

The Washington Heritage Museums

Mary Washington House pre-1772 1200 Charles Street

Mary Ball Washington spent the last seventeen years of her life in this comfortable home, bought for her by her son, George Washington.

Rising Sun Tavern c. 1760 1304 Caroline Street

Built by Charles Washington around 1760 as his home, this building was later operated as a tavern in the bustling port town of Fredericksburg.

Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop c. 1772 1020 Caroline Street

An 18th century building restored as the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop provides a vivid living history interpretation of colonial medical practices.

St. James' House c. 1772 1300 Charles Street

This small, gambrel-roofed house is a fine example of an 18th century gentleman's house. It contains a collection of period furnishings including silver, glass, and porcelain.

Museum Shop

The Mary Washington House Museum Shop features a lovely collection of gifts that reflect themes relating to the house or the period. The inventory includes gardening items, handcrafted soaps and candles, beautiful scarves, and lovely transferware.

Need a hostess gift? We have an assortment of gifts sure to please! Whether your hostess enjoys savory salad dressings, jellies, relishes or Virginia peanuts, we have you covered!

For the reading enthusiast, we carry a wonderful selection of local and regional books for historians and gardeners of all ages.

Young children will be delighted with Williamsburg dolls and stuffed animals, along with other educational items to engage the growing mind.

The Mary Washington House Museum Shop is open February through December. The Shop has recently relocated to the rear of the Mary Washington House. Please enter through the front door of the house. There is no charge to visit the Shop.

All proceeds from the Museum Shop help with restoration projects for our Washington Heritage Museums' sites.

*Please call ahead for hours:
540-373-1569*

Volunteer Opportunities at Washington Heritage Museums

The mission of the Washington Heritage Museums (WHM) is to preserve, promote and maintain its four 18th century properties in Fredericksburg, VA and develop dynamic educational



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Thank you for your interest!

Washington Heritage Museums is an active preservation organization of several hundred members. Our volunteers make it possible for us to use funding where it is most needed. Keeping personnel costs low allows us to focus on the preservation of our four 18th century museums and their collections.

Washington Heritage Museums appreciates our volunteers, whether they help weekly, monthly, on an as needed basis, and everything in between!

Volunteer Opportunities

Please feel free to use this list as a guide. However, if you have a skill, we likely have a need! Let us know if you have an additional talent you'd like to share with WHM.

St. James' House

Tour guides are needed twice a year for St. James' House. The house is open from 1-4 pm in April for Garden Week and during the first week of October. Volunteers are needed for various shifts during the week, and occasionally for tour groups.

Collections

Review collections and concerns about placement, accessioning and de-accessioning, and repairs. The committee meets as needed.

Mary Washington House Garden

Volunteers tend to the garden on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Great fellowship!

Volunteer Opportunities, cont.

History Camp

This camp for children 8-12 is held in partnership with Ferry Farm and Kenmore. It is held in late June from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to serve as camper coordinators and as needed.

Hospitality / Special Events

Volunteers are needed to help organize and staff educational programs, special events and celebrations throughout the year.

Membership

Help is always needed in recruiting and retaining members. If you enjoy speaking to fellow members, this is the opportunity for you!

Gift Shop

Greet and help visitors with their purchases from a few hours a week to a few hours a month. Flexible scheduling based on your availability.

Programs

Help select the six public programs for our calendar year including speakers and presentations. This committee meets once a year.

Office

Help with general office duties. The schedule is very flexible, from just a few hours to recurring needs. Areas of current need include: **Social media, media listings, newsletter articles, grant research and preparation, organizing photo files, photography, graphic design, and research.**

For more information about becoming involved with Washington Heritage Museums through volunteering, please let us know more about you:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Area(s) of Interest:

- St. James' House
- Furnishings
- Garden
- History Camp
- Hospitality & Events
- Membership
- Gift Shop
- Programs

Office _____

Other _____

I'm available:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once a year
- Occasionally



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