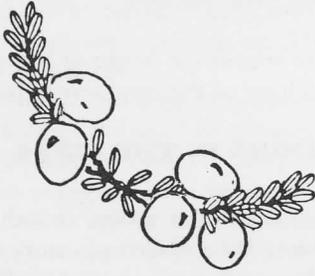
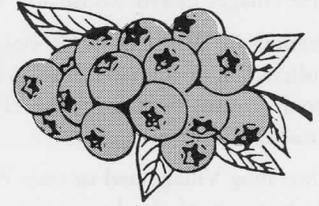


Whitesbog Preservation Trust

Newsletter



Summer, 1992



The Historic Village of Whitesbog

Whitesbog and its 3000 acres of forests, ponds, bogs, cedar swamps and fields provides visitors and students with a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities. Set deep in this Country's First National Reserve, Whitesbog represents a microcosm of the unique NJ Pinelands.

This unique setting provides the visitor with a treasury of cultural and natural beauty. The Whitesbog Preservation Trust is working to combine both public and private resources of funding to provide exciting interpretive and recreational experiences and to ensure that this invaluable resource is preserved for future generations.

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust has developed the Whitesbog Master Plan which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy in 1991.

The primary use for Whitesbog Village is public education and enjoyment. An interpretive program will teach visitors about the evolution of the berry industry in the Pinelands, the cultural history of the region, Pinelands ecology and the need to preserve all areas of the NJ Pinelands.

Historic Whitesbog was a company town with an active residential community, and the residential use of the village will continue. The residents not only provide security, but contribute to the traditional character of the village and help to upgrade and improve the scenic wood frame buildings characteristic of Whitesbog.

Whitesbog is an ideal setting for education, research and recreation. Organizations that are dedicated to Pinelands preservation are encouraged to use Whitesbog for office and seminar space and their members are encouraged to visit the site.

The Whitesbog Master Plan calls for restoration of the Cranberry Packing and Storage Building for use as as Blueberry/Cranberry museum and interpretative center, and Worker's Cottages as overnight facilities for students and visitors. The spectacular natural setting of the village and its surrounding area are ideal for wildlife and plant conservation projects.

All of these uses can be accommodated at Whitesbog within existing structures and are compatible with the historical and cultural character of Whitesbog Village. The Whitesbog Preservation Trust will be working to implement these proposals and welcomes your help!

All avenues of funding are being pursued to save the Cranberry Packing and Storage Building, once over 600 feet long before two fires narrowed it down to its present size of 200 feet. We fear that this historic and magnificently engineered building will be lost if funding is not immediately received for stabilization.

DID YOU KNOW???

In the early 1900's, Whitesbog had a workforce of 600 Italian immigrants who were seasonal workers. They lived in two satellite villages called Rome and Florence.

Elizabeth C. White of Whitesbog was a primary researcher in the cultivation of the wild blueberry in 1916. This was the start of a major industry both in the NJ Pinelands and throughout the country.

Whitesbog Village had its own Post Office which started primarily because of the heavy shipments of blueberry cuttings and bushes nationwide in the early 1920's.

The May, 1991 New Jersey Magazine lists Whitesbog Village as one of the 21 small New Jersey towns to explore for its natural beauty and history.



The original General Store and Workers' houses in Whitesbog, c. 1915.

Photo courtesy of New Jersey Conservation Foundation

1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Blueberry Festival/Cross-Country Run
Saturday, July 11

Cranberry Harvest Tour and
Photography Workshop
Sunday, September 27

Halloween Evening in the Pines (for Youth Groups)
Saturday, October 24

Annual Halloween Weekend Party (Adults only)
October 30, 31 and November 1

Animals of Pine Barrens Hike
Sunday, November 15

Christmas Party & Candlelight Tour
Friday, December 11

Ninth Annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival and Cross-Country Run

Saturday, July 11 with a rain date of July 12 for the Festival. Pinelands traditional music from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Educational walking and bus tours, crafts, food and fun for the entire family, neighbors and friends. The day starts with a 2-mile fun run and a 10K cross-country run. The races start at 9:00 a.m. and are held rain or shine.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE FALL

CRANBERRY HARVEST TOUR

September 27

9 a.m. to noon. Visit the bogs at the height of harvest season. Learn the history and culture of the cranberry industry.

