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HVI Fall Membership Meeting

“History and Treasures – Vienna’s Little Library Celebrates 120 Years”

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on *Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30PM in the Town Council Chamber of Vienna’s Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South.* There will be a brief business meeting, during which we will present the 2017 Volunteer Award, and renew board member terms.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is planning the Fall Membership meeting with a focus on Vienna’s Original Library, now fondly referred to as the Little Library. The program, *“History and Treasures – Vienna’s Little Library Celebrates 120 Years”*, features presentations by Maud Robinson and Dr. Robert Amsler.

Maud Robinson was instrumental in ensuring that the Little Library was preserved. In her presentation, she will describe the history of the building, the community involvement in the establishment of Vienna’s Original Library, and its preservation as a museum today.

Dr. Robert Amsler will talk about his research project documenting the books in the Little Library collection. He has compiled a list of the books in a spreadsheet for inventory and preservation purposes. He will present his findings on the categories and types of books in the collection, including what the collection tells us about our community.

The HVI Membership meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

HVI Fall Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, October 24
7:30 PM**

**Council Chamber
Vienna Town Hall
127 Center St. South**

*“History and Treasures –
Vienna’s Little Library
Celebrates 120 Years”*

**Speakers:
Maud Robinson
Dr. Robert Amsler**

*Upstairs Museum Exhibit
“Vienna’s History Through Time”*

*Hallway Museum Exhibit
“The Women’s Rights Movement in
1917”*

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**Big Birthday
Bash!**

Special Events

Vienna's Little Library Celebrates 120 Years!

Saturday October 14, 2017, 1:00 to 4:00PM

Come and celebrate the Little Library's 120th Anniversary. From 1897 to the 1960's, this one room building was the public library for the Town of Vienna. Do you know how many books are on the shelves? Actually Historic Vienna, Inc. was not sure how many books were on the shelves until recently when our researcher compiled the books titles in a spreadsheet. Now we know and we are asking you to guess how many and win a prize. Submit your guess at the Little Library or the Freeman Store.

At 1:30PM there will be a presentation honoring the Little Library and announcing the winner of the book count contest, followed by homemade ice cream and cake. And at 3:30PM judging of the best decorated bikes will begin.

There will be lots of fun activities for all ages. Inside the library, you will be able to visit with former patrons who will share their memories of their visits to the Little Library. Other activities include:

- Stories and Songs
- Old Fashioned Games and Races
- Photo-Op Corner

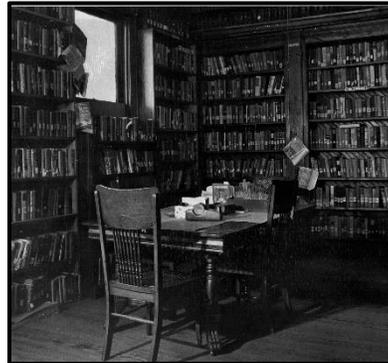
....And listen to Virginia folk and bluegrass music by Hickory Grove throughout the afternoon!

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30PM
Mayor @ Your Service
Town Hall, Council Chambers

The presentation will be on the history of the Vienna Inn.

Co-sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc.

Birthday Bash...Contests!



**Guess how many books there are
in the Little Library**

Winner announced at 1:30



**Anything goes! for the
3rd Annual Bike
Decorating Contest**

Winner announced at 3:30

More information on the contests is available in the Freeman Store.

Historic Vienna, Inc. Recognizes Fairfax County's 275th

At the August 18 Chillin on Church, Abram and Susan Lydecker presented Vienna's Mayor, Laurie DiRocco, with a basket of items telling the history of Vienna. These items will be reviewed by Abram Lydecker at the 3:30 Little Library event presentation.

Oktoberfest, October 7 – Fun for the Whole Family

The Freeman Store and Little Library will be open from 11:00AM until 7:00PM for Vienna's 10th Annual Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by the Vienna Business Association, on Church Street, Saturday, October 7. Enjoy beer and wine, great food, live music and lots of children's activities and games. More information can be found on the official Oktoberfest website: www.viennaoktoberfest.org.

Walk With Us in the Halloween Parade

For the 71st Annual Halloween Parade, "The Great Outdoors!" Historic Vienna, Inc. is celebrating the 120th anniversary of Vienna's Little Library. It was built in 1897 on Library Lane and moved to its present location on Mill Street in 1970. Today it contains many of its original books, card files, and historic records. The Little Library is open periodically for everyone to visit. Please contact Mike Berger, 703 861 0726 or sberger@erols.com, if you would like to march with us in the parade. The parade will take place on Wednesday, October 25, at 7PM, or the next day in case of severe weather. Costumes are welcome but not necessary to march as part of our group.

