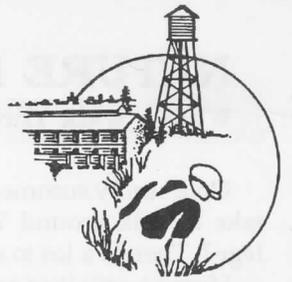


THE WHITESBOG

PRESERVATION TRUST NEWSLETTER



Summer 1993

BURLINGTON COUNTY DAY PROGRAM

It was in early 1984 when the Whitesbog Preservation Trust first heard about a group of troubled youngsters who were working to restore the delapidated cranberry village at Double Trouble State Park in the Ocean County pine barrens. Instead of going to jail, this "Day Program," run by New Jersey's Department of Corrections, provided a way to inspire, train, and encourage these young men to become contributing members of society. At the same time, they were fixing up an important resource for the enjoyment of New Jersey citizens.

At Whitesbog, this kind of program was desperately needed! The Department of Corrections contacted the Burlington Day Program with this idea, and the Day Program accepted; hence the establishment of a partnership between the Trust and the Day Program.

They did not have much to work with at first; lots of enthusiasm and encouragement from the Trust along with the exhilaration of starting a brand new program at a special place like Whitesbog carried them along. Early projects were running the water stops for the first Blueberry Festival and Cross Country Run, clearing the village of overgrown vegetation, slowly bringing some life back into Whitesbog. The changes were subtle at first; grass was mowed and buildings became visible once again as the vegetation was pulled away. Visitors to Whitesbog could now see a crew of dedicated workers day after day moving from one project to the next.

Working with the Trust, the Day Program built a nature trail next to the village. Visitors learned about ecological concepts like vegetational succession of the landscape, native plants and animals of the Pinelands and enjoyed the unique beauty of Whitesbog. Despite the adverse conditions like overgrown vegetation, mosquitos, heat, and humidity, the Day Program pro-

vided the village with a scenic, educational, self-guided tour of Whitesbog.

Over the past nine years, the Day Program, the Trust and Lebanon State Forest have undertaken multiple restoration and stabilization projects at Whitesbog. One of the first was a joint venture with the JJ White Company, prior owner of Whitesbog and resident cranberry and blueberry growers. With their assistance, the Trust organized the return of one of Whitesbog's earliest buildings; the Field Office. Mounted on a flat bed truck, the Field Office was lured back to its original home on the village commons. The Day Program replaced the roof, porch, and chimney, and repainted the little building its original color, all working from an old photograph!

More recently, the Day Program's projects include restoration of the Boarding House, the Iron Filtering House, repairs to the General Store, and stabilization of the Schoolhouse. Their offices now occupy the Old General Store and their staff has grown to include certified teachers, vocational instructors, and social workers. A full-time program has emerged to provide the youngsters with opportunities for an on-site classroom education, vocational skills, and group counseling sessions to address interpersonal and social relationships.

Under a new cooperative inter-agency agreement with the Departments of Environmental Protection and Energy, Corrections, Labor, and Education, the Day Program now has a pre-apprenticeship program for teaching valuable vocational skills. Graduates of this program leave with a set of marketable skills and their own personal set of tools and work clothes in the hopes of becoming integrated into the workforce.

The Burlington Day Program has changed the future and face of Whitesbog in their brief tenure, and the Trust looks forward to continued successes and achievements by this dedicated and talented crew!



NATURE DIARY.

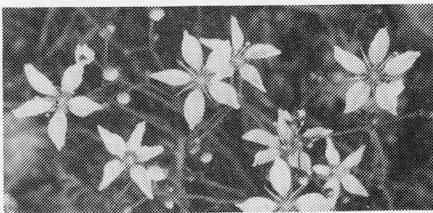
What a Walk Through the Woods Around Whitesbog Will Show You.

On a sunny summer day, why not take a walk around Whitesbog village? There's a lot to see!

