



RAISE A GLASS TO 250 YEARS *Honoring America's Legacy*

THANK YOU for your SUPPORT

Washington Heritage Museums is delighted to announce the eleventh annual Bourbon and Boxwood. We are proud to honor Virginia and America's historic 250th anniversaries throughout the year and we hope you will join us for this grand event.

Saturday, October 3, 2026

6pm to 9pm

Mary Washington House

Fredericksburg, VA

Our mission

is to preserve our historic properties in Fredericksburg, Virginia and to interpret them through inclusive narratives that inspire an engaging and enduring understanding of the Washington family.

Bourbon and Boxwood, the name, hearkens to George Washington's success as a distiller and Mary Washington's love of boxwood gardens.

Bourbon and Boxwood, the event, is a beautiful garden party with lots of community advocates from near and far, live music, plentiful food, drinks, and silent auction. Most importantly this event is an outstanding way to financially support all five of WHM's historic properties and their beneficial educational programs.

Washington Heritage Museums is truly grateful for all donors and sponsors. Individual generosity and corporate partnerships are *critical to the success* of WHM, the preservation of these historic building museums, educational programs, and continuing research into the lives that built this great nation. WHM does not receive ongoing city, state or federal funding. WHM is funded by donations, sponsorships, grants, memberships and museum admissions.

Choose to show your support for this community and these museums through your Bourbon and Boxwood sponsorship.

WHM became stewards of the Mary Washington Monument, Meditation Rock and the Caretaker's Lodge in 2023.





Mary Ball Washington was an extraordinary woman whose influence extended far beyond being George Washington's mother. A trailblazer, she was an independent thinker, orphan, entrepreneur, widow, and single mother who faced life's challenges with resilience. Her strength shaped her son and the Washington legacy, inspiring generations. Her story remains timeless, reminding us that courage and perseverance never fade. By growing the stories of the Washington family, we honor their enduring impact.



Mary Washington Monument was dedicated on May 10, 1894, more than 100 years after Congress declared that a monument be raised in Mary Ball Washington's honor as *America's First Mother*. The site includes a favorite spot of Mary's, Meditation Rock and The Caretaker's Lodge, built in 1895.



Mary Washington House, purchased by George Washington in 1772 for his mother, served as her residence for the last 17 years of her life until her passing from breast cancer in 1789.

Rising Sun Tavern structure was built for Mary's youngest son, Charles Washington around 1760 as his home. The house became a tavern for weary travelers in 1792 when it was purchased by the Wallace family.

Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop portrays the medical practice of Dr. Mercer, who served the citizens of Fredericksburg, including Mary Washington, with medicines and treatments of the time. The building was built in 1772.



St. James' House was built in 1768 as the home of attorney James Mercer, who drew up the will for Mary Washington. The house was built on land once owned by Fielding Lewis, brother-in-law of George Washington.

...my revered

MOTHER

by whose

maternal hand

I was led to manhood.

G. Washington



From top: Pedestal and sundial at the Mary Washington House; Plaque at the Rising Sun Tavern; Signage at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop; Door knocker at St. James' House.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING

*\$10,000 or more
(limited to 1)*

- Eight tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event at 6pm with a reserved table
 - Eight tickets to private pre-event cocktails in the Mary Washington Garden at 5:15pm. Early entry to event
 - Formal introduction and one minute to speak to group at the pre-party
 - Two large banners at the event seen by 400 attendees
 - Prominent name and logo placement on all event documentation and the website
 - Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
 - *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*
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GARDEN BAR LEWIS STREET BAR CHARLES STREET BAR

*\$7,000 to \$9,999
(limited to 1 per bar)*

- Six tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event at 6pm with a reserved table
 - Six tickets to private pre-event cocktails in the Mary Washington Garden at 5:15pm. Early entry to event
 - Recognition at the pre-party
 - Large name and logo banner above your bar seen by 400 attendees
 - Name and logo placement on all event documentation and the website
 - Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
 - *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*
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ENTERTAINMENT

