



# Trust Retakes Suningive!



Saturday February 4 dawned a gray day, with impending rain, but an intrepid group of about 10 volunteers showed up to undertake the move of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust offices from the second floor of the current General Store to the space that had been vacated by the Nature Conservancy at Suningive. The goal was a smooth and complete move of the offices so Trust business could resume (more or less) the following week without interruption.

A slow drizzle broke out around 11:00 a.m.; in response, the crew broke out large plastic sheets. The rain slowed the move, but did not stop it. After moving most of the office furniture and office miscellany, focus shifted to items stored at the Barrel Warehouse, among these were numerous pieces of original furniture from Suningive, recently reacquired from June Vail. Efforts finally turned to difficult (and heavy) items such as the Xerox machine where John Joyce and Chris Bethmann put in a heroic effort. (Thanks guys!).

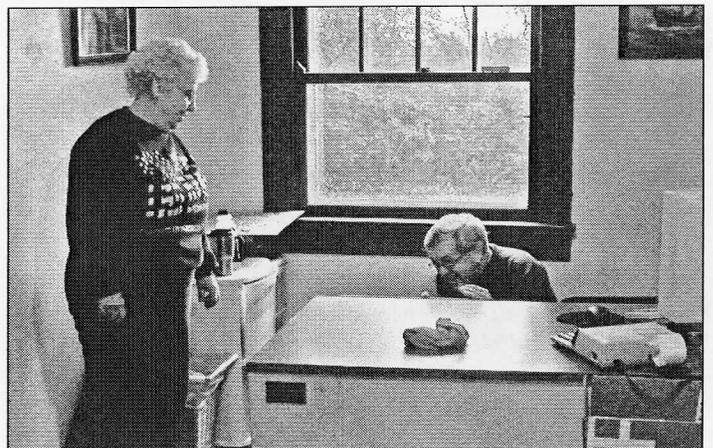
Like many moves, 70% of the material was moved in the first 2 hours, 20% in the next 2 hours, and 10% in the last two hours. By 4:00 p.m. the project was pretty well wrapped up. A major "Thank you" goes out to all the volunteers involved!



The following week found the Trust settling into its new office location, with phone and internet service being set up. There is still MUCH work to be done to develop Suningive as an interpretive center and museum. Considerable restoration work is needed, but the Trust has taken the first BIG STEP in this direction.

As a Trust Member, these buildings are your heritage. Next time you are at Whitesbog, stop in, take a look at the new offices, and say "Hi" to Theresa (our terrific Executive Director). Tell her how great the offices look.

**Imagine the future!**



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## 2006 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (except as noted)

March 22, **April 23 (Sunday, 10:00 a.m., monthly Board meeting, 12:00 Noon, Annual Membership Meeting)**, May 24, July 26, September 27, October 25, November 22.

## Board of Trustees

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## Committee Information - 2006

- Buildings Committee** – John Joyce, chair – Meets bimonthly – contact WPT office for schedule
- Events Committee** – Theresa Earley, chair – 1st Tuesdays at 6:30 pm – New members welcome
- Finance Committee** – John Kallelis, chair
- Fund Development Committee** – Mark Ehlenfeldt, chair – contact WPT office for schedule
- General Store Committee** – Esther Kubiczky, chair – contact WPT office for schedule
- Interpretative Education/Archives Committee** – Ted Gordon, chair – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – New members welcome
- Landscape and Garden Committee** – Ellen Terry, chair – 2nd Wednesdays of Jan, Apr, July, Oct at 6:30 pm
- Marketing/Public Relations/Newsletter Committee** – Mark Ehlenfeldt, chair – contact WPT office for schedule - New members welcome
- Membership/Nominating Committee** – Stephanie Schrader, chair – 1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - New members welcome
- Personnel Committee** – Mark Ehlenfeldt, chair – closed membership – Meets as needed

## Annual Membership Drive Subscriptions

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust Annual Membership Drive continues. The following memberships were received between December 12, 2005 and February 14, 2006. Thank you for renewing your membership or becoming a member. Your valuable membership ensures the ongoing programs and preservation of Historic Whitesbog Village and the Whitesbog Preservation Trust. Thank you for your support!

