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Established in 1610, this idyllic waterfront community is graced with miles of shorelines and stunning coastal vistas. Each of the featured waterfront homes offer charming approaches to gracious seaside living. In addition, tour tickets include entrance to the newly restored 1920 Hampton Carousel, nestled along the city's vibrant downtown waterfront and listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center
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TICKETS

- ♦ \$45 pp online and in advance at VAGardenWeek.org or scan the QR code
- ♦ \$55 pp day of tickets available at VAGardenWeek.org and Tour Headquarters or scan the QR code



FACILITIES

- ♦ Available at Tour Headquarters

PARKING

- ♦ Behind and beside Tour Headquarters
- ♦ Also available at or near featured properties

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Plein Air Artists will be sketching at homes on the tour, weather permitting
- ♦ Botanical exhibition by local artists on display at Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center
- ♦ Presentations at Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center on day of tour:
10:30 Hampton Master Gardener "Small(ish) Trees for Urban Gardens"
11:30 GCV Member will conduct a Flower Arranging Demonstration
12:30 Hampton Master Gardener & Rosarian "All About Roses"

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4020 Chesapeake Avenue



Nestled in the middle of Merrimac Shores, this home where “Kentucky meets the beach” offers sweeping views of Hampton Roads. Built in 1954, the current owners have evoked a French manor-house style by white-washing the original red brick facade. Inside the owners’ personal style comes alive blending Southern comfort with coastal charm. The entryways are adorned with vintage long rifles in homage to their Kentucky roots, while unique artwork, personal photographs and antique furnishings are located throughout. The owners recently remodeled the kitchen, opening it to water views and lightening the space with an all-white palate. The bright and airy sunroom with cathedral ceiling offers the perfect space to relax and enjoy the serene surroundings. Outside a large Magnolia tree provides shade for the expansive deck and pergola, creating an outdoor retreat. During low tide, visitors can stroll along the beachfront, watch dolphins play in the water, and pelicans fish for dinner.

—Lolly and Bill Martin, owners

4000 Chesapeake Avenue



Majestic live oaks enhance the entrance of this c.1953 home. The property offers breathtaking 180-degree water views. Renovations and additions have preserved its French style, complete with Mansard roof. Outdoor decking and gazebo provide the perfect vantage point to view activity on the busy waterway. The elegant dining room décor provides the lovely backdrop for formal dinner parties. The renovated kitchen features swaths of dramatic granite that emulate the movement of the water viewed beyond. Crystal collections from Europe complement the china patterns collected by the owner. Running the full length of the house, the sunroom offers a more relaxed entertainment venue and great views of ospreys and egrets fishing off the seawall. A larger-than-life papier mâché ostrich injects a whimsical touch. Throughout the house, you’ll find an eclectic collection of clocks, furniture, and artwork gathered from around the globe, reflecting a rich tapestry of international charm and personal history.

—Gail Bryson, owner

3802 Chesapeake Avenue



The working waterway known as “Hampton Roads” forms the scenic backdrop for this home. Built in the mid 1960s, the current owners extensively remodeled the house, intentionally opening the floor plan to exploit the water views and create flow for entertaining. The exterior porches were reworked front and rear, and a “Harbor Room” opens to a covered veranda. Interiors are casual with French and Asian accents, with the exception of the formal dining room which is furnished with antiques from the owner’s grandparents. Split 18th century black-lacquer Coromandel screens with ivory inserts grace the corners, and a French crystal chandelier provides lighting with matching wall sconces above an antique hunt board. The artwork varies from a Qing dynasty oriental silk scroll painting to work by contemporary French and American artists. Several years ago the owners turned their attention to the landscape, redesigning beds and turf areas. The pool surround was recently resurfaced with Italian travertine tiles. A William Turner sculpture of diving pelicans emulates live pelicans diving off the dock.

—Betsy and Dan Clark, owners

73 Columbia Avenue



“Sally,” a life-size horse sculpture, welcomes visitors to this bright blue river house, which began as a small cottage in 1961 on the original Darling Estate at the edge of the Hampton River. Several owners modified and built additions, so today this sprawling rancher with detached garage and studio occupies two acres along Sunset Creek. The verdant setting includes abundant perennials, Linden trees and a Pecan tree planted prior to 1900. A gazebo serves as a concert venue for this musical family. The current owners added an outdoor kitchen, bar, wood-fired pizza oven and fireplace to the pool area where the large family gathers to “play” along the creek. The homes interior is infused with the homeowner’s artistic skills and the family’s nautical interests. Original artwork graces the walls throughout the sizable main suite and living room while the dining room features painted murals commissioned by a previous owner. The detached building adjacent to the home functions as an art studio, office, and guest quarters.

—Karen and Rick Spaulding, owners

110 Linden Avenue



This historic residence blends the past and present, offering a stylish retreat that continues to honor its heritage while embracing modern comfort. The American Four-Square home built in 1919 was restored and enhanced by the current owners who purchased it in 2020. The home’s decor combines Asian, postmodern, contemporary and French influences with decorative pieces, furniture and fine china. The newly renovated kitchen walls are adorned with watercolors by local artists, complemented by a Japanese kimono from WWII. The transformation of the enclosed front porch, features a striking lead glass window and a detailed marble floor designed and installed by the owners. The architectural updates include adding a two-level rear deck, accessible from the remodeled family room through French doors. A Charleston side porch, added in 2023, expands the home’s outdoor entertaining options. The rear deck overlooks Salters Creek and a landscaped English garden. A marble statue of Aphrodite stands amidst original white cedar columns, blooming trees, and azaleas.

—Barry Menser and Michael Hamar, owners

PLACES OF INTEREST

St. John’s Episcopal Church 100 W. Queens Way, Hampton

Founded in 1610 and the oldest, English-speaking parish in the United States, St. John’s is recognized as the parish in which Captain John Smith was baptized. The community continues to celebrate in the church built in 1728. Among the treasures of the church are a stained-glass window depicting the baptism of Pocahontas and the communion silver brought from London in 1619. Listed on both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours of the church interior and cemetery will be available from 10-4 on tour day.

The Hampton Carousel 602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

Built in 1920, the Hampton Carousel, also known as Philadelphia Toboggan Company Number 150 and the Buckroe Beach Carousel, is housed in its own pavilion in Downtown Hampton. It retains its original mirrors, oil paintings, band organ, painted horses and chariots. One of 170 antique carousels in the USA, it is a rare example of American folk art, carved from hardwood and painted by German, Italian, and Russian immigrants. Garden Tour ticket holders enjoy free entrance and rides on April 30.



Virginia Air & Space Science Center 600 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

The official visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center features aviation exhibits spanning 100 years of flight, including more than 30 aircraft.

Hampton History Museum 120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton

Hampton is the oldest continuous English-speaking settlement in America and artifacts drawn from the city’s extensive collection highlight the diverse contributions of the early villages through the emergence of the modern city as a center of air and space research. HamptonHistoryMuseum.org

Lee Hall 163 Yorktown Road, Newport News

Built by affluent planter Richard D. Lee and now a historic house museum, this 1859 Italianate brick home features period furnishings and decor and a Civil War exhibit. Funding from Historic Garden Week tours provided restoration of the grounds. Open on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, in support of Historic Garden Week. Tour visitors receive \$1-off regular admission price.



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