The Consummate Citizen-Soldier *Charles Russell Lowell, Jr.*

Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Presented by local historian Jim Lewis

At the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E



Join noted local historian Jim Lewis for a fascinating presentation on Charles Russell Lowell, Jr. Born into a privileged family, he took a different path. Hear how he developed into one of the Union cavalry's finest battlefield commanders, while courting and eventually marrying Josephine Shaw, who was destined to become one of New York City's most prominent citizens. Both were uniquely connected to Vienna, VA.

Co-sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. and Patrick Henry Library

Tea & Parlor Talks

If your group of 10 to 18 would like to have tea in the Freeman Store and Museum, please contact **Patti Bentley or Susan Fay at the store 703-938-5187** to arrange a date. Historical speakers can be included in the tea if desired.

British Holiday Tea & Parlor Talk – Friday, December 1, 3PM and Saturday, December 2, 3PM

Enjoy learning about English and Scottish Holiday Traditions while you enjoy some of the treats described. After the short presentation there will be plenty of time for relaxing and visiting with your friends in the beautiful parlor and dining room of the Freeman Store and Museum. The traditional English Holiday tea will include scones, sausage rolls, sandwiches, assorted sweets – including mince pies, and a bottomless cup of tea. The tea costs \$35; space is very limited so make your reservation by contacting **Patti Bentley or Susan Fay at the store 703-938-5187**.

From the Museum Committee

The Little Library

A Community Working Together

The Little Library, which now sits on the Freeman Store grounds, is celebrating its 120th birthday. In 1897, Edward Pierce constructed the building, which originally sat on the corner of Library Lane and Maple Avenue. The Sept. 30, 1901, issue of the Alexandria Gazette heralded it as the first public library in Fairfax County.

The library's existence is defined by community engagement. For most of its history, books were donated and it was staffed by volunteers. The Vienna Current Events Club, an organization of Vienna women with an interest in the community, promoted and kept this library going.

In the coming years, the Little Library became an institution. An article in the D.C.-based Sunday Star on Nov. 14, 1909, reported that the library would be open Thanksgiving Day. "A considerable number of new books have been added to the already good-sized collection, (among them one hundred volumes from Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of Washington)," the article states, "Other new books and magazines will be added as rapidly as possible. The library and reading room, as before, will be open free to the public, regardless of Vienna boundaries."

Imagine Thanksgiving dinner in 1909. There would be no football, no Black Friday deals, no Internet. One's enjoyment would be had by going to the library to read and check out books. For Vienna, the Little Library has functioned like many libraries – as a source of community, entertainment and knowledge.

The Little Library continued to be Vienna's lending library until the 1960s, when the Fairfax County library opened. Then the one-room library building was physically moved along with all its contents in boxes from its location near the Vienna Elementary School to the Freeman Store grounds in 1970. The process of cleaning up, discarding moldy books, opening boxes and shelving books as per Vienna's unique cataloging system was done by Historic Vienna volunteers.

The library has been maintained as a museum by Historic Vienna, Inc. Because of the delicate condition of the books and the fading card catalogs, we no longer allow visitors to handle the books. We have a volunteer researcher who is counting the books and capturing data information such as inscriptions by donors. We have some very famous donors such as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Helen Hayes and Catherine Shouse along with our town residents.

On Oct. 14, 2017, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM, we invite those who remember checking out books when it was an actual lending library to come and tell their story during our celebration of the Town of Vienna's Little Library.

New Exhibit on World War I

Historic Vienna, Inc. is pleased to announce that the upstairs exhibit for 2018 at the Freeman Store and Museum will be a commemoration of World War I.

Uniforms, posters, equipment and other items of interest will be used to tell the story of the War and particularly the 73 men from the Vienna area who are known to have volunteered or were inducted into the service during the War.

Historic Vienna is particularly interested in hearing from anyone in Vienna who has photographs, uniforms, equipment or other historic items related to the World War I that they would be willing to loan or donate for the

exhibit. Please stop by the Freeman Store at any time to let us know what you have. A copy of the list of those from Vienna who served is available if you wish to check a family name.

Why is Vienna named Vienna?

*A roundtable conversation about Vienna's name on
Thursday November 2 at 7pm at
Vienna's Original Library*

Let's try to get to the bottom of the story. We all know that a Peter Hendrick came to this area about 1855 from Vienna, NY, which was itself being changed to Phelps, NY. When he wanted to change our name from Ayr Hill to Vienna, why did people listen to him? And is there any evidence he was a doctor? We have some of the answers but we don't have all; maybe we can start to get to the bottom of it. Come and discuss our history with HVI on Thursday November 2 at 7 pm at the Vienna's Original Library, aka The Little Library. Numbers are limited: contact Anne Stuntz at 703 994 9054 or stuntzag@aol.com for a reservation.

USED BOOK CELLAR

Freeman Store Celebrates

Used Book Cellar's First Birthday!

Thanks to all our shoppers and book donators, you have generously supported our HVI fundraiser throughout its first year. Stop by and visit the Freeman Store, Wednesday through Sunday, Noon to 4PM, and enjoy shopping in our Used Book Cellar.

