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## PHW's 41st Holiday House Tour

Please join us for our 41st Holiday House Tour this December 2 & 3 to visit sites that span the full timeline of Winchester's history. This year we will visit the home of a Revolutionary War doctor, the home of a famous wagon-maker who served in the War of 1812, two grand homes from the late 1890s, and a 1954 Colonial Revival-style home with a Fort Loudoun connection.

### 102 South Stewart Street Robert and Tina Marie Scully Site of the Preview Party Only

The brick Colonial Revival home on the corner of Stewart and Wolfe Streets was constructed circa 1898 for James Beverley, Sr. The Scully family subsequently owned the home from 1923 to 1966. The house follows the pattern of the "Classic Box" subset of revival architecture, featuring a hipped roof with paired pedimented dormers, large double-hung windows, a full-width one-story porch with fretwork balustrade panels between the paired columns, and a solid door surrounded by sidelights and a transom. Lingering Victorian influences can be seen in the corbelled chimneys and gentle brick arches over the windows and doors. Even older interior items were salvaged from homes demolished on Loudoun Street, including a mantel identical to one found in Thorn Hill Manor. In 1996, Robert and Tina Marie Scully purchased the home from the Winchester Medical Center and returned it to Scully family ownership.

The Scullys will open their home for the first time for this event, and only on Saturday, December 2 between 6-9 p.m. during the Preview Party.



## **21 South Washington Street Richard and Melanie Lewis Decorations by Debbie Langfitt**

This Richardsonian Romanesque–style home at 21 South Washington Street was built in 1896 of limestone from the Strasburg area. The Baker family, locally prominent businessmen, built many of the homes in this block of South Washington Street around the turn of the twentieth century. Col. Harry Hunt Baker,

mayor of Winchester from 1904-1912, constructed this castle-like building as his home. The interior features floors of long-leaf yellow pine and hand carved woodwork with lotus flower motifs. For many years, it was the home of Eloise Strader and Dorothy Overcash, two local teachers and historians. Richard and Melanie Lewis, the home’s third family of owners, have painstakingly restored the magnificent house to its former glory.



## **Dr. Cornelius Baldwin House 522 South Loudoun Street Patrick and Ann Rodgers Decorations by Jenny Baker**

Tradition states Dr. Cornelius Baldwin built this impressive timber-frame Federal-style home circa 1785. Dr. Baldwin was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War and the physician to Lord Fairfax. In addition to the illustrious career of Dr. Baldwin, many of his children and grandchildren continued to make names for themselves in medicine and education.

Perhaps best remembered today is granddaughter Mary Julia Baldwin, the founder of Mary Baldwin College. The Baldwin home was subsequently used as a tavern and eventually much altered, obscuring its historic charm. In 1977 it was restored to a single family residence by Tom and Katie Rockwood. The elaborate interior woodwork, corner fireplaces, and many of the original six-paneled doors have remained intact for more than 200 years.

## **125 East Clifford Street Tom and Deanna Stouffer**

This vernacular home with Italianate influences may date back to the 1830s. It was part of the estate of Philip Sherer, a veteran of the War of 1812. Sherer’s obituary in January of 1876 lauded his fifty years of wagon-making in the era before railroads dominated commercial traffic, noting



“his work had almost a national reputation.” The house itself has an unusually low-pitched roof. It is believed the house was originally 1½ stories tall, but likely after Sherer’s death the roof was raised to a full 2 stories, the front clapboards replaced, the windows changed to 2/2 lights, and the brackets and pedimented window frames added.

Preservation of Historic Winchester purchased the house through the Jennings Revolving Fund as part of the Irene Hodgson estate in 1979. The current owners, Tom and Deanna Stouffer, purchased the home in 2011 and have steadily been improving the home, inside and out. As of press time, we plan for visitors to enter this home from the rear garden —look for directional signage during the tour.



