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HVI Spring Membership Meeting

“Footprints on the Moon and Beyond”

The Spring Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on *Tuesday, March 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 before the program, and this year’s Heritage Preservation Award will be announced.

Bill Hamilton is a senior docent at the Udvar Hazy National Air and Space Museum at Dulles, with over fourteen years of experience in presenting air and space history to museum guests. He is a retired U.S. Navy officer with extensive experience with destroyers, amphibious ships, and vertical assault operations in combat. Post-retirement he worked in the private sector for over 25 years with large and small companies in various roles including chief operating officer and, later, as a business consultant.

At the Museum he developed the vertical flight presentation for the museum associated with helicopters, gyroplanes and other aircraft, as well as programs dealing with the history of man’s exploration of space.

He is a member of a team of docents that created and expanded a special outreach program to bring more of the museum to retirement and assisted living facilities in the Washington metropolitan area. In the past year, he has given 14 presentations to facilities in Northern Virginia.

His presentation today, entitled “Footprints on the Moon and Beyond”, is part of a larger space history program that begins with ancient times and proceeds to the present day. Tonight, he will discuss the exciting manned spacecraft missions of the recent past and will be pleased to take your questions.

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

HVI Spring Membership Meeting

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

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

Speaker:

Bill Hamilton

“Footprints on the Moon and Beyond”

*Upstairs Museum Exhibit
“Vienna and the ‘60s”*

*Hallway Museum Exhibit
“The Women’s Rights Movement:
Where Are We Now?”*

*Please join us for the Exhibits’ Opening
Reception Sunday, March 8, 2-4PM
With music by John Giunta*

Membership renewals are due for 2020 now!

You may use the form on the back to renew your membership and volunteer to help us preserve history.

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www.historicviennainc.org

Email us at: historicviennava@gmail.com

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703.938.5187

Used Book Cellar

Freeman Store Used Book Cellar Welcomes all readers and book lovers

Our recent 'chase away the winter blues, curl up with a great read,' book sale, held on Saturday, February 1 was very popular and well-attended. Special appreciation to any of you who came by the Freeman Store and filled your bookbags with very reasonably priced books in a myriad of topics. Volunteers included Madison High School amazing young women, a few of our stalwart special event supporters, HVI board members, and John and Patty Ball.

Of special note - in tandem with the 1960's exhibit; the 1859 Cellar will feature posters detailing outstanding theater productions, memorable movies, musical gems, as well as other artistic highlights of the decade.

Furnishing enhancements include, just completed, custom-made bookshelves, perfectly sized for two niches.

Plan on coming by Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon – 4PM, beginning March 1 and discover Vienna's well-stocked Cellar. We will be delighted to receive your used book donation. Volunteers always welcome!

Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round.

From the Museum Committee

New Upstairs Exhibit: Vienna and the 60s Experience the 60s again in Vienna!

All you hippies, flower children, bohemians, and mavericks prepare yourselves to flash back to the 1960s and its days of sit-ins, anti-war marches, and Woodstock. It's been said that if you remember the 60s, you weren't there. Well, we hope that you were there and that you remember it and will remember to come by the Freeman Store and Museum on Church Street in Vienna and visit the new exhibit. The opening reception is on March 8, 2020, from 2 to 4PM. Listen to the music of the time and experience the fashion, the entertainment, the technology, the toys and games, and so much more.

New Hallway Exhibit: The Women's Rights Movement: Where are we Now?

The fifth and final exhibit in the 5-year series of small exhibits on the history of the women's rights movement will focus on where it stands today. It has been 100 years since women won the right to vote. While women have won many rights, they have not yet achieved full equality. This exhibit looks at our progress in many areas including economic, political, educational, family, and health.

Little Library in the 1960s

Historic Vienna Inc. has presented the history of the Little Library as defined by community engagement. This building was built in 1897. Through the work of the Vienna

Current Events Club it obtained donations of books. In 1913 the Vienna Library Association was established in order to manage the library. With the assistance of volunteer efforts, **it continued to be a lending library until the 1960's**. At that time the Town of Vienna had experienced tremendous growth with the new housing developments. It was evident that this one room building which was located at Maple and Center Street did not fill the needs of the community.

"Librarian of the Vienna Library for 18 years Mrs. R. K. Payne concedes that the one room facility open 7 hours a week, is no longer adequate for a population 10 times what it was at the time of the library's founding in 1913." From the **Washington Post Thursday July 21, 1960.**

The **Friends of the Library organized in 1958 with the goal of a bigger, better, and more inclusive library.** The Vienna Library since its inception was for whites only. There was a problem with obtaining a clear title to the property on Center and Maple Avenue in which the Vienna Library sat. The Friends of the Library worked with Fairfax County to bring a branch of the county library to Vienna. To accomplish this, the Vienna community was required to raise a quarter of the first-year expenses amounting to \$7,500.00 by a November 14, 1960 deadline. Many private citizens and businesses contributed.