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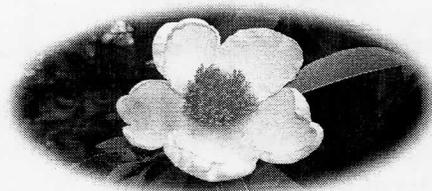
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# The Large White Bungalow

## A Brief History

by Ted Gordon,

Pine Barren Historian, Botanist, and Board Member of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust

On the east side of the road leading northwest to Hanover Furnace, across from the old schoolhouse, sits a white bungalow that stands out in contrast to the typical cedar-sided structures throughout the village of Whitesbog. An historic architectural survey of Whitesbog (1) describes this dwelling, accompanied by a 1980 photograph, as “a factory or catalog house, assembled in pieces that are modular. The single-level fenestration is fitted into the structural frame pattern expressed externally in panels infilled with novelty siding, window units, doors, or porch screens. The broad gable roof is covered with asbestos shingles.”

Local tradition has long referred to this structure as a “Sears Catalog House.” While the “Sears” designation may someday prove to be correct, it has not yet been substantiated.

Not generally known, is that this building was erected in 1918 as the first cranberry substation in the state (2). Its establishment came to fruition as a result of five years of combined effort by Dr. Thomas J. Headlee, Rutgers professor of entomology and state entomologist of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Dr. Jacob G. Lipman, director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, and the American Cranberry Growers’ Association. Maintained by a special appropriation of the legislature, the Whitesbog substation, under the charge of associate entomologist Charles S. Beckwith, initially focused on studies of insects injurious to cranberries (2).

In 1927, this substation’s functions were transferred to a larger facility in Pemberton (2). Although I am unaware of the building’s immediate use after the 1927 transfer, I vividly recall that the bungalow, now vacant and in need of renovation, was occupied into the 1970s by workers employed by the J. J. White Company. Tom Darlington (personal communication) recalled that his brother-in-law, John Ellis, lived there during an earlier period.



A photo of the Entomology Substation cottage as it appeared in 1922.

### References cited

1. Bolger, William, Herbert J. Githens, and Edward S. Rutsch. 1982 Historic Architectural Survey and Preservation Planning Project for the Whitesbog Village (for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation), pp. 108 - 109.
2. Woodward, Carl Raymond and Ingrid Nelson Waller. 1932. In: New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station: 1880-1930. N.J. Agricultural Experiment Station Press. New Brunswick, N.J. pp. 218, 219, 233 & 235.

The Mission of the Trust is to restore, protect and enhance the land, sites and buildings at Whitesbog and to provide educational and interpretive programs and materials about the history, culture and natural environment of Whitesbog.

**Burlington County College's  
Pinelands Institute for Natural &  
Environmental Studies  
at Whitesbog Village**

**Nature of the Pine Barrens - Walks - Tours - Presentations**

**Plant Dyeing Workshop - May 16, 2006** 9 am – 12 noon, \$13/person – Black walnuts, marigolds and onion skins are some of the products from nature which provide subtle, beautiful dyes for wool and silk. Experience the art of natural dyeing – methods of collecting, preserving or buying plant samples; dyeing techniques including solar or low energy; and hands-on experimentation with various dye baths. Participants will have the opportunity to make a labeled wool swatch for each dye bath and dye a small silk scarf as a final project. All materials supplied by the instructor or collected by the participants. Must pre-register 609-893-1765.

**Pine Barrens Ecology Car Caravan Tour – May 23, 2006** 2-4 pm, \$7/person. Take a guided tour featuring swamps, pine & oak forests, cedar water, mudflats & more. Along the way, your feet will stay dry as the “Nature in a Bag” kits bring the pine barrens right to your vehicle. Light refreshments will be served in the General Store following the presentation. Must pre-register 609-893-1765.

**Wetlands Excursion Driving Tour – June 6, 2006** 10 am-12 noon, \$7/person. The Pine Barrens of New Jersey has many beautiful, diverse wetlands. Take a driving tour to see swamps, meadows, streams, ponds, and abandoned cranberry bogs along the sandy roads surrounding Whitesbog. Stops along the way provide opportunities for photography and discussion of natural history. Must pre-register 609-893-1765.

**Carnivorous Plants of the Pine Barrens Presentation & Driving Tour – July 18, 2006** 10 am -12 noon, \$7/person. An indoor program provides a guided examination of the interesting characteristics of the sundew, pitcher plant and bladderwort. In a driving tour along the sandy roads of Whitesbog, we will find these plants in their lowland habitats. Must pre-register 609-893-1765.

**Hummingbird Presentation & Observation - August 1, 2006** 10am – 12noon, \$7/person. Did you know that the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird weighs only as much as 2 ½ paper clips? Join us in learning some natural history facts of NJ's only hummingbird species. Get a close look as these tiny birds interact with others as they zip between flowers of the sprawling trumpet vine, just outside the General Store. Must pre-register 609-893-1765.