Human activities over the last 200 years, have created many diverse habitats, valuable for rare and common species alike. There are hardwood swamps, pitch pine lowlands, atlantic white cedar forests, and open bogs and fields all within a stone's throw of the village green.

Heading out towards the former site of Florence, one can spot many interesting plants. Florence was one of the satellite villages used to house migrant workers who worked at Whitesbog harvesting cranberries. After the houses became vandalized in the 1970's, the state of New Jersey bulldozed the village, leaving a large open, cleared site.

Due to this recent disturbance, poison ivy is common, so beware!! Remember the old adage: 'Leaflets three, let it be, leaflets five, let it thrive!' Florence contains many plants, introduced by its inhabitants over fifty years ago. There are several garden variety rose bushes, grape vines, and fruit trees planted by the workers.



In the sandy soil of Florence you may also find pine barrens sand wort. It is a member of the pinks family. You may know them from gardening. Sandwort is easy to identify. It has long-stalked, white, star-shaped flowers with a greenish center, and grows in a dense green mat, like a moss. Locally, it is often called "sparkle".

Walking east from the village, you will soon reach cranberry bogs. Easy to recognize when they are drained, they can be confused with permanent water reservoirs when flooded, as occurs during the winter.

Cranberries are vines, belonging to the heath family, and are one of America's four native fruits. The bushes are

low and have trailing vines which send up erect branches with small, stubby, evergreen leaves. The blossom is worth a close inspection, for it is what gave the cranberry its name. The flowerhead was thought by early settlers to look like the head of a crane, with a long stalk, reflexed white petals, and a dark cone, sticking out like a bill in the center of the flower. The plant flowers in mid-June to July, and the deep red berries can be seen ripening in the fall.

No walk around Whitesbog is complete, without stopping to examine (and taste if you are lucky) the many kinds of blueberries! They grow wild around the bogs, and in cultivated fields. Blueberries, like many heaths, have white bell-like flowers, opening in May, and ripening to a fruit in July. Blueberry bushes are often confused with huckle-

berries, a closely related species, but differ in two main ways. They are fun to tell apart.

Huckleberry leaves, if examined closely, have golden yellow resin dots on their undersides. Try pressing a leaf to your hand then look to see if yellow dots appear. If they do it's a huckleberry! Or pick a blueberry, and squash the berry in your mouth. Blueberry fruits contain tiny fine seeds surrounded by a fleshy pulp, while huckleberries, have up to ten hard seeds, making them taste gritty in the mouth.

This has been just the smallest taste of what you might see on a casual stroll around Whitesbog. With so much wildlife around, there is always something new to see, no matter what time of the year you visit. So put on those walking shoes and see what Whitesbog has to offer!

A MESSAGE FROM HAZEL ENGLAND

Whitesbog Preservation Trust's new Executive Director

It is an exciting time for the Whitesbog Preservation Trust and for myself since the Trust has taken on its first full-time executive director. My role is to administer the day-to-day activities of the organization; coordinate and organize the many events occurring in Whitesbog village; develop a fundraising program; increase membership in the Trust and increase public awareness of Whitesbog's natural and cultural treasures. My background is in ecology and environmental management, with an emphasis on visitor management.

I hope to put some of these skills to good use by establishing a visitor education and interpretation center at Whitesbog.

Since I started at the beginning of May, we have moved offices from Suningive to the more central location of the Boarding House. If you are in the village, stop in to see us. Much of my time has been spent organizing the Blueberry festival and other Whitesbog events, but with the help of some worthy volunteers we

have still managed to find some time to begin putting the village archives into order. Securing funding is important to any non-profit organization, and we have taken some steps in this direction.

Whitesbog, restored and interpreted for public education and enjoyment can be viewed as a "microcosm of the pinelands." Walking distance of the village are a variety of natural and historic landscape features representative of much of this unique region.

To enable Whitesbog to reach this goal, we need many resources, but most of all we need *your* help. I urge you to join us in our efforts to restore Whitesbog village, so that future generations will know its unique blueberry and cranberry history.

