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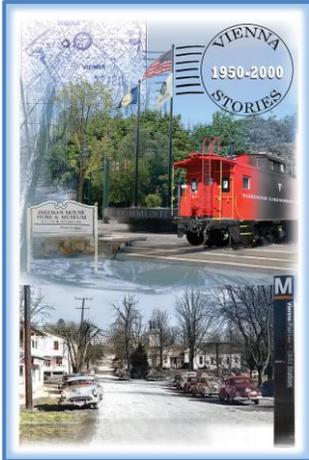
“Vienna Stories 1950-2000”

by Marie Kisner

Talk and Book Signing – June 20 at 7:30PM

at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE

Sold exclusively at the Freeman Store and Museum



Marie Kisner was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She received a B.A. in Communications from American University in Washington, D.C., and worked as a reporter for the Fairfax, Virginia, Globe Newspapers before beginning a **33-year career as Public Information Officer for the Town of Vienna from 1977 to 2010**. Following her retirement, she returned to San Antonio, where she wrote her book.

Vienna Stories 1950-2000 is an informal history of the Town in the second half of the 20th century. During that period, Vienna struggled to preserve its small-town identity and charm amidst the rapid growth and development in surrounding Fairfax County.

The primary sources of information for *Vienna Stories* are newspaper articles of the day. Quotations from Townspeople are not reminiscences but were spoken as events occurred in and around Vienna. You may recognize yourself or someone you know!

Vienna Stories will be available for sale at the Freeman House in time for ViVa! Vienna! Marie has kindly donated 100% of the proceeds from the sale of her book to Historic Vienna, Inc.

Marie Kisner will also be signing books at the Freeman Store and Museum on June 22, from 11AM to 1PM.

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When shopping at Amazon, use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0205248>, and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Historic Vienna, Inc. by Amazon.



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Teddy Bear Picnic

Save the Date!

Saturday, July 20, 10:30-11:30AM
at the Freeman Store and Museum

Bring your favorite bear or other stuffed creature (dolls are welcome!) and picnic with us on the Freeman Store grounds or inside the Freeman Store if it rains.

Savor special treats just for Bear Lovers. Partake in Bear-Friendly activities.

Aged 9 and under.
\$5 per person -- No charge for Bears!



Antiques and Collectibles

Evaluation Event

June 22, 2019, 11AM - 4PM

Upstairs Museum Exhibit

“Vienna and the ‘50s”

Hallway Museum Exhibit

*“Women Creating a More Perfect Democracy:
100 Years of the League of Women Voters”*

Volunteer to help us during Viva Vienna!

Please call Patti or Susan at the Freeman Store, 703 938 5187,
if you can help for an hour or so

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USED BOOK CELLAR

Moving? Downsizing? Helping your family clean out a book collection? Why not donate your used books to the Freeman Store Used Book Cellar? Your contribution may be delivered to the Freeman Store during store hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 4. Boxed or bagged books may be placed on the porch benches after hours. Magazines, encyclopedias, romance novels, and text books are not accepted. Stop by and admire newly installed bookcases and well stocked shelves. As always, **you are encouraged to volunteer**, especially during popular Town events; Chillin' on Church, Oktoberfest, and the Church Street Stroll. Book sale income benefits Historic Vienna, Inc. programs, provides funding for exhibit materials, supports teas and children's events, and defrays costs for research.

From the Museum Committee

Painting Donated to HVI!

Harris Miller, kindly donated his painting, 'Church Street', which is on the cover of the current Town of Vienna calendar, to Historic Vienna, Inc. Anne Stuntz and Nancy Moats accepted the gift. The Freeman Store and Museum exclusively sells copies of his famous Vienna Train Mural in print form, notecards, and on mugs. The Store has also created notecards and a beautiful coaster set from other works of art by him. Miller, now 101 years old, lives in Vienna and has been painting scenes of Vienna for many years.



Harris Miller donated this painting, 'Church Street' to Historic Vienna, Inc.

Help us Relive the 60s Next Year

It has been long said that if you can remember the '60s, you weren't actually there. Well, whether you remember that decade or just want to experience it with your friends and family, the Freeman Store will be hosting the 1960s early *next year in their upstairs exhibit.*

The 1960s was a bit of the "Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

The Good like the *Beatles*, the *Monkees*, and the *5th Dimension*. Movies like *2001 Space Odyssey* and *Easy Rider*. TV shows like *Sesame Street*, *The Beverly Hillbillies*, *Star Trek*, and *Green Acres*. There was also the founding of the Peace Corps, passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, the first mini-skirt, the 25th Amendment, and Woodstock.