“The builder of more than 2,000 homes in Vienna, VA. contributed \$2,500.00 – one third of the amount needed to obtain better library facilities in the fast-growing community. Stephen G. Yeonas is the builder.” From the Washington Post Tuesday November 8, 1960.

Although the Vienna Library, which we now call the Little Library, **continued to stay open with volunteers and limited hours during the 1960s**, more citizens used the more extensive county branch which was open in the Maple Avenue Shopping center until 1970. When the Patrick Henry library construction began in 1970 the Town of Vienna transported the one room building to its current location on Mill Street and it is now a museum.

Come visit Vienna’s Little Library on the 1st Sunday of the month March through December 1 to 4PM. Look for special events opening dates. If interested in a tour or volunteering call the Freeman Store 703-938-5187.

Maud Robinson’s Legacy Strengthens Historic Vienna, Inc.

Historic Vienna, Inc. has missed Maud’s guidance and wisdom since her passing last year. But we are thrilled that she remembered us and the Town through her very generous bequests.



Maud remembered Historic Vienna, Inc. by leaving us a bequest of \$20,000. We are discussing how to honor Maud’s memory with these funds. She loved the Little Library and was instrumental in saving it. She had high standards for the quality of the Freeman Store and its merchandise. She loved HVI’s exhibits and teaching about Vienna’s history. She celebrated the growth and diversification of Vienna’s population, while at the same time appreciating Vienna’s beginnings. Maud has left Historic Vienna a legacy far more powerful than just generous funding. She is present in the Freeman Store and Museum through everything we do.



Maud tasked HVI member and past Board member Rose Mulville to select a piece of furniture for HVI. Rose selected this beautiful Victorian claw foot tilt top table. It is stunning – come see it in the parlor. The flame veneer is gorgeous.

Additionally HVI was able to buy many items from the estate. We have some lovely china to use for our afternoon

tea fundraisers, we have political items, we even have the shovel that Charlie used at the 1982 Vienna Metro groundbreaking. Maud always wanted the Little Library table to go back to the Little Library (we used it in the dining room) so we bought her beautiful Eastlake style Victorian dining table with its 5 leaves.

Maud made a difference in everything she touched. Her influence made HVI a better place through her common sense and insight. Her generosity and good taste are also now literally on display at the Freeman Store and Museum.

Maud.....

Long before serving as an Historical Vienna, Inc. board member, Maud would ask my daughters and me to volunteer at the Freeman Store to serve customers, assist at the popular book sales, and welcome guests when special exhibits were launched. To Maud, every piece of wood, fixture, museum artifact was sacred, but nothing was as special as the 1906 cash register. Today, the Store’s ornate register continues to delight customers, especially the younger ones. Once Maud took a break and pleaded with one of our daughters not to fiddle with the register, but she did just that because there was a mechanical glitch that our youngest thought was fixable. Of course, Maud was upset, until she realized the malfunction was corrected.

Not too many years ago, Maud was asked to cover the Little Library’s history during the Town’s Mayor at Your Service program. Astounding to me was that Maud had thoroughly researched older notes, documents and practiced reading aloud her presentation before the event commenced. In reality, Maud had been an avid, participant in promoting the building of a library for all. Her thoroughly focused research was impressive.

As a board member, I realized that Maud fervently wanted all of us to treasure Vienna’s past, but also encouraged us to continue to create programs and activities looking to the future. The Freeman Store and Museum houses many of Maud’s donated treasures. Many of us were fortunate to work with Maud and appreciate her love for her adopted Town of Vienna. If only the Freeman Store walls could talk!

Nancy Moats

Stakeholders Questionnaire

From the Fairfax County History Commission

The Fairfax County History Commission is doing a strategic planning process and is **asking County residents interested in local history to take part in a questionnaire** at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/>.

The Fairfax County History Commission advises the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on all matters related to the County’s unique and diverse history. The Commission maintains an inventory of historic sites, advises other government agencies, places roadside historical markers, honors achievements in historic research and preservation, and promotes public interest in Fairfax history through various events, such as the annual history conference. The History Commission would love to hear from you.

Special Events

Join the Bunny – April 3, 5:30PM



Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation join forces again this year for a true, old-fashioned Easter Egg Roll on the lawn of the Freeman Store on Friday, April 3. Children 12 and younger and their parents are invited to meet (and have the opportunity for a perfect spring photo) the Easter Bunny, participate in egg painting and games and then roll eggs the old-

fashioned way.