Become a member of the trust, and play an active role by getting personally involved in our activities. I look forward to meeting you and sharing the events and activities at Whitesbog.

Hazel England

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous amount of help various organizations and individuals have given to the the Trust. This has made it possible for us to continue without work at Whitesbog. We can't do it without you!

Alaimo Associates, Inc.
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Pemberton Township Lions Club
The Pinelands Commission
Township of Pemberton, New Jersey
Tru-Blu Cooperative Association
Veneto Sports Awards

Wish List

We could benefit from the donation of the following items:

Xerox copying machine
MS-DOS Computer
MS-DOS compatible mouse
Fax machine
Telephone answering machine
Binoculars and nature guides
2 drawer legal filing cabinets
Garden equipment;
Bulletin boards
Anglepoise lamps
Pencil pointer

Contact the Trust office
if you can help out.



Workers sanding a cranberry bog to produce better crops.

Membership Form

I'd like to join the Whitesbog Preservation Trust, and help them in their work to restore the beautiful village of Whitesbog. Please enroll me as a member. I've checked the level at which I'd like to help. Please make checks or money orders payable to "The Whitesbog Preservation Trust", and send to:

Whitesbog Preservation Trust,
120-24A Whitesbog Road,
Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

Name _____ Phone No. (____) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

I'd like to join as: Individual (\$20) I'd like to find out more about volunteering for the trust.
 Family (\$30) I can't join now, but enclosed is a donation of \$ _____
 Friend (\$50)
 Patron (\$100)
 Sponsor (\$500)

All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



1993 CALENDER OF EVENTS

August 28 Saturday, 9 - 12 Noon Suningive Garden Cleanup

Work with us on the restoration of E. White's beautiful garden.

September 26 Sunday, 9 - 12 Noon Cranberry Harvest Tour

See modern harvesting, then learn how it happened in the past.

October 3 Sunday, 9 - 12 Noon Cranberry Harvest Tour

If you missed it last week here's another chance to catch it!

October 9 Saturday, 8 - 12 Noon Cranberry Harvest Cross-Country Run

Race around the bogs and swamps of Whitesbog. 5M, 2M fun run.

October 23 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Halloween Evening In Pines

Scary storytelling. Night hike through the woods. Hot cider. Youth Groups/Families.

October 29,30,31 7:30 pm - 12:00pm Adult Halloween Weekend Party

Scary Storytelling. Take a hayride through Whitesbog.

November 6 Saturday 9 - 12 Noon Suningive Garden Cleanup

Keep warm by gardening with us as we prepare for winter.

November 13 Sunday, 9 - 12 Noon Fall Hike/Animals of the Pine Barrens

Visit secret animal habitat you never even dreamed existed!



December 10 Friday, 6 - 7:30 pm Members Christmas Party

Whitesbog Village

December 10 Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm Candlelight Tour of Whitesbog

Wander the village by romantic candlelight, and hear its history.

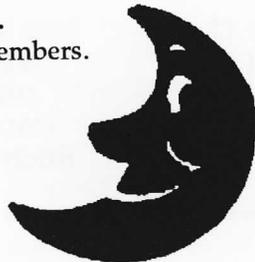
WHITESBOG MOONLIGHT WALKS

"The Moon was a ghostly galleon adrift on a sea of stars..."

Come and witness the beauty of a five mile moonlight hike amidst the cranberry bogs, cedar swamps, and pine forests surrounding Whitesbog village. Walks are held on the Saturday evening closest to the full moon, from 7-9pm. The dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

**JULY 31, AUGUST 28,
OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 27.**

Walks are free to current Trust members. Always call ahead to confirm that the walk will be held as scheduled.



Line drawing of Bracken Fern
by Sarah Gallagher, aged 12,
Whitesbog resident.

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WHITESBOG WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

The Trust would like to welcome two new board members, Alan Buchan and Michele Donato, who joined us in April of this year.

