

Whitesbog Preservation Trust

NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter

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2018

Birthplace of the Highbush Blueberry - Historic Center for Cranberry Innovation

35th Annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival!

An Old-fashioned Farm Festival in the Pine Barrens!
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and June 24th

JUNE 23 & 24

WHITESBOG HISTORIC VILLAGE

BLUEBERRY
Festival

BLUEBERRY PICKING · WAGON TOURS
ANTIQUES · CRAFT & FOOD VENDORS
BAKED GOODS · ICE CREAM · BBQ
KIDS ACTIVITIES · ANTIQUE TRACTORS
LIVE MUSIC · MAKERS WORKSHOP
PINELANDS TALKS · MUSEUM TOURS

\$5 PER CARLOAD

35th Annual

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Loads of music, arts and crafts vendors, non-profit and preservation organizations, demonstrations, food vendors, blueberry picking and historic tour wagon rides, General Store shopping, blueberry

baked goods and ice cream and more! \$5/carload.

Kickoff the Blueberry Harvest Season in the Birthplace of the Blueberry! (For real, Elizabeth Coleman White and Dr. Frederick Coville developed the first crop of blueberries here in 1916).

SO many blueberries!: taste the berries from our neighbor's farm and take home a pint or a flat, pick berries fresh on the original heritage plants in the fields, eat them in locally made pies, muffins, cakes, jams, preserves, fried, blueberry drinks, blueberry wine, cider, syrup and so much more. Did I mention the kids Pie Eating Contest?

Entry fee reduced to \$5 per CARLOAD of people! (1/2 off last year)

Blueberry Art Show in the Whitesbog Gallery and Makers Workshop to get hands on in Cottage 12! Free activities for all to try. See the throwback exhibit of 35 Years

of Blueberry Festival Pie Eating Contests!

Bands on stage will include many local artists of New Jersey and the Pine Barrens, country, Americana, folk, rock, eclectic mix.

The Makers Workshop will host free crafting stations for all ages, printmaking, weaving, building with artisans.

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Craft and arts vendors from the region highlight handcrafts from candles, weaving, woodwork, nature painting, and live demonstrations by artisans.

Stop in the Cranberry & Blueberry Museum to explore the vintage farm tools, photos and The Antique Engine Museum and tractor exhibits for hands on fun, ride a tractor pulled wagon out on the sand roads to the cranberry bogs and reservoirs or to the Blueberry Field for some picking and collecting.

The Whitesbog General Store will have volunteer shopkeepers waiting to help you select your favorite take home items from preserves, t-shirts, postcards, books on the region, kid's toys, keychains, hand-crafts, retro candy and more on the porch or inside.

Check out the post office, ice box, old wooden cases, tin ceiling and sit down for a quick video on the history of the village and the farm's blueberries and cranberries. in the store, built in 1924.

Food vendors include local amazing BBQ, Italian Water Ice, cold drinks, smoothies, popcorn, and so much more!

Kids games, free fun, picnic area to relax in the shade trees, listen to music, play with instruments with our wonderful local band Accidental Jug Band. Try the spoons, harmonica, washboard, banjo!

Stop in the Barrel Factory to learn about local ecology, farms, food, music and see the screening of our Harvesting Stories video collection of stories from the region's farmers and residents.

Tour the Cranberry Research Substation, a 100-year-old restored Sears Kit House used by researchers and entomologists. Check out Elizabeth Coleman White's beautiful 1923 Craftsman house, gardens, and blueberry planting with each variety she developed.

More amazing discoveries await during this wonderful volunteer-led effort to raise awareness and funds for the restoration and preservation of this National Register Historic Village. ■

***The Whitesbog Preservation Trust
Blueberry Festival, 35 Years and
counting !!!***

On Being a Shopkeeper

by MariAnne Torres

I enjoy being a Shopkeeper at the General Store because of the simplicity of life it represents. Imagine what it was like nearly a century ago; it would have been quite bustling with all of the workers stopping in for their necessities or hoping to receive a letter from a distant loved one. The sound of the wooden floor under my heels, the ring of the 1927 cash register being opened; these things I love. To be a part of such history is truly an honor. Volunteering as a Shopkeeper lets you enjoy a sampling from the past, from a simpler, pure time. ■

The General Store is always on the lookout for capable, enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact MariAnne Torres at whitesbogpreservationtrust@gmail.com.

A Reflection from Josh Rubeo

(a teen who serves ice cream at the Annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival)

Volunteering at the Blueberry Festival is something I look forward to every year. My friends and I have a great time together at Whitesbog Village. We have all created great memories together because of the festival. Every year I get to meet new people in the community and have a good time enjoying blueberries! ■



There are many opportunities to volunteer for the Blueberry Festival. Full-day and part-day options are available. If you are interested, contact Allison at whitesbogpreservationtrust@gmail.com.



