



# THE BERRY BEST OF WHITESBOG

NEWSLETTER OF THE WHITESBOG PRESERVATION TRUST

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Although I have only had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Trustees for a short few years, I have long known of the special magic of Whitesbog. My first pinelands explorations were as a soldier at Fort Dix. Coming from North Jersey, I knew very little about the Pine Barrens in 1971, but my accidental discovery of Whitesbog, this quaint company village, seemingly frozen in time a century ago, yet thoroughly modern in its dedication to Pinelands environmental education, led me on the path to my career as a park naturalist in Camden County.

Later, I again became intimately aware of the magic of Whitesbog when my family and I had the opportunity to live in the village, while my wife was employed as an educator first at CESC, then at the PINES program. It was during that time that I truly became aware of the

rich history of the village, the culture and folklife that evolved here, and its nationally significant role in both the history of blueberry and cranberry agriculture, and the history of environmental education.

Now, as Trust president, I am just beginning to realize the depth of the challenges that we must meet in order to preserve that special magic that I first felt here 30 years ago. We have a national treasure here in our own backyard, and I feel that it is our most important job to protect it as well as we can and to promote its inestimable value to the rest of the county, state and region.

To paraphrase a current commercial:

Repairing a heater: \$500 dollars;

Restoring a building: \$5000 dollars;

Preserving the Whitesbog Historic District: priceless!"

President- Board of Trustees, Dave Orleans

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A special thanks goes out to the New Jersey State Questers for their generous grant of \$5,700 that paid for the restoration of the general store. We now have one more reason for people to visit the village on weekends as well as an ongoing fundraiser. We are also fortunate to have a number of volunteers to open the store for weekend visitors. These folks have taken the docent training classes and have been giving tours of the village to those visitors that drop in.



The ribbon is cut for the opening of the General Store by Dave Orleans of Whitesbog and Nancy Sanson of Questers as members of both groups look on.

The success of the general store has also given a push to the Trust to open up the Warehouse for a museum. The September workday completed the cleanup and started the setup of the Agriculture Machinery Museum in the Warehouse. A heartfelt "Thanks" to you all.

# WHITESBOG PRESERVATION TRUST

Calendar of Events September '02 - June '03

## September

21<sup>st</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

28<sup>th</sup> \*\*Sunset Hayride and Campfire Story Time

6-7:30pm hayride, 7:30 campfire with songs, stories of the Pines with your host, Dave Orleans, Bring your own hot dogs if you'd like, we'll supply the marshmallows and cider. \*\* \$10 per person.

## October

5<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

6<sup>th</sup> First Annual "BOG TROTTER" 10K Run 9:00a.m.

Pre-registration \$16.00, \$20 after Sept. 25th

6<sup>th</sup> Pinelands Month Celebration 10 to 4 Celebrate the culture, history, music and unique ecology of the New Jersey Pinelands. Sponsored by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, and hosted at Whitesbog Village, the day will feature cranberry harvest and other tours, food, music, exhibits and much more. Wild bird release by Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

19,20,26,27<sup>th</sup> \*Cranberry Harvest Tours 11:00, \$5 per person, under 12 free. Slide presentation about the cranberry industry and its history at Whitesbog followed by a guided tour of a working bog.

19<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

26<sup>th</sup> \*\*Sunset Hayride and Campfire Story Time

starts 5 p.m. (see 9/28)

## November

2<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Flea Market 9 to 2

16<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

## December

6<sup>th</sup> Invitation Only Holiday Party 6pm

## January 2003

18<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

## February

1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

8<sup>th</sup> \*Tundra Swan Tour

15<sup>th</sup> \*Tundra Swan Tour

15<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

## March

1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

15<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

## April

5<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

19<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOARD MEETING 10:00 am (Sunday)

## May

3<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

17<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

## June

7<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Work Day 10 to 3

14<sup>th</sup> \*Moonlite walk 7 pm

21<sup>st</sup> Second Annual "SUMMER SOLSTICE" 10K

**RUN:** Celebrate the beginning of summer and the NJ Blueberry season with a 10-K trail run and one-mile fun run through the beautiful blueberry fields,cranberry bogs and forests. Race Starts 9:00 AM Check in starts 7:45 AM

28<sup>th</sup> "20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WHITESBOG BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL" Join us as we celebrate the cultivation of the Blueberry at Whitesbog in 1917. Tours, children's activities, exhibitors, crafters, artists, music, food, antique engines, blueberries, baked goods and much more. Parking is \$6 per carload. Come early, space is limited.

\* Starred events are \$5 per person. \*\* Double starred events are \$10 a person. Both require reservations

All events meet at the Whitesbog General Store.

Historic Whitesbog is located at mile marker 13 on Route 530, southeast of Browns Mills in Pemberton Township, NJ.

Proceeds from all events benefit the continued restoration of Whitesbog Village.