The Bad like the Viet Nam War, assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Ugly like the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion.

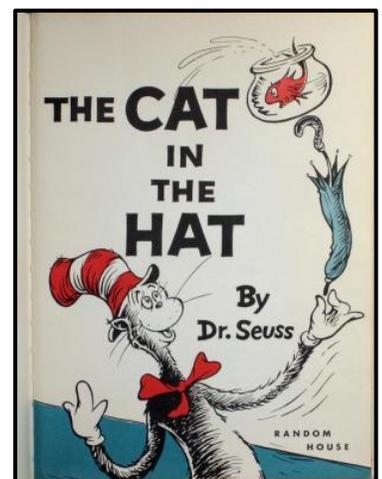
We are asking for your help in beginning to develop and assemble this new exhibit. While it will be March 2020 before it opens, we are currently reaching out to you for artifacts and stories of the 1960s, particularly as they relate directly to the Vienna area.

Visit the Little Library

In the 1950s the Vienna library now known as the Little Library operated at the corner of Center Street and

Maple Avenue. As the town of Vienna grew in population, this one-room building was the only library lending books to residents. Although it is now a museum and only open on a few days a year, in 2019 the Little Library is featuring some books that were popular in the 1950s in a new exhibition. If you visit the library, you'll notice that many of the books on view are still being read today. Do you recognize this one?

The Cat in the Hat is a children's book written and illustrated by Theodor Geisel under the pen name Dr. Seuss and first published in 1957. Geisel created the book in response to a debate in the United States about how best to foster literacy in early childhood and the supposed ineffectiveness of traditional primers such as those featuring Dick and Jane.



So why a cat in a hat? Geisel gave varying accounts of how he created the character, but most reports describe his frustration with the limited vocabulary he could use for his story that he decided to create a story based on the first two words he found that rhymed. Reviewers praised the book as an exciting alternative to traditional children's literature. Three years after its debut, the book had sold a million copies.

The Little Library will be open during Viva Vienna, May 25 to May 27, from Noon to 6PM.

Come by on June 2 from 1 to 4PM, as a longtime resident, Shirley Jackson of Vienna who used the Little Library in the 1950s will be recounting her experiences with the books of the time.

The Little Library is open to the public on the first Sunday of the month, March through

December, from 1 to 4PM and for special events such as Chillin' on Church evenings and Viva Vienna. If you are interested in scheduling a tour or being a volunteer, please contact Margaret Dellinger (703-409-3564) or the Freeman Store (703-938-5187).

Favorite recipes from the past...

Horseradish Bacon Cheese Ball, a 1950's favorite

Remember the ubiquitous Cheese Ball? They were a common appetizer in homes and restaurants throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Usually a pimento cheese, this horseradish bacon version was also common.

Ingredients

2 packages cream cheese softened	½ cup crumbled cooked bacon
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese	1 green onion finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced	2 tablespoons prepared horseradish

Directions

1. In a bowl, beat cream cheese, Parmesan cheese and garlic until blended.
2. Beat in horseradish, then stir in bacon and onions.
3. Shape into a ball, wrap in plastic and chill until firm

From Leigh Kitcher

Special Events

Stories, Songs and Sprinklers

Each Wednesday from June 26 through July 31, Historic Vienna will continue the Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers program for children behind the Little Library. The program will begin at 1PM, and, after the stories, the kids of any age can enjoy a run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the Vienna Town Green.

And one of these Wednesday events will be led by *OPH: Operation Paws for Homes* - a dog rescue & adoption organization.

There are picnic tables on the rear patio of the Freeman Store and shaded lawns for picnics. Free, call 703 938 5187 or 703 255 6360 for more information.

Antiques and Collectibles Evaluation

June 22, 2019, 11AM - 4PM

...and Marie Kisner book signing - 11AM-1PM

Join us at the Freeman Store in June and find out if your uncle's pocket watch will bring you great wealth. Historic Vienna Inc.'s summer antique and vintage evaluation event returns Saturday, June 22 to the Freeman Store and Museum, 11 AM - 4 PM. *Oakridge Auction Gallery specialists* will evaluate your treasures and provide verbal quotes. **Don't be disappointed, reserve a ten-minute slot** to bring your special treasures by contacting the Store

at 703-938-5187. Please provide a description of your item when you make a required reservation. Large furnishings can be evaluated from a photograph, accompanied with details. Cost is \$10 per evaluation with a limit of two items per customer; HVI members pay \$8 per item.