The Easter Egg Roll is very popular, but also a very short event, **lasting just one hour**. It begins promptly at 5:30 and *we strongly encourage parents not to be late so that your children are not disappointed.*

Walk on the Hill – April 26, 2-5PM

The Walk on the Hill will take place on April 26 from 2 to 5PM, **rain or shine**. As the streets close, the Windover Heights homeowners will welcome visitors to stroll the neighborhood to enjoy the landscaped gardens of this historic district. At 288 Windover Avenue, local bands will play starting at 2PM. Hickory Grove will play old-fashioned music throughout the afternoon in the log cabin at 223 Walnut Lane.



This year, Ayr Hill Garden Club will present at 307 Windover Avenue, a Flower Show, featuring horticulture and floral designs created by members. The Garden Club will also have a table at Salsbury Spring to explain the history of the Spring, its importance to the town; docents will show visitors the native plants in the park that support the wildlife habitat and native pollinators. Once again, homeowners and Historic Vienna will place signs ***“If This House Could Talk...”***, which describe historic and fun information about the home in participating yards. Homeowners wishing to participate should contact *Anne Stuntz*, 703-994-9054, stuntzag@aol.com.

As always, the event is free, with Historic Vienna, Inc. and the residents providing punch and cookies. An online

walking map will be available before the event on the Town website at <https://www.viennava.gov/>.

The long time success of this event is truly a community effort and a wonderful start to spring. Historic Vienna, Inc. would like to acknowledge the support of the residents of the Windover Heights Historic District, and the Town of Vienna Departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police, along with the musical bands in making the Walk on the Hill such a pleasurable event. Thank you!

Antiques Evaluation Event

Saturday, May 2, 11 – 4PM

Polish your silver, shine the brass lamp, and bring your treasures to our summer antiques and collectible evaluation event on Saturday May 2, 2020 from 11 to 4PM at the Freeman Store and Museum. It is sure to be a special event as Historic Vienna has invited professional auction specialists from Oakridge Auction Gallery, of Ashburn. Bring your items for evaluation by experts specializing in paintings, prints, drawings and ceramics (European, American, Chinese and Japanese), glass (European and American), items of vertu (i.e., sterling silver services, bowls, teapots, etc.), jewelry and watches, and books. Furniture can be evaluated via good quality photographs and specific dimensions. Please ask when you make your reservation if you would like to bring an item requiring a different expertise and we will see if an appropriate expert can be made available. The cost for evaluation is \$10 per item and \$8 per item for Historic Vienna members, with a limit of 2 items per person. ***Beginning March 15, a reservation may be made by calling (703) 938-5187 to schedule your ten-minute time slot.*** This is a not-to-be-missed date!

Caboose to Caboose Bike Ride

Saturday, May 2, 9-3PM

The Town of Vienna, the Town of Herndon and NOVA Parks are collaborating on a fun bike ride. Historic Vienna, Inc. is pleased to participate in this fun event. The round trip distance is 16.6 miles. Participants will be encouraged to be a tourist in their town, shop, and dine around the cabooses, ride, and then do the same in the other town. Prizes will be awarded!

Freeman Store News



Thank you once again for shopping local at the Freeman Store! Every year we assess our merchandise and look for exciting new items to offer you.

We've added more beautiful pieces to our Bill Campbell line of pottery. Bill is a master potter whose work is admired across the country for their spectacular colors and elegant forms.

Our popular *Big Heart/Small Town Vienna* magnet now comes in memo pads and soon we'll have more custom labels on our wonderfully fragrant Ella B. Candles.



Look for additional new home decorative items, tote bags, postcards, prints and maps.



Stay connected and up to date on all new arrivals in the Store by following us on Instagram at *freemanstore_museum* or join our Facebook group *Historic Vienna, Inc.*

We are committed to providing you with personal attention when you visit us. Thank you for your patronage and support over the years. We look forward to showing you what's new in the Store when we reopen March 1!

We're open 12-4pm Wednesdays thru Sundays.

 **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.

Now until further notice
 Sunday, March 1
 Sunday, March 1, 1-4PM
 Sunday, March 8, 2-4PM
 Saturday, March 14, 1-5PM
 Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 PM
 Friday, April 3, 5:30PM
 Sunday, April 5, 1-4PM
 Saturday, April 18, 1-5PM
 Tuesday, April 21
 Sunday, April 26, 2- 5PM
 Saturday, May 2, 9-3PM
 Saturday, May 2, 11-4PM
 Sunday, May 3, 1-4PM
 Saturday, May 9, 8AM-1PM

Friday&Saturday, May 15 &16, 3-5PM
 Saturday, Sunday, & Monday
 May 23, 24