



The Berry Best of Whitesbog



Newsletter of The Whitesbog Preservation Trust September 1999

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A Message from the President

I hope everyone had a great summer and you had a chance to visit Whitesbog. We have done some wonderful things in the last year.

Restoration is moving right along with another tenant in the village to total eight. Much credit goes to John Joyce and the buildings committee. The village looks better now than it has since the workers lived here.

The Blueberry Festival was a big hit again this year. We had a nice turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to Janet Robbins our volunteer festival coordinator. Her hard work and dedication is appreciated by all of us. One of the great things about the festival is that it brings people to Whitesbog but it is the beauty of the place and the dedication of the volunteers that brings them back.

I would also like to thank Chris Bethmann, for all of his assistance for the festival and on a day to day basis to keep everything on track.

And, our new employee, Kristin Slowey has been with us for only about six months, but she has already proven herself to be invaluable.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your support whether it has been money, time, or simply coming out and enjoying the beauty and tranquility that is Whitesbog. There is a peace in this place like nowhere else. When you walk through the bogs and see the wonder and the history all around you, you can't help but feel renewed and refreshed and proud to be a part of Whitesbog.

John Nardone, President

Whitesbog Preservation Trust Board

What's New

* Congratulations and thanks to Carol Bishop for our new newsletter name (see above)!

* Thank you **volunteers!** As many of you know WPT work is largely possible due to terrific volunteer help. Needs are many and varied! Fall events are just around the corner. Office, trails, and maintenance work is ongoing. Call the office for information and join in on the fun!

* WPT also enjoys the support of many pinelands organizations. Kudos and thanks to two such special friends:

Pinelands Antique Engine Assoc: The PAEA continues to support WPT with hay wagons, the blueberry field and festival, and more! Their next big undertaking is a new roof for the power house!

Pinelands Institute for Natural and Environmental Studies: The P.I.N.E.S. staff put in tremendous effort on newly replaced barrel factory windows. And, they are often found graciously volunteering help and ideas for WPT.

* Hats off to **Mr. Bill Fairgrieve, a Recent Rookie** who has joined the WPT volunteer ranks. Bill came to Whitesbog by way of his involvement with the PAEA. His tremendous help with Blueberry Festival preparations was invaluable to WPT! He has a willing spirit, good ideas, and (as noticed by at least one other WPT volunteer) a great truck!

* Speaking of the **Blueberry Festival...** We had a great 16th annual with: 2300+ visitors; great support of 100+ volunteers; and net proceeds of \$7000+. Thank you to all the volunteers! Next year we hope to add additional food vendors and craft

demonstrators. We especially hope to find a barrel maker. In addition, we have an old **blueberry sorter** which needs some attention to be up and running for the festival. Anyone up for a project??

* *Wanted*: Enthusiastic gardeners and / or a gardening club to take the lead with restoring **Elizabeth White's garden**.

* Recently the **pond** across from the General Store was restored to the 1930's and 1940's depth. Completed by Lebanon State forest, the project was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Pinelands Commission. Thirty-five old pop bottles, some retaining their paper label, were uncovered during the project. We are looking for a volunteer to *gently* clean them up!

* **Donation Request**: The following items will aid and enhance both WPT and the P.I.N.E.S. program: **refrigerator, air tight wood stoves, 20's or 30's era furniture**.

* **Beyond Berries!** Whitesbog is a beautiful, enticing place in all seasons! A Calendar of Events through June 2000 is enclosed, we hope to see you! The 1999 Halloween in the Pines promises a lot of fun. And, of course, Whitesbog is a wonderful place to even when nothing in particular is scheduled!

* The next WPT mailing will be in the spring prior to the Blueberry Festival followed by a newsletter again next fall.

General Store Restoration

Restoration of the General Store by New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry is in progress! Exterior work includes: regrading, paint, and removal of the window bars. Interior work includes: restoration of the wood floor, replica replacement of the tin ceiling, replacement of wall dividing storage and display areas, and reconfiguration of the bathrooms to comply with ADA. Project completion date is early to mid November.

WPT Building Restoration News

If you have not been out to Whitesbog Village lately, you might not recognize the place!