October marks the Used Book Cellar's first birthday in the 158-year-old Freeman Store. Many buyers have enjoyed browsing our various book categories and return frequently. You won't be disappointed with the book offerings, which include non-fiction books covering local history and politics, fiction, a large selection of children's and young adult copies, and many other categories including travel, cooking, gardening, sports, self-help, classics, and religion books, as well as multi-media.

Donations are always welcome with the exception of magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, and romance novels. Bagged or boxed contributions may be left on the Freeman Store front porch or delivered inside during Store hours.

Used Book Cellar Volunteer Help Needed!

Contact the Store or stop by soon to offer to sort books, to manage the inventory, or to serve on the Used Book Sale committee. Sorters are always needed and will be notified. Special events such as Oktoberfest or the Church Street Stroll always appreciate and need volunteers. Also, we are seeking experienced Amazon and EBay book sellers to work with the team. All profits support our Historic Vienna, Inc. programs and events.

HVI Board News

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 24, 2017, to elect Board of Directors members whose 3-year terms expire at the end of 2017. The Nominating Committee has proposed that the current incumbents be re-elected. The Board Members up for re-election are: Anne Stuntz, Margaret Dellinger, and Suzy Traut. Raymond Viets is stepping down from the HVI Board at the end of this year, but we expect to see him as a frequent volunteer at our Special Events and helping in the Book Cellar. Historic Vienna, Inc. is grateful for his contributions and support.

Anne Stuntz has been a member of the HVI Board since 2003 and President since 2009. She has been an active volunteer for many years, working as a Storekeeper, Chairing the Book Sale for several years, serving on the Store and Museum

committees, planning and helping with Special Events. Anne also serves as Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission.

Margaret Dellinger has been a member of the HVI Board since 2014. She has been an active volunteer for many years, and is currently chairing the Little Library Committee and working on Special Events. She is also an active volunteer with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180.

Suzanne Traut has been a member of the HVI Board since 2015. Suzy, a frequent HVI volunteer, is currently a seasonal Park Ranger at Fort Monroe National Monument in Hampton, Virginia, where she gives tours of the fort and educates visitors about the 400 plus years of history on Old Point Comfort where the fort is located. She went to JMHS, graduated from William & Mary as a history major and lives just outside the Town of Vienna. She developed the exhibit on the Women's Rights Movement in 1917 and is already working on new exhibits.

Freeman Store News

New Items

The Store's been busy adding new merchandise to our collection of Virginia-themed gifts. Soy candles with the scents of Virginia, fine marble coasters, whimsical decorations, HOME signs and fun dishtowels. We have hand crafted glass wind chimes and colorful vases, both made in the USA. Our selection of treasure boxes includes over 30 new designs! Come in and browse the used book sale with everything from art and animals to gardening and government.

2017 Ornament – Sneak Peek



Here is a sneak peek at the 2017 Ornament hand made for us by Rachael Peden. The ornament honors the 75th Anniversary of Green Hedge School. It depicts Green Hedges Kilmer House where the Green Hedges School began. The ornament should arrive soon.

 **Remember:** HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store.

HVI Calendar of Events

All events take place at the Freeman Store unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, October 1, 1-4PM
 Saturday, October 7, 11AM-7PM
 Saturday, October 14, 10:30AM-12:30PM
 Saturday, October 14, 1-4PM
 Saturday, October 14, 1-5PM
 Tuesday, October 24, 7:30PM
 Wednesday, October 25, 7PM
 Thursday, October 26, 7:30PM
 Thursday November 2, 7PM
 Sunday, November 5, 1-4PM
 Tuesday November 14, 7:30PM
 Saturday, November 18, 1-5PM
 Monday, November 27, 6-9PM
 Friday, December 1, 3-5PM
 Saturday, December 2, 3-5PM
 Sunday, December 3, 12-2PM
 Sunday, December 3, 1-4PM
 Sunday, December 10, 12-2PM

Little Library open
 Oktoberfest on Church Street, Little Library and Freeman Store open
 Halloween on the Green; Cider & cookies at the Freeman Store (store open)
 Big Birthday Bash for the Little Library's 120th Anniversary
 Open house at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 HVI Fall Membership Meeting, Council Chamber, 127 Center St. South
 Vienna Halloween Parade, Maple Avenue
 The Consummate Citizen-Soldier, Patrick Henry Library
 Roundtable conversation on Vienna's name at Vienna's Original Library
 Little Library open
 Mayor @ Your Service, The Vienna Inn, Council Chamber, 127 Center St. South
 Open house at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 Church Street Stroll and Santa Claus Visit
 British Holiday Tea, tickets \$35
 British Holiday Tea, tickets \$35
 Santa visits the Freeman Store
 Little Library open
 Santa visits the Freeman Store

Please visit our website at www.historicviennainc.org for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