*\$6,000 to \$6,999
(limited to 1)*

- Six tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event at 6pm with a reserved table
 - Six tickets to private pre-party cocktails in the Mary Washington Garden at 5:15pm. Early entry to event
 - Recognition at the pre-party
 - Large name and logo banner on the railing of the stage seen by 400 attendees
 - Name and logo placement on all event documentation and the website
 - Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
 - *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*
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GOLD

\$5,000 to \$5,999

- Four tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event at 6pm
 - Four tickets to private pre-party cocktails in the Mary Washington Garden at 5:15pm. Early entry to event
 - Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
 - Event Signage on Friendship Wall and on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
 - *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*
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PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER

\$2,500 to \$4,999

- Four tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event
- Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
- Event Signage on Friendship Wall and on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*

1890 CLUB

\$1,890 to \$2,499

- Four tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event
- Media blasts and digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo reaching over 4000 individuals
- Event Signage on Friendship Wall and on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*

The Mary Washington House was saved from almost certain loss in 1890 when it was sold, dismantled, and moved to Chicago for display in the Columbian Exposition. Local preservationists banded together to save the house and secure its future. Celebrate their tenacity and drive by becoming a member of the 1890 club.

BRASS

\$1,000 to \$1,889

- Two tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event
- Digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo
- Event Signage on Friendship Wall and on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*

PEWTER

\$500 to \$999

- Two tickets to the Bourbon and Boxwood event
- Digital signage at other WHM events with your name/logo
- Event Signage on Friendship Wall and on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*

STAR-SPANGLED

\$250

- One ticket to the Bourbon and Boxwood event
- Your name listed on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation receipt.*

SILENT AUCTION DONOR

- Business or individual name & item listing on Bourbon and Boxwood Silent Auction App
- Your name listed on the Bourbon and Boxwood website
- Shared event signage with other Silent Auction In-Kind donors visible to 400 attendees
- *Includes a tax-deductible donation letter (as allowable by law) describing your contribution.*



Your brand exposure:
-400 event attendees
-Over 4000 individuals monthly
across all channels

COMMITMENT FORM

- ☐ YES, I want to support the Washington Heritage Museums by becoming a sponsor of the 2026 Bourbon & Boxwood event honoring Virginia's 250th. Please commit to your support by August 7, 2026 for maximum benefits.

Sponsor name exactly as it is to be published: _____

Unless otherwise specified, individual donors will be listed with first and last name(s) along with the donation amount. If you prefer, _____ do not post my name with my donation amount; _____ post my name, but not the donation amount.

Businesses: email hi-res logo (.png) to: office@WashingtonHeritageMuseums.org

PARTNERSHIP LEVEL SELECTED (Details listed on other pages)

- ☐ Presenting - \$10,000
☐ Garden Bar, Lewis Street Bar, Charles Street Bar - \$7,000
☐ Entertainment - \$6,000
☐ Gold - \$5,000
☐ Silver - \$2,500
☐ 1890 Club - \$1,890
☐ Brass - \$1,000
☐ Pewter - \$500
☐ Star-Spangled - \$250
☐ Silent Auction Donation (value of your auction donation: _____)

Description: _____

Website: _____

- ☐ I am unable to sponsor this year, but wish to donate: _____

NAME(s): _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL(s): _____

PHONE(s): _____

____ Check made payable to *Washington Heritage Museums* is enclosed.

____ Please email an invoice. All invoices are due by August 28, 2026.

____ Excited to sponsor, but unable to use the tickets. WHM may use tickets as desired.

____ Paid online at <https://bit.ly/Bourbon-and-Boxwood-2026> or used the QR Code.
Please consider covering the credit card transaction fees to provide the greatest benefit to WHM.

Enter your commitment online via the QR Code or you may mail, email or fax your commitment form to:

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