A walk down to the north end of the village will bring you to the totally rehabilitated "Schoolhouse"! The building was opened as a schoolhouse in 1908 and used as such until 1918. It was subsequently used as a residence but has not been occupied for about fifteen years. The refurbished building is now occupied by Bill Bolger, WPT board member and historian. His efforts and dedication to the project are most appreciated.

There is nothing like a fresh coat of paint! Eight village buildings are looking great with fresh trim paint.

Twenty-two village chimneys have been re-pointed and look great. Next, interior liner work will be done on some of the chimneys.

The Barrel Factory will soon serve as a great group meeting space. Thanks to the P.I.N.E.S. program and WPT volunteers, the boards are off and the windows are freshly painted and reinstalled. Also, thanks to PAEA for their repair work on the wood stove. Continued progress will soon include work on the floor, ceiling, and back door.

Thanks to a grant from the 1772 Foundation, rehabilitation of one of the worker's cottages is well under way. A recent progress check revealed windows reinstalled and wall re-plaster and paint work about three-fourths done.

The 1772 Foundation is also funding the purchase of supplies for a new roof on the power house. The P.A.E.A. is offering their expertise and work. Hopefully the project will soon be under way.

Building 30, often referred to as "Jimmy's House" (for one of the previous tenants) is on the project list. The P.I.N.E.S and WPT hope to soon continue on the walls, ceilings, windows, and doors. For this project, we may seek help from volunteers. Let us know if you are interested.

We are pleased with recent progress, come on out and take a look! Many thanks to the dedicated WPT Buildings Committee, chaired by John Joyce.

Whitebog Preservation Trust

Event Calendar Sept. - Dec. 1999

120-13 Whitesbog Rd. Browns Mills, NJ 08015

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Always call to register for and verify availability of events.

Event fees: \$5/person or \$10/family, unless otherwise noted. No charge to current Whitesbog members. Proceeds benefit WPT village restoration and interpretive programming.

All events meet at the Whitesbog Village General Store. Whitesbog is located at mile marker 13 on Route 530, southeast of Browns Mills, Pemberton Township, NJ.

September 1999

25th - Volunteer Day 10a.m. - 3p.m. *No fee.*
Help with fall event preparations,
garden, trail, or office work.

25th - Autumn Moonlight Walk 7 - 9 p.m.
3 - 5 miles

26th - Cranberry Harvest Program & Wild
Cranberry Hunt 9 - 11 a.m.

October 1999 - Pinelands Month

3rd - Cranberry Harvest Tour 9 - 11a.m.
Followed by Pinelands Month Kickoff
Celebration 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Call Pinelands Preservation Alliance to receive a
Pinelands Month Calendar (609) 894-8000.

10th - Cranberry Harvest Tour 9 - 11 a.m.

16th - Dogs in the Bogs 1 - 3 p.m.
Pinelands hound dog, retriever games,
rescue and sled dog demonstrations.

23rd - Volunteer Day 10a.m. - 3 p.m. *No fee.*
Help prepare for Halloween events!

Halloween in the Pines!

Pinelands Storytellers, Bonfire, Hay
Wagon Rides, Night Hikes!

Advance Tickets required \$10/ person.

Oct. 23rd - Youth Group & Family Night

Oct. 29th, 30th, 31st - Adult nights.

November 1999

13th - Star Party with Toms River
Astronomy Club - Gaze at the night
sky with powerful telescopes. 6 p.m.

20th - Rain date for Nov. 13th Star Party

December 1999

10th - Private Holiday Party for members
and volunteers including tour of the
newly restored General Store and
decorated village residences.

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February 2000

19th - Tundra Swan Tours, 1-4 mile walk.

1st Tour: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

2nd Tour: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

19th - Winter Wonderland Moonlight Walk

Listen for the Tundra Swans!

7 - 9 p.m. 3-5 miles

26th - Tundra Swan Tours, 1-4 mile walk.

1st Tour: 10 a.m. - 12 noon

2nd Tour: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

March 2000

11th - Volunteer Day 10a.m. - 3p.m. *No fee.*

11th - Star Party with Toms River
Astronomy Club - Night sky viewing
with powerful telescopes. 7 p.m.