## **420 North Loudoun Street Karen Thomason**

While the home is new, the built history on this site extends back to the construction of Fort Loudoun in 1756. The Colonial Revival-style home was built circa 1954 in the approximate area of Fort Loudoun’s northeast bastion. This symmetrical three-bay structure shows a conservatively decorative flourish of a smaller central

second-story window, affixed shutters, and a small porch with square posts and a simple arched gable end. Houses like this one have provided the first opportunity of home ownership to countless Americans and are now joining the ranks of historically significant buildings in Winchester’s Historic District.

Karen Thomason has created a botanical oasis inspired by her membership in the Front Royal Garden Club. The home is decorated in a French Country design, with 18th century antiques throughout. Her interior decorations will include two primitive Christmas trees, magnolia, variegated holly, Leyland cypress, white pine and handmade wreaths and bows. The outside of the home will be enlivened with white pine roping along the wrought iron fence, and the northeast bastion will be illuminated for viewing.

## **Guided Walking Tours**

### **Sunday, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m.**

Explore the history and architecture of the sites surrounding Washington and Stewart Streets as part of your Holiday House Tour experience. Meet your guide at the Winchester Little Theatre every half hour between 1-4 p.m. Walking tours are included with the purchase of a Holiday House Tour ticket.

## **Bough & Dough Shop**

### **Winchester Little Theatre, 315 West Boscawen Street**

### **Open Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Be sure to stop in the Winchester Little Theatre for some holiday shopping on Saturday and Sunday. The Shop will have fresh baked goods, unique handmade items, and freshly-cut greenery for your holiday decorating. You can also purchase Holiday House Tour tickets and Winchester Little Theatre tickets! ♦



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Hexagon House ♦ 530 Amherst St. ♦ Winchester, VA 22601

## NEWS

Holiday House Tour 2017

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Now-Dec. 1: Donate used shopping bags for the Bough and Dough Shop to PHW.**

**Nov. 29-Dec.1: Greenery for the Bough & Dough Shop**

Do you have trees or bushes that need a trim this fall? PHW volunteers will help you trim for the Shop or take your cuttings around Nov. 29-Dec.1. Please let us know what greenery you have and if you need help cutting or directions on where to bring the trimmings at [phwinc.org@gmail.com](mailto:phwinc.org@gmail.com) or 540-667-3577.

**Desired greenery includes:**

Magnolia, holly (especially with berries), nandina (especially with berries or bright red foliage), juniper (especially with berries), and anything with red or white berries.

**December 2 and 3:** The Holiday House Tour and Bough & Dough Shop return for the 41st year! A ticket order form is inside!

### ARE YOU A PHW MEMBER?



Preservation of Historic Winchester, Inc., is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Winchester's architectural heritage. PHW depends on income from membership and contributions to achieve its goals.

*All contributions above membership are tax deductible.*

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: **Holiday House Tour Ticket Order and Reservation Form** :  
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: **Two-Day Tickets** (Includes Preview Party at 102 South Stewart Street on Sat-  
: **urday evening, guided walking tour of Washington and Stewart Streets on**  
: **Sunday afternoon, and your choice of Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon**  
: **tours of all other sites)**

: **Adult** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40  
: **Child (12 and under)** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6

: **Sunday-Only Tickets** (Includes admission to Daylight Tour of four sites and a  
: **guided walking tour of Washington and Stewart Streets on Sunday afternoon)**

: **Adult** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15  
: **Child (12 and under)** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6

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# Custom Wreaths & Swags



**P**reorder your wreaths, garlands, and arrangements in fresh or artificial greenery to match your decorating vision from Nate Windle at the Bough & Dough Shop.

Contact Nate at **540-247-7783** or **natewindle@juno.com** to discuss your needs, ribbon choices and greenery preferences. **Preorders must be placed before Wednesday, November 22 to guarantee fulfillment.**



*Pickup is at the Bough & Dough Shop, 315 West Boscawen Street, Sunday, December 3, 1-4 p.m.*