HALLOWEEN EVENING IN THE PINES

October 24

For youth groups. Bring your scout group, church group or school group to Whitesbog for a Halloween story event and hike. Space is limited. Preregistration required. Call 609-893-4646 for rates and time.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WEEKEND PARTY

October 30, 31 and November 1. 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Adults only. Preregistration required.

GARDEN CLEANUPS

September 12, November 7, 1992 and February 13, 1993
9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Bring your pruning shears, heavy garden gloves, shovels, and rakes. Refreshments are always served.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The following Foundations, Corporations and Sponsors have made it possible for the Trust to continue the restoration of Whitesbog Village with funding, or in-kind contributions:

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THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Funds are needed to complete the following projects:

Publish the Whitesbog Village Tour Guide. This guide is critical to our educational program. The design, layout and printing will cost \$2000.

Publish the Whitesbog Architectural Survey co-authored by William Bolger. The printing of this documented history of Whitesbog Village is long overdue and will cost \$10,000. Our members have been patiently waiting for this publication, which will be the first comprehensive document ever published on the history of Whitesbog.

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust will be moving its offices from Suningive to a central location in the Village located in the Boarding House. Our new office is in desperate need of:

a letter quality printer

a FAX machine

a copy machine

a typing desk and/or computer station

Please contact the Trust if you can help.

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of the WHITESBOG PRESERVATION TRUST. Enjoy special membership benefits including free Moonlight Walks, Wildflower Walk in June, Animals of the Pine Barrens in November, and Christmas Party and Candlelight Tour of Whitesbog Village in December.

\$500 — Sponsor

\$100 — Patron

\$ 50 — Friend

\$ 30 — Family

\$ 20 — Individual

Send your name, address and check made out in the appropriate amount to the Whitesbog Preservation Trust, 120-34A Whitesbog Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.



During the '20s, '30s and '40s the 16-tooth banner scoop was the principle tool for harvesting cranberries. The Whitesbog Cranberry Packing and Storage Building in background.

Photo courtesy of Walter Z. Fort

MOONLIGHT WALKS

July 18 — Listen to the Frogs

August 15 — Watch the sun set

September 12 — Harvest Moon

October 10 — Hunter's Moon

November 7 — Moonlight on the bogs

December 12 — Listen to the Tundra Swans



General Store-Post Office. Constructed c. 1923-24 when the original general store was moved to a location along the road to Hanover Furnace.

Photo courtesy of New Jersey Conservation Foundation

WHITESBOG NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have two hours or more a month that you can give to the Whitesbog Preservation Trust? We could use you. Budgets have been cut to the bone and volunteers are essential to our work. We need people who can do office work, write grants, work in gardens and serve as guides.

We need volunteers for the following committees: Events, Fund Raising, Grand Writing, Publicity, and Education.

If you can donate your time, we will work around your schedule. Call the Whitesbog Preservation Trust office at 609-893-4646.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust is fortunate to have a great group of volunteers to help out at our public events. We would like to recognize and thank all of our volunteers whose efforts are invaluable. Special thanks are due to the four volunteers listed below.

NORA and WALTER HAYES

The Hayes have been dedicating their time and energy to Whitesbog since the first Blueberry Festival in 1984. Nora is retired from an accounting position with a refinery in Southampton, England, and Walter is a retired school teacher. They have been very active with the American Youth Hostel Committee and the N.J. Outdoor Club, and are self-taught and extremely knowledgeable environmentalists. Whitesbog is close to their heart.

BARRY BRADY, Ph.D.

Another tireless volunteer is Barry Brady, historian for the N.J. Pinelands Commission. Barry has handled all of the registrations for the Blueberry and Cranberry cross-country runs since 1984, and helps out at the Blueberry Festival and the Halloween Party in the Fall.

ANN DARLINGTON

Ann is the daughter-in-law of Tom Darlington, President of J.J. White, Inc., and grandson of Joseph Josiah White of Whitesbog. Ann has generously donated her time and energy to the Blueberry Festival over the past eight years and led the 1991 Cranberry Harvest tour for the Trust.



Elizabeth C. White examining blueberries in June 1928.

Photo courtesy of New Jersey Conservation Foundation

HISTORICAL GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Especially hardworking is a new group of volunteers who are putting their energy into cleaning up and restoring the historical gardens surrounding Suningive.

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust wishes to express its sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our volunteers!

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