Weather dependent, rain date: 3/18

April 2000

15th - Volunteer Day 10 - 3 p.m. *No fee.*

15th - Frogs at the Bog & Moonlight Walk
7 p.m. Frog program and listen for
frogs on a 3-4 mile walk.

29th - Historic Whitesbog 1 p.m.

Slide program and village tour.

May 2000

13th - Volunteer Day 10a.m. - 3p.m. *No fee.*

13th - Snake..sssations & Moonlight Walk

7 p.m. Snake program followed by a

3 - 4 mile walk.

20th or 27th - *Please call to verify.*

4th Annual Canal Exploration Trip

Bring your own canoe or kayak. Life

preservers required. 12 noon - ?

June 2000

3rd - Volunteer Day 10a.m. - 3p.m. *No fee.*

3rd - Whitesbog 2000 Village Tour 3 p.m.

The latest & greatest on restoration.

24th - **Blueberry Festival 17th Annual!!**

Interpretive Tours, Blueberries and Blueberry

Treats, Food Vendors, Kid's Activities

Pinelands Music, Crafts! (Fees Vary)

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It's B-a-a-a-ck.....

Whitesbog Preservation Trust
Thirteenth Annual

**HALLOWEEN
IN THE PINES**



- Hay Rides & Night Hikes Around the Bogs!

- Hot Cider & Donuts!!

- Admission Only **\$10.00** Per Person!!!



All Events Begin At 7:30
 Saturday, October 23—Youth Group & Family Night
 with Storytellers
DAVE ORLEANS & KARL HALOJ
 Friday, October 29—Adults Night with Storytellers
WAYNE REYNOLDS & SANDY LEWIS
 Saturday, October 30—Adults Night with Storytellers
TOM CLAPHAM & DAVE ORLEANS
 Sunday, October 31—Adults Night with Storytellers
WAYNE REYNOLDS & JIM ALBERTSON

- **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** No tickets will be sold at the door.
- You are welcome to bring marshmallows to roast over the campfire. Coffee, cider, and donuts will be provided.
- Dress for cold weather, as all activities are outdoors. In case of rain, the storytelling will be held indoors.
- Also, you are welcome to bring blankets or chairs to sit on.
- **No alcoholic beverages** are permitted as Whitesbog Village is located in Lebanon State Forest.
- Remember to bring your tickers to guarantee entry to the event!!

Halloween in the Pines 1999 Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number in Group: _____ @ \$10.00 Per Person= _____ Fee Enclosed

Choice of Evening (First Come-First Served): October 23___ October 29___ October 30___ October 31___
(youth & family night)

No Tickets Will be Available at the Door

Please mail this registration form, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and your check/money order payable to
 Whitesbog Preservation Trust Call (609) 893-4646 for Additional Information
 120-24A Whitesbog Road
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Supporting Whitesbog Preservation Trust 2000!

Membership

In 1999 the Trust benefited from the support of **168 memberships!** Our goal for the year 2000 is **200 memberships.** May we count on you to help achieve this goal by joining the WPT membership ranks? Please use the enclosed envelope and show your support of Whitesbog.

Your participation as a member supports the trust and entitles you to free admission to the Seasonal Series events including Cranberry Harvest Tours, Tundra Swan Tours, Moonlight Walks, and more. If you are joining as a new member you will receive a complimentary set of Whitesbog Trail Guides including: Old Bog Nature Trail, Trees of Whitesbog, Whitesbog Driving Tour, and Fire Ecology.

Memberships are crucial to WPT and its mission to continue village restoration and to offer interpretive educational programs. The Trust is supported by memberships and corporate and business sponsors and receives no state appropriations.

Search for Future Funding

The WPT board is in search of future grant or gift funding to add to our one half time position and to bolster both the building restoration progress and interpretive program offerings. Anyone interested in assisting with the search by web or other means, please contact the office. Also, one of our board members is available to assist with will writing, if you would like to make a bequest to Whitesbog Preservation Trust.

New Whitesbog Sweatshirts...Available in September

Come out to a fall event and pick one up, for yourself or as a gift. We have selected a high quality, natural colored sweatshirt. The Field Office design is in forest green.. Thanks to graphic designer, Michael Nastuk for volunteering his time and talent. \$22.00 adult, \$15.00 child

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