**Whitesbog Preservation Trust  
Event Schedule**

Most events meet at the General Store and require reservations. Reservations can be left on the main voice mail (609) 893-4646 or whitesbog@hotmail.com. Call for details.

**March**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Work Day.** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Free. Lunch is provided.

**11<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Walk** – Crow Moon. 7 p.m. \$5 per person.

**18<sup>th</sup> - Dreams and Challenges, the Life of Elizabeth Coleman White.** 1 p.m.: lecture, followed by Suningive house tour. Simple refreshments - \$7.00 per person. Limited space – reservations are necessary.

**April**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Volunteer Work Day.** See above

**15<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Walk - Fish Moon.** 7 p.m. \$5 per person.

**16<sup>th</sup> - “Ghost Towns and Other Quirky Places in the Pine Barrens”** – Book signing by author Barbara Solem-Stull. 2 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Free.

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Annual Board Meeting – Members Only, 12 Noon. Members should RSVP. Luncheon.**

**May**

**6<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Work Day.** See above

**13<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Walk - Corn Planting Moon.** 7 p.m. \$5 per person.

**June**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Volunteer Work Day** See above.

**10<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Walk - Strawberry Moon.** 7 p.m. \$5 per person.

**19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> - Special Volunteer Work Week**

**24<sup>th</sup> - Blueberry Festival, 10 am – 4 pm, \$7 per car**

**July - National Blueberry Month !**

**8<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Work Day.** See above

**8<sup>th</sup> - Moonlight Walk - Buck Moon.** 7 p.m., \$5 per person.

**22<sup>nd</sup> - Blueberries – the Wonder Fruit** by Judith K. Russo – as part of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Speaker Bureau. Free – reservations are necessary. Please call for details.

## Invitation to the 2006 Annual Meeting for Whitesbog Preservation Trust Members

This is your invitation to the **Annual Meeting of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust to be held on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be served, but you must RSVP by Saturday, April 15, 2006. RSVP at (609) 893-4646 or whitesbog@hotmail.com.**

**The following items will be on the agenda for approval by the General Membership:**

- Approval of the 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Election of new Treasurer – John Kallelis
- Election of new Trustees – Bart Amato
- Proposed changes to the By-Laws
- Approval of the Trust's operating budget
- Introduction of Committee Chairs and review of 2005 accomplishments

*See you there!*

The following **Changes to Bylaws** have been voted on by the Board of Trustees and are recommended to the General Membership. They will be presented for membership vote at the Annual Meeting.

- 1) **Article IV:** Members, 1. Membership shall be unlimited..., shall have paid to the Trust the annual membership fee or volunteered a minimum of 8 hours (page 1). The Board recommends **voting to ELIMINATE the volunteer membership category**. Membership **should** require paying of annual dues in support of the Trust. The Trust currently has no volunteer members. Thus, page 2 of Bylaws, Category b, Volunteer Members should be eliminated.
- 2) **Article IV:** Members, 3. ... The Members of the Trust are divided into four (4) categories... a. Contributing..., b. Volunteer..., c. Alumni..., d. Honorary... (page 2). The Board

recommends **voting in addition to ELIMINATE categories c and d.**

- 3) **Article VI:** Meetings, 3. ... regular monthly meetings... in all months except January, June and August (page 4). The Board recommends **voting to CHANGE January to December (i.e. no meeting in December)**. This is an effort to ease scheduling around the Holiday season.
- 4) **Article VI:** Meetings, 3. ... Seven (7) Trustees shall constitute a quorum, (page 4). The Board recommends **voting to CHANGE TO five (5) the number of Trustees needed to constitute a quorum**. This amendment seeks to facilitate the accomplishment of Trust business by increasing the likelihood of a quorum at monthly Board meetings.
- 5) **Article VIII:** Creation of sub-article 4 to allow interim appointment of Officers and Trustees.

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Thank you Tom Tratta, Certified Technician, for your many trips to Whitesbog, while networking our computers and troubleshooting our printer. Your customer service was impeccable.

Thank you George Cifuentes, for alarming our new home, Suningive, and taking the time to explain the system and work through the mass of phone lines. We were honored to have the Company President provide such wonderful service.

## **Dreams and Challenges, the Life of Elizabeth Coleman White**

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1 p.m.

A Women's History Month presentation

by

Elizabeth Coleman White researcher, Nancy O'Mallon &  
Whitesbog Preservation Trust President, Mark Ehlenfeldt

Presentation followed by Suningive house tour. Simple refreshments provided.

\$7.00 per person, Limited space – Reservations are necessary.