‘Hike it Baby’ at Whitesbog Village and Bogs

by Heather Yale

‘**Hike it Baby**’ is a community-driven, online platform and a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting families to one another and getting them outdoors with a focus on children from birth to school age. We provide support to get families out in nature as soon as they feel ready, and we are working to raise a generation that loves the outdoors. The ‘Hike it Baby’ values include: leaving no family behind, being a strong community, being free of judgement, and raising a generation to love the outdoors, respect nature, and inspire wellness.

‘Hike it Baby’ was started in July 2013 by Shanti Hodges in Portland, Oregon. In the last few years, it has quickly grown to over 300 branches across the world. The Burlington County branch was started in September 2015, and in February 2016, I began hosting regular hikes at Whitesbog.

These first hikes were a very different experience for me as I was unfamiliar with the environment of the Pine Barrens. They are, however, the perfect starting place for many families. The tracks and trails here are easy to follow and accessible. Parents with babies in carriers and strollers could walk together and visit easily. There is something here for everyone and a wonderful sense of calm on the bogs. As our group and my own children have grown, Whitesbog has continued to be a wonderful place to explore. The children love playing and exploring in the woods, and the sand is always a great hit. We have met to splash in the shallows and to roam in the fields. Moms have come together to complete ‘*Couch to 5K*’

programs and toddlers have completed their first hikes on the Old Bog Trails or on the new Blueberry Trail.

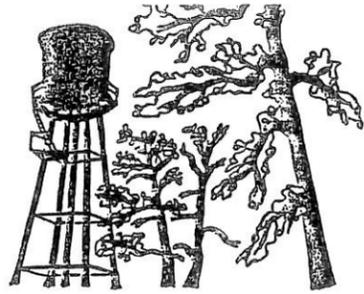
‘Hike it Baby’ is a community, and Whitesbog has been a welcome home for us. The willingness of the Whitebog Preservation Trust to partner with our organization for events and hikes has been wonderful. We especially enjoy our interactions with the members of the Trust. On one memorable hike, a member was able to teach me a lot about the native plants, and how my garden could be more successful. Other members have taught the children about birds on the trails, the history, or the area, and everyone has been so willing to lend a helping hand, something that all caregivers appreciate.

‘Hike it Baby’ has hosted hikes at Whitesbog about once a week for the past two years and we look forward to continuing to do so. There is so much value in taking time to be in nature, especially for young children. Children who grow up experiencing the natural world are healthier and happier. They are also the ones who will continue to care for it, and there is no better time for them to start than now. ‘Hike it Baby’’s benefits are not just for the children. All caregivers are welcome in our organization (mommies, daddies, nannies and grandparents alike), and getting outside, getting moving, and connecting with others are fabulous opportunities for self-care.

As part of the REI Co-op’s *Force of Nature* campaign ‘Hike it Baby’ is currently sponsoring the *10,000 Women Trail Project*, an initiative to get women and girls on trails all across North America. This is a free-to-join challenge to participate, and it encourages women to bring female friends and family on the trail at least once a month. If you are interested in participating in or donating to either of our programs, please visit hikeitbaby.com for more information. ■



35 Years of Whitesbog Blueberry Festivals



WHITESBOG EVENT SCHEDULE

For more information call (609) 893-4646,
e-mail us at WhitesbogPreservationTrust@gmail.com
or visit us on the web at www.whitesbog.org.

May

18 - Shinrin Yoku Walk 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Shinrin Yoku Meditation Walk with Roni Detrick. This guided nature connection walk incorporates the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku, which translates as "forest bathing" or "nature immersion". Gather for the walk at the General Store. Wear appropriate attire for weather. Whitesbog members: \$10, non-members: \$20.

19 - Whitesbog Through the Eyes of Residents by Sharon Goodman 1 p.m.

Held at the Burlington County Library in Westampton. Two former residents of Whitesbog share their stories of working and living at the bogs.

19 - South Jersey History Fair 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Rain date May 20th)

The Gloucester Township Historic and Scenic Preservation Committee is hosting the Historic Gabreil Daveis Tavern, Glendora, NJ. Many exhibitors celebrating New Jersey History and Cultural Heritage.

20 - Blueberry Music Jam 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Musicians of all ages are welcome to bring out their instruments and hop into the fun of a old fashioned music jam! Meet us on the porch of the General Store, bring a chair, listen a while, sip on a drink from the store and enjoy the beauty of Whitesbog. Free.

26 - Moonlight Walk – Flower Moon 7 p.m.

