an excellent corner location with an amazing view of the Blue Ridge Mountains, there was virtually no way to appreciate it due to the boxy, conventional

floor plan and the minimal number of small windows.

While ultra-modern at first glance, the skeleton of the old house can still be seen in the new design. The outline of the old gable roof on the main block can be seen in the line of the new clerestory windows. Existing studs on the gable ends were retained and stripped to support the new library shelves, accessed on one side by a rolling ladder salvaged from an old

telephone building, and on the other by an alternating tread staircase. The three-story, inverted shed-roof addition is made of glass, exposed structural steel, and cedar. The dramatic design created an open, light-filled loft space, which takes advantage of the views of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the east.



The Fuller House 220 West Boscawen Street Susan Winkeler

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 McPherson 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.

Now under new ownership, the Fuller House will soon begin a new phase in its history as a special event location. The home will be furnished with period pieces and artwork belonging to Susan Winkeler, the new owner.



Selma 514 Amherst Street The Dick Family

Union troops destroyed the original house named Selma which stood upon this site and used its stones to construct Fort Milroy during the Civil War. After the war, a new Selma was built in grand style by Judge Edmond Pendleton in 1872. T.K. Cartmell writes that Judge Pendleton held his first term as Judge of the District Courts from 1869-1870. He continued to reside in Winchester following his

term, but retired from his profession. Instead, he "erected a splendid mansion. There he and his small family . . . maintained a royal establishment." The interior is richly detailed with architectural features and fine carvings, and the western side of the first floor is largely a ballroom. The dining room table can seat thirty-five family members and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dick purchased Selma in 1953 to provide a home for their family of seven young children. The Dick family children and grandchildren continue to enjoy the home more than sixty years later.



The Bell House
106 North Cameron Street
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields
Foundation

Open Sunday, December 4, between 1-5 p.m.

The handsome Federal-style residence known as Linden Hill was built in 1809 by John Bell, a successful Winchester merchant. The property remained in the Bell family until just a few weeks ago, when it was purchased by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. The home is still

filled with a number of the Bell family furnishings and collections which have been passed down for generations.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation works to preserve the hallowed ground of the Valley's Civil War battlefields, to share its Civil War story with the nation, and to encourage tourism and travel to the Valley's Civil War sites. The Foundation plans to use the Bell House as part of their interpretation of the civilian life during the Civil War and to share this special building at events like Holiday House Tour. The Foundation has graciously opened their doors to Holiday House Tour visitors this year on Sunday, December 4, between 1-5 p.m. only.



Musical Delights
Braddock Street United Methodist
Church

115 Wolfe Street

Open to the Public - No Entry Fee

Although young by Winchester standards, the 1974 Postmodern-style Braddock Street United Methodist Church is almost certain to become a landmark of Winchester's recent past architecture. The brick sanctuary at the corner of Washington and Wolfe Streets is capped by complex cross-gabled slate roof. Emanating from the center of the roof is a massive metal spire. Inside, the space is lined with bold abstract stained glass windows. The organ, designed and built by Orgues Létourneau Limitée of Canada, has 2,332 pipes. Five hundred pipes and

nine restored stops were saved from the previous organ, which had been in operation for over sixty years.

Holiday House Tour visitors are encouraged to visit Braddock Street United Methodist Church for two musical events during the Holiday House Tour weekend:

December 3 at 3 p.m.: Handbell concert in the Sanctuary by the 6th Dimension. This is perfect for anyone who likes Christmas bells during the holidays.

December 4 at 7 p.m.: Multiple Shenandoah University choirs will be offering their service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary.

Learn more about Braddock Street UMC and find their full calendar of events at braddockstreetumc.org.



Art by Tim Machado, DESIGN CONCEPTS

The Bough & Dough Shop

Winchester Little Theatre
315 West Boscawen Street

Hours: Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Open to the Public - No Entry Fee

The Winchester Little Theatre occupies a former Pennsylvania Railroad freight station built circa 1890. The hipped roof over the brick exterior

provides cover for the freight loading dock. The interior was modified to accommodate live theatre performances by the Winchester Little Theatre. The Theatre moved into its railway home in 1974 and has provided critically acclaimed professional-quality live theatre to the community ever since.