Tea & Parlor Talk - September 28, 3PM

Enjoy a full English tea and enjoy a presentation on life in the 1950's from our museum committee. 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 tea will include sandwiches, assorted sweets, scones and a bottomless cup of tea. The \$30 fee includes a tour of the new exhibits at the Freeman Store.

African-American Historical Tour of Vienna

HVI is pleased to announce that two Board members, *Gloria Runyon* and *Sylvia Taylor*, longtime Vienna residents, have collaborated and organized an **African-American Historical Van Tour of Vienna**. They are the tour guides for this is *90 minutes riding tour of 21 stops*, including historic churches, historic cemeteries, a neighborhood that originally was exclusively African-American, historic houses and recent replacements, and a historic baptismal site.

The tour was initiated in 2017 at First Baptist Church of Vienna as part of its 150th Anniversary Celebration. It was later added to the Town of Vienna Parks & Recreation Programs and Events Guide in Spring 2018 and Spring 2019 (April 27). The *next scheduled tour is Thursday, November 7 at 9:45AM*, leaving from the Community Center. It will be publicized in the Fall 2019 Vienna Parks and Recreation Programs and Events Guide. Due to the limited seating of the Town Van, interested participants should register as soon as the Events Guide is distributed.

In addition to the tours, Gloria and Sylvia gave a presentation of *African-American Historic Presence and Contributions in the Vienna Area* to the AAUW at Patrick Henry Library, February 2, 2019. They have also given tours to other community groups that have requested them.

Save the date!
Movies on the Town Green
 July 11 and August 8 – time and movie TBD

HVI Calendar of Events

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

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| <p>Saturday, Sunday, & Monday
 May 25, 26 & 27
 Saturday and Sunday, May 25 & 26
 Sundays, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1
 Thursday, June 20, 7:30PM
 Friday, June 21, 6:30 -9:30PM
 Saturday, June 22, 11AM-4PM
 Wednesdays, June 26-July 31, 1:00PM
 Friday, July 19, 6:30 -9:30PM
 Saturday, July 20, Teddy Bear Picnic, 10:30-11:30AM
 Saturday, July 20, 1-5PM
 Friday, August 16, 6:30 -9:30PM
 Saturday, September 28, 3-5PM</p> | <p>Viva! Vienna!, Freeman Store and Little Library Open Saturday 12-5PM, Sunday & Monday 12-6PM
 Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose, 1-5PM
 Little Library open 1-4PM
 Marie Kisner's Book Talk & Signing, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St SE
 Chillin' on Church, Freeman Store open
 Antiques and Collectibles Evaluation (\$10 per item, advance reservations required)
 Stories, Songs and Sprinklers
 Chillin' on Church, Freeman Store open
 Teddy Bear Picnic (\$5 per person, teddy bears free, advance reservations required)
 Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 Chillin' on Church, Freeman Store open
 English Tea and Parlor Talk (\$30 per person, advance reservations required)</p> |
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Please visit our website at www.historicviennainc.org for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

Freeman Store News

What's new in the Gift Shop?

In addition to our Antiques Evaluation Event in June we have *unique vintage items* for sale in the shop. Our selection of china, glass and ceramics varies throughout the year. Stop in and browse our current items from *Fostoria* glass, *Bavaria*, *Aynsley* and *Coalport*.

Viva Vienna is celebrating its 35th year this May! Did you know our gift shop has dozens of *Vienna specific and Virginia themed gifts*?! Many are made right here in Virginia. Whether you're shopping for a gift for a teacher, a graduating student, or welcoming a neighbor to our Town, we have gifts in all price ranges.



Metal mail organizer with customized Vienna zip code. Hand crafted by father & daughter small shop owners, *Highland Ridge Rustics*, located in Tennessee.

The Freeman Store & Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday 12-4 and will be open extended hours during Viva Vienna – Saturday 12-5 and Sunday & Monday 10-6.

Look for new items in our shop in the upcoming months and remember to stay up to date with all Freeman Store & Museum and Historic Vienna events and information via social media. Follow us @FreemanStore_Museum on Instagram and join the *Historic Vienna Inc.* group on Facebook.

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