Listen to the night sounds of the Pines, learn about Whitesbog and experience the seasonal changes of the Pinelands. All walks are 3-5 miles in length, weather permitting and led by experienced leaders. \$5/person donation, reservations requested 609-893-4646

June

2 - Volunteer Workday Day & Blueberry Festival Volunteer Training 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join our volunteers in outdoor or indoor projects in the village. You can choose from helping to clear trails and garden paths, lending a hand in the General Store or helping to organize our office cottage supplies for events! Everyone shares lunch in the General Store.

2 - History Hike 1 p.m.

Walk the sandy roads of the Historic Village, learn about Whitesbog's role in history and visit Suningive, the worker's cottages and other museums & farm buildings that speak to Whitesbog's heritage. \$5 donation/person, advance reservations requested but not required, Meet at the General Store - 609-893-4646.

2 - National Trails Day! 10 a.m.

Come join us for a family fun day with a family friendly hike through the Nature Trail, a scavenger hunt and more! Walter Bien will lead a Fiddleheads, Ferns, Lichen and Moss Trail Walk. Terrarium Workshop with Pemberton Recreation (Fee for materials).

10 - Drop off due for Blueberries and Summertime Fun Exhibit 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Members pay no fee to exhibit. We suggest a \$10 donation from non-members to show up to 1 (one) piece, based on Gallery Guidelines. We will accommodate guests in order of submitted work. Winners of the Everything Blueberry Kids Art Contest are exhibited in The Gallery during the 35th Annual Blueberry Festival, Admission to the gallery is FREE.

23 & 24 - The 35th Annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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July

8 - Blueberry Music Jam 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (See May 20 for details.)

9 - Summer Bird Count 8:30 a.m.

Join in the count! Come to the village with an experienced leader and count all the many types of birds that call Whitesbog home. Meet in front of the General Store at 8:30am, no reservation required.

14 - Volunteer Thank You Picnic & Work Day 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

While we will be putting away supplies from the Blueberry Festival, we will also take some time for a long lunch to thank the many volunteers who put on the festival! Free lunch in the General Store classroom and picnic area if the weather is nice.

14 - History Hike 1 p.m. (See June 2 for details.)

14 - Kids Blueberry Painting Party! 2 - 3 p.m.

Join Miss Theresa for a fun, kids paint party in the General Store Classroom! Paint blueberries on canvas keepsake to take home! Space is limited so registration is requested, there's a \$5/child fee to cover the cost of

supplies. RSVP to 609-893-4646 or email WhitesbogEvents@gmail.com

14 - Water Carnival Pemberton 50th Anniversary 4 - 11 p.m.

Start preparing your Water Carnival float entry now! This 50th Anniversary Water Carnival hopes to include 50 Floats! Join the festivities with food trucks, games, local and community organizations. Watch the Parade of Floats as they cross the water of Mirror Lake and stay for the fantastic fireworks display!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/154255618498895/>

15 - Blueberry Tasting 1 - 3 p.m.

Taste and learn about the many varieties of highbush blueberries. Their similarities and differences will be explored in size, color, taste and more in the Elizabeth White House and Garden. Later, explore the heritage plants in the Blueberry Triangle Field and Elizabeth White's demonstration blueberry garden. Reservations are recommended, seating is limited, \$10/person, tickets will be sold on Eventbrite.

28 - Moonlight Walk - Thunder Moon 8 p.m. (See May 26 for details.)

17- 21 - Burlington County Farm Fair On-the-Road Event: Whitesbog Exhibit

22 - Blueberry Farm Living History 1 - 4 p.m.

Visit the village's interpreted museums and historic landscapes, pick blueberries, take a wagon ride and