Since 2011, the Theatre has been the home of PHW's Bough and Dough Shop during the Holiday House Tour weekend. The Shop is a holiday gift shop run by volunteers from PHW and Winchester Little Theatre featuring talented local artisans. You will find unique handmade items for holiday gift-giving, freshly-baked goods to enjoy now or use at a holiday party, as well as a selection of freshly cut greenery, wreaths, and arrangements for your holiday decorating.

This year, PHW will split the proceeds from the Shop with the **Winchester Little Theatre Restoration Campaign**. PHW is committed to seeing this local landmark restored and remain a vital arts hub for the Winchester-Frederick County community.

When you purchase artisan goods or greenery from the Shop this year, you will be helping Winchester Little Theatre restore their freight station and PHW to continue our mission to preserve the best of the area's past. We could not do it without your support!

Featured Artisans

Marilynn Boyd—Hand-beaded snowflake ornaments
Linda Brown—Graustark Farm Fiber Products
Lin Hausneckt—Klay Haus Pottery
J&W Farm—Holiday birdseed wreaths
Jack Knuckle Gourmet Sandwiches
Neena Jhaveri—Nina J. Design Studios
Kim Labash—Loudoun Valley Herbs
Jose Montero—“Madeira” hand carved woodwork
Cyndie Rinek—Blooming Hill Garden and Gift Shop
Eugene B. Smith Gallery & Custom Framing Studio—Notecards in packs or framed
Jackie Tobin—Handcrafts of the Shenandoah Valley
Nate Windle—Decorated wreaths, arrangements, and bows

Featured Bakery

Beckaboo's Cakes of Winchester—Chocolate peppermint or gingerbread cake rolls, gourmet holiday cookies, holiday cake pops & truffles, candied nuts and more. . .

Greenery for Decorating

Priced by the bag or bundle

Freshly-cut pine, juniper, magnolia, spruce, nandina, holly, boxwood and more!

Tickets & Memberships

Holiday House Tour tickets, memberships to PHW, Winchester Little Theatre tickets by play or season, and memberships to Winchester Little Theatre.

Ticket Order and Reservation Form

Two-Day Tickets (Includes Preview Party on Saturday evening, Washington's Office on Saturday evening, Bell House on Sunday afternoon, and your choice of Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon tours of all other sites)

Adult _____ x \$20
Child (12 and under) _____ x \$6

Sunday-Only Tickets (Includes admission to Daylight Tour of five sites on Sunday, 1-5 PM)

Adult Tickets _____ x \$15
Child (12 and under) _____ x \$6

Total: \$ _____

Name: _____

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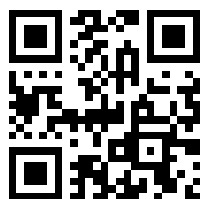
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Kimberly's, Winchester Book Gallery, Wilkin's Shoe Center, Winchester-Frederick County
Visitors Center

About Us

Preservation of Historic Winchester, Inc. (PHW) is a non-profit organization founded in 1964 dedicated to preserving the history and architecture of Winchester, Virginia. PHW hosts the Holiday House Tour, special lectures and workshops, membership events, and a quarterly printed newsletter. We also maintain a non-circulating library relevant to local history and architecture.

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HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR 2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3

Bough & Dough Shop at Winchester Little Theatre, 315 West Boscawen Street, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *

Handbell concert at Braddock Street UMC, 115 Wolfe Street, 3 p.m. *

George Washington's Office Museum open 3—9 p.m. *

Candlelight House Tours 6—9 p.m. at:

203 South Braddock Street, Site of the Preview Party

314 Courtfield Avenue

220 West Boscawen Street

514 Amherst Street

Sunday, December 4

Bough & Dough Shop at Winchester Little Theatre, 315 West Boscawen Street, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. *

Daylight House Tours 1—5 p.m. at:

106 North Cameron Street

203 South Braddock Street

314 Courtfield Avenue

220 West Boscawen Street

514 Amherst Street

Shenandoah University choirs at Braddock Street UMC, 115 Wolfe Street, 7 p.m. *

* These marked events taking place on Holiday House Tour weekend are free and open to the public. No Holiday House Tour ticket is required to attend or visit these sites.

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