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## Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture Books Back in Print

At long last, the revised edition of PHW's book *Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture* is back in print and available for purchase. The original volume was released in 1977 following consultations with leading historic preservationists through the National Trust for Historic Places and the 1976 architectural inventory. The book was intended to raise awareness of the precious and tangible past embodied in our buildings and urge their retention and incorporation in modern life. Preserving these cultural resources merges our rich past with our bright future.

The book, a virtual walking tour through the streets of Old Town Winchester, was on our to-do list to reprint for close to a decade. With the ongoing efforts to expand and update our historic district, it was the perfect time to reprint this volume. We hope to share our love of our historic places in a format that might be easier for someone who is not emmeshed in the world of historic buildings and architecture to appreciate. We hope you will find it both educational and accessible.

With the generous support and vision of Jack and Betsy Helm as well as the patience and dedication of Ed Acker, Sandra Bosley, Sherry Bosley, Frances Lowe, Mary Riley, George Schember, and the team at Winchester Printers, the original volume has been reborn. Our town will once more have an easily-available, attractive, and affordable introduction to our interwoven tale of history and architecture.

The book is available during regular office hours at the PHW Office in the Hexagon House, 530 Amherst Street, as well as at the Winchester Book Gallery and the Museum on the Shenandoah Valley Gift Shop. The price of the new volume is \$25 plus tax. See the insert for our launch party April 3 & 4! ♦

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## Ed Acker Moves to Colorado

Ed Acker, longstanding Vice President of Education of PHW, moved to Colorado to be closer to family in mid-January. Even though we will miss his leadership, we were delighted when his first missive was a report that he was continuing his education with future preservationists.

Ed visited his grandson's class and told them all about being an architect. Not only did he present the informational side of what an architect does and what goes into planning mechanical systems and floor plans, he demonstrated common tools like a tape measure, rulers with scaled measurements, and templates to trace shapes.

After the technical presentation, the class was turned loose with vellum and the children traced shapes and plans. Some even ventured out and drew their own building designs. It sounds like the day was enjoyable for both Ed and the children. Here's to many more in the future! ♦



*Ed Acker shows the class a roll of vellum paper and other tools of the trade from his stash of architectural supplies.*

## In-Kind Donations Desired

Doing some spring cleaning or downsizing? PHW is accepting the following items:

- ♦ Gently used shopping or gift bags (paper or plastic, any size)
- ♦ Wrapping material like tissue paper and bubble wrap
- ♦ Large lightweight outdoor planters
- ♦ Freestanding lamps, clip-on spotlights, and light strings
- ♦ Gently used local history and architecture books (prior to April)

Other more unusual donations may also be accepted on a case by case basis. You may

bring donations to the Hexagon House at 530 Amherst St. or leave a message for more unusual donations at [phwinc.org@gmail.com](mailto:phwinc.org@gmail.com) or 540-667-3577. Donation receipts for tax purposes available on request. ♦



## Holiday House Tour and Bough and Dough Shop a Success

The 43rd house tours and holiday shop were a fitting conclusion to Winchester's 275th birthday celebrations. This was likely the first time the tour featured a house representing an example of each historical era and presenting tourgoers an unique experience of traveling through time. Each house was a representative experience of its era and we are thrilled to have been able to bring this event to Winchester's 275th anniversary.

The shop hosted 41 vendors in the downstairs PHW office area. Our upstairs office neighbor ShenArts was also open for most of the shop's run with Deck the Walls. Our final financials for the shop were at an all time high, and the tour itself was also very strong.

We extend our deepest gratitude to John and Rose Eberhardt for opening the Obed Waite house for the Preview Party and providing a superlative dining experience and festive atmosphere. We extend our gratitude as well to George and Jeanne Schember, Scott and Margie Cullers, Pat and Ellen Mason, and Bryan and Mary Rhodes for opening their homes for the tours.