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**2006**

Dear Whitesbog Friends,

Just taking a moment to say **Happy New Year** and invite you to renew your membership or become a new member of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust today. Thank you to the many, many of you that have already sent in your membership. The Trust appreciates your commitment and generosity. We have a lot to accomplish this year and with your help – we will meet our goals for ‘06.

A quick sampling of just some of our accomplishments in 2005:

- ❖ reestablished the newsletter and improved the membership program,
- ❖ improved the Agricultural Museum by installing new flooring, (Barrel Warehouse), and
- ❖ added new public programs including the lecture “Elizabeth White Lived Here”.

As you well know, much more needs to be done. Our continuing mission remains the restoration and preservation of historic Whitesbog Village and public education as related to this valuable resource. If you haven’t renewed or become a member yet, I urge you to do so. Further more, in light of ever expanding costs, please consider increasing your membership to the next highest level. *With your membership, **you** are preserving this very special and unique place for today and generations to come.* Your strong support ensures the continued presence of this historic landmark! Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Earley  
Whitesbog Preservation Trust

**P.S.** Your membership is vital to the ongoing restoration of the village and the cultural and history programs offered by the Trust. I’ve included a membership form below for your convenience. Just print and send in with your membership. Also, feel free to pass this email on to a friend or two.

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Membership Contributions:

\$1000 and UP	_____	Partner	\$100	_____	Patron
\$500	_____	Benefactor	\$50	_____	Supporter
\$250	_____	Sponsor	\$25	_____	Contributor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me - I am interested in volunteer opportunities at Historic Whitesbog Village. \_\_\_\_\_

Return with your membership check. Make check payable to Whitesbog Preservation Trust. The membership year is Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Thank you for joining the Whitesbog Preservation Trust.

**Driving Directions:**

**From NJ Turnpike**

Take Exit 7 to Rt. 206 South to intersection of Rt. 206, Rt. 38 and Rt. 530.  
(Landmarks - Vincentown Diner and White Dotte)  
Turn East onto Rt. 530 and follow to mile marker 13. (Landmarks - You will go through the towns of Pemberton & Browns Mills, passing Burlington County College on the right.)

Turn left onto Whitesbog Road. Parking lot on the left.

**From PA Turnpike**

Travel to NJ Turnpike North and follow above instructions.

**From 206 South**

Travel North to circle intersection with Rt. 70.  
Travel East on Rt. 70 to Rt. 530. (Rt. 530 is between mile markers 33 and 34.)  
Travel West on Rt. 530 for one mile to mile marker 13.  
Turn right onto Whitesbog Road. Parking lot is on the left.

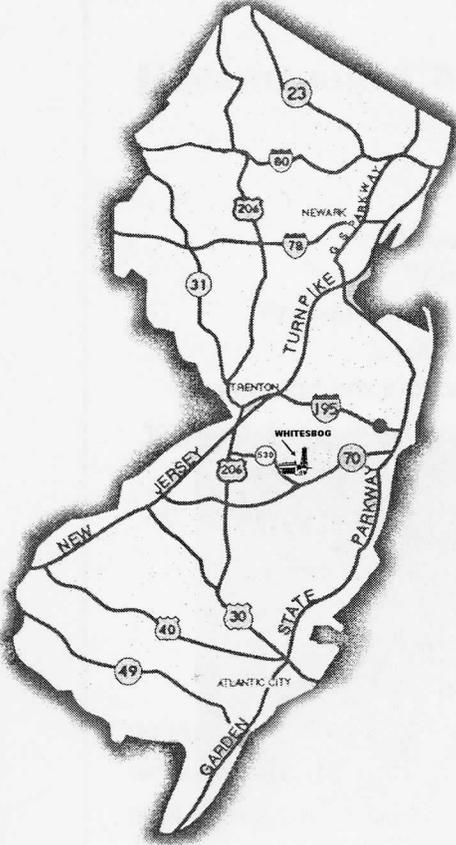
**From 206 North**

Travel South to intersection of Rt. 206, Rt. 38 and Rt. 530.  
Turn East onto Rt. 530 and follow to mile marker 13.  
Turn left onto Whitesbog Road. Parking lot is on the left.

**From Philadelphia**

From Ben Franklin Bridge, take Rt. 38 East, crossing over Rt. 206 and onto Rt. 530 East.  
Travel East onto Rt. 530 and follow to mile marker 13.  
Turn left onto Whitesbog Road. Parking lot is on the left.

The General Store is across from parking lot. Trust Offices are approximately 1/8 of a mile down the crossroad to the right (at Suningive).



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