Al Buchan, of Mount Laurel, is a senior planner with the office of Land Use Planning, Burlington County. Prior to his current position, he was the chief executive officer of two engineering companies in Philadelphia and specialized in railway transportation engineering. His interests with the Trust include historic landscape and garden restoration.

Michele Donato is an attorney from Lavallette, with a keen interest in historic preservation. She currently serves as the president of Preservation New Jersey.

Help Us!!

Got a few spare hours you're desperately trying to fill?? We have the solution!

We could use volunteers to get our mailing list in top shape; to help us in our fundraising efforts and give our green thumb a hand with the restoration of Elizabeth White's garden.

Or show us your art! We need sketch artists and other creative souls to help us with publicity material preparation!

Are you generally a handy person to have around? We could use gifted labor from carpenters, plumbers, electricians and other artisans.

In fact, you name the task, we could use your help to accomplish it! Contact the Trust office to get a sign up sheet.

Join Us!

Become a member of the Whitesbog Preservation Trust, and you will enjoy special members benefits, while helping Whitesbog on its way to restoration.

INDIVIDUAL -\$20

You will receive the Trust newsletter and advance mailings of all our events. You are also welcome at the Moonlight walks for no charge.

FAMILY -\$30

You will receive all the above benefits for your immediate family members.

FRIEND -\$50

Includes all the benefits above, and more! Choose one free event from our calendar (excluding the Whitesbog Blueberry Festival).

PATRON -\$100

We welcome patrons by giving them all the above benefits plus free entrance to the Whitesbog Blueberry Festival.

SPONSOR -\$500

Includes all the above, a free guide book to the village of Whitesbog, and your name added to our honor roll.



Whitesbog cranberry harvest



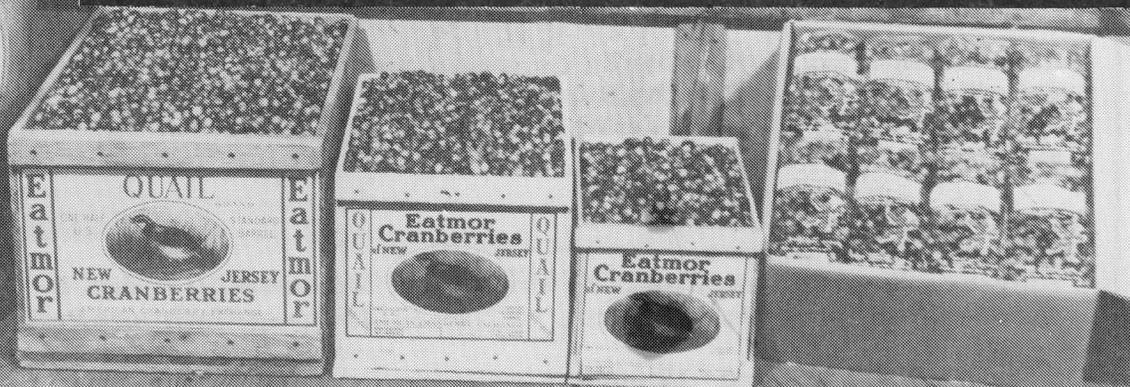
DID YOU KNOW??

The offices of the Pinelands Commission in New Lisbon, NJ (6 miles east of Whitesbog) originally belonged to the the Fenwick-White family, owners and developers of Whitesbog.

The New Jersey Historic Trust awarded a \$422,000 matching grant for stabilization and restoration of several of the buildings at Whitesbog. The grant will be matched from the Green Acres Bond Issue.

The older cranberry bogs in production around Whitesbog produce about 50 barrels per acre. However, using modern varieties and techniques, production on the new bogs has increased to 200 barrels per acre.

James Fenwick, who established the first cranberry farm at Whitesbog in 1857, had originally experimented with cranberry cultivation near his New Lisbon home in a swamp known as "Skunks Misery"!



Labeling and packing systems used for Whitesbog cranberries.

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