Last but not least, we extend our deepest thanks to our sponsors. Extra special thanks go out to our major event sponsor Bank of Clarke County. Continued thanks are due to our event sponsors Colony Realty; Lisa T. McCoig, CPA; The Shenandoah Group of Wells Fargo Advisors; Dominion Real Estate Associates; Escutcheon Brewing Co.; Eugene B. Smith Gallery; Hunt Country Wealth Management; Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative; Sidney Enterprises; Virginia Dwelling; Belle Grove Planation; Frederick Block Brick & Stone; and Maral S. Kalbian. ◆



*Carolers from Winchester Little Theatre sing outside the Mason home.*

*Mark your calendars for the 2020 dates now!*

*Bough & Dough Shop: November 20—December 13*

*Preview Party: December 5*

*Daylight House Tours: December 6*

## Scholarship in Progress

Last fall was an extremely difficult time for PHW, as a number of our members passed away. One of those was Sherry Bosley, longtime PHW volunteer. Her family requested donations be made to PHW, and in November 2019, the PHW board approved gathering the funds for a scholarship. We are currently just over \$2,000 of an initial funding goal of \$10,000. If you would like to contribute, fund may be sent to PHW, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601, with the memo line noting "scholarship donation." Thank you in advance for helping to honor the memory of this special woman and help us further our educational goals in the community! ◆



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## NEWS

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Downtown Winchester Events

**March 7:** St. Paddy's Day Celtic Fest

**April 24-May 2:** Apple Blossom Festivities

**May 16:** Kidzfest

**June:** Outdoor Movie Nights on the Mall

#### April 3 & 4: Limestone Launch and Book Sale

Join us at the Hexagon House, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, to pick up a revised copy of *Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture* and see what other new and used books we have for sale. Wine and light refreshments will be served Friday, 5:30—8:30 PM, and general sales will be held Saturday 10 AM—3 PM. Admission is free; bring a friend!

**June 6:** Clowser Memorial Service at the Clowser House, 152 Tomahawk Trail, in Shawneeland. Service begins at 10 AM.

**June:** PHW's 56th Annual Meeting. Details TBA

### 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  
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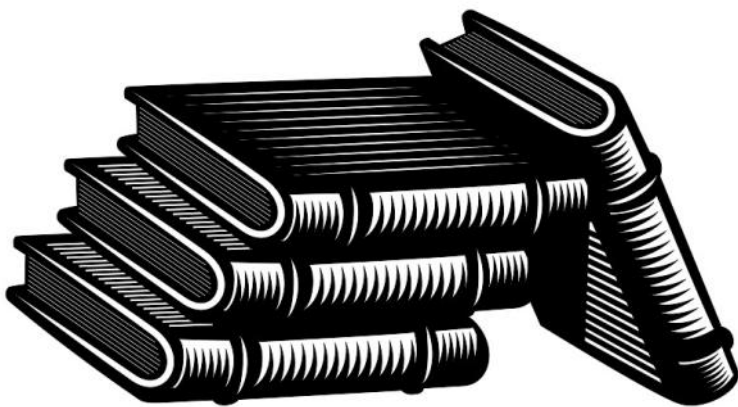
Celebrate the completion of the revised edition of *Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture* with Preservation of Historic Winchester! Copies will be available for purchase at \$25 plus tax. Browse and buy new and used books on local history and architecture as well!

**WHERE:** Preservation of Historic Winchester Headquarters in the Hexagon House, 530 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA

**RECEPTION:** Friday, April 3, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**GENERAL SALES:** Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**ITEMS AVAILABLE:** In addition to first edition and revised copies of the *Limestone* book, we will have new copies of *Why Old Places Matter*, *The Impossible Task: A History of Shenandoah University*, and gently used local history books like *Interior Woodworking of Winchester*, *Images of the Past*, *Old House Journals*, and more!



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME,  
BRING A FRIEND!**

Revised *Limestone* books are also available now at the Winchester Book Gallery and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Gift Shop