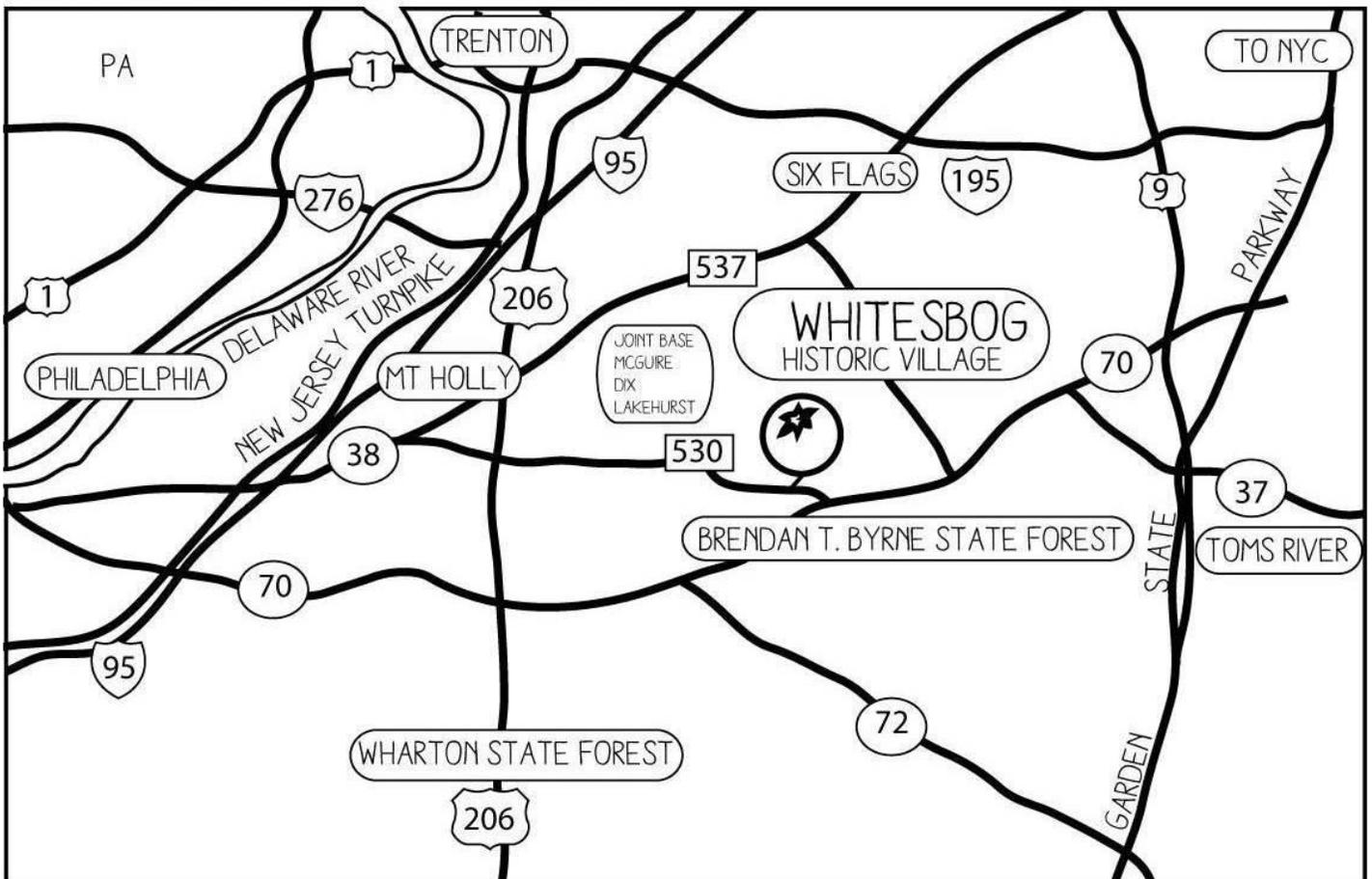
more at the summertime Living History Event! The Village will come alive with workers and residents from the 1920's. Join them in their daily activities. Talk with those who helped make the blueberry one of America's favorite fruits. Call 609-893-4646 for additional details. \$8 ages 12 & up, \$5 ages 4-11, children 3 & under are free. Tickets available in advance on Eventbrite; a discount for families buying in advance on Eventbrite only. The Accidental Jug Band will be playing on the porch and the General Store will be open from 10 - 4.

28 & 29 - Bio-Blitz

Join local science experts from around the region to learn about the natural plants, insects, and animals in the Pinelands! Experts from Drexel University will be on hand and moth expert, Bernie Knaupp will create a moth-friendly evening atmosphere for viewing some of the species that call Whitesbog home. Come early and explore the historic village or hike the blueberry fields and cranberry bogs. We will fire up the multiple lights at as many as 1-2 viewing areas after sunset. Bring the kids out for an unforgettable night time experience. You can bring a chair, flashlight and snack or visit our general store to purchase some refreshments or local handiwork. This event is FREE. More details and event activity times to be announced.

31 - Blueberry Music Jam 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (See June 2 for details.)

WHITESBOG HISTORIC VILLAGE



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The Whitesbog Preservation Trust has received a General Operating Support Grant for the fiscal year 2017 from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

Board Meetings, Mondays at 6:30 p.m.,
General Store (GS) or Suningive (SN)
May 21 (GS), June 11 (GS), July 23 (GS)
Aug. 27 (GS), Sept. 24 (GS), Oct. 22 (GS)
Nov. 3 (Membership), Dec. 3 (GS)



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Staff

Allison Pierson, Director
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The Whitesbog Preservation Trust has received a New Jersey Council for the Humanities Grant for FY 2018 for "Harvesting Stories" and oral history video interview project.

Newsletter

Mark Ehlenfeldt & Allison Pierson - Editors



THE 1772 FOUNDATION

The 1772 Foundation, in cooperation with the New Jersey Historic Trust, has provided Whitesbog Preservation Trust with a Capital Preservation Grant for the repair and restoration of a worker's cottage.

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