## BUILDINGS COMMITTEE UPDATE

by John Joyce, Building Committee Chairperson  
Since October of 2001, building activity at Whitesbog has focused on securing the architectural and engineering (A&E) plans that are legally required for major renovations to our buildings. The Trust has spent over \$9,000 in professional fees to steer plans through the various state agencies that review work on historic buildings. Most of the money has gone toward the renovation of the Old General Store to convert it back into a two-unit dwelling. Funds for A&E work were also spent on the Boarding House and the Machine Shop. Some of the more significant building improvement projects completed in the last six months include a new septic system for the Boarding House and a new furnace for the Two-Story Cottage. At Sunnigive, six storm windows were replaced and seven trees that were too close to the structure were removed to protect the building and bring the historic garden one step closer to its 1930's appearance. Smaller projects such as a new cellar door on the Entomologist's House and new kitchen fixtures in the Old General Store were also completed. The building sub lease account transferred almost \$5,000 to the general fund since October as part of our long-standing policy of partially supporting the operating fund with rental income.

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## Whitesbog News Bits

The General Store renovation is complete. The New Jersey State Questers, an organization dedicated to Historic Preservation funded the new shelving with a generous donation after holding their Annual Statewide Meeting at Whitesbog and touring the Village with guide and historian, Nora Hayes. They enjoyed Whitesbog so much, they made us their project for the year, donating \$5,700 to fund the General Store renovations.

The store is open Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm so visitors can come in and purchase items or receive information about Whitesbog. Volunteers attended a training course to enable them to staff the store and give Village tours or information. Volunteers have also built, stained, urethaned, and completed the shelving. Where would Whitesbog be without its volunteers? Tom Darlington has signed up to work every Sunday, how about you?

The "old" blueberry fields being restored are coming along wonderfully. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this effort, especially the Pinelands Antique Engine Club and the Whitesbog Garden Club. Soon we will be able to pick blueberries at the Blueberry Festival without risking life and limb walking down the busy entrance road during the fest.

Our sympathies go out to Nora Hayes on the passing of her husband Walter and our thanks for the lovely memorial donation in his name. Walter loved Whitesbog and Nora has many happy memories of their times spent here

Please note: we are changing our e-mail address to [whitesbog@hotmail.com](mailto:whitesbog@hotmail.com). We can reach so many more of our volunteers and members with e-mail and save lots of time and money in the process.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitesbog Blueberry Festival was a great success. Over 5,500 visitors attended and we had some new and different vendors and exhibitors. The weather cooperated and folks were happy to spend the day in such a beautiful environment. We ran out of blueberries (again!) even though we had doubled our order. Apparently, Whitesbog visitors have good taste and know how healthy blueberries are.

June 22 was the big, Summer Solstice 10K and Fun Run here at Whitesbog. Over 70 runners came out and had a wonderful time. October 6 is the Bog Trotter Run. Call or email us for an application.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help us get better each year. In 2001, our 251 volunteers gave over 3016 hours of their time! You are the wind in our sails. If you would like to volunteer for any program or project, or just in general, please call Sue Goldstein at the office. We can always use another pair of capable hands. Always!

Membership: To date we have 276 paid members compared to last year's total of 221 and 160 members the year before. Don't stop now! Add your name and be counted as a member for 2003. There are member benefits, but the best benefit is knowing that your money is being used to keep and make Whitesbog "healthy".

Pinelands Month Celebration is here at Whitesbog on Sunday, October 6. Sponsored by the Pinelands Preservation Alliance and hosted by the Trust, this day is fast becoming a not to be missed event. The day will feature exhibits from Pinelands related organizations, tours, activities, music and more. Bring your family, bring your friends, enjoy the culture, history and ecology of the Pines in beautiful downtown Whitesbog.

### Membership 2002 (Partial listing)

#### Partner

Gibbs, Fred  
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Richter, Edward and Elizabeth  
Robbins, Janet and Everett  
Sadowski, Henry and Lorraine  
Staehle, Dr. George  
Walnut, Nan  
Westergaard, Barbara

# Support the Restoration of Historic Whitesbog Village

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust is a non-profit, Tax-exempt Corporation established to restore, protect, and enhance the land, sites and buildings at Whitesbog. Your valuable membership contribution enables the Trust to continue the successful restoration, educational and interpretive programs.

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| \$1000 + | Partner                  |
| \$500    | Benefactor               |
| \$250    | Sponsor                  |
| \$100    | Patron                   |
| \$50     | Supporter (Family)       |
| \$25     | Contributor (Individual) |

*In addition:*

**Patron** receives:

Name recognition in Blueberry Festival Program and Newsletter  
Free parking at Blueberry Festival

**Sponsor** receives all of the above plus:

Blueberry Festival T-shirt

**Benefactor** receives all of the above plus:

A set of Whitesbog mugs

**Partner** receives all of the above plus:

Invitation to Breakfast with the Board of Trustees Chairperson

**Each membership includes:** membership card,  
one free field trip, bi-annual newsletter

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'd like to volunteer

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Whitesbog Preservation Trust, 120-13 Whitesbog Road, Browns Mills, New Jersey 08015

\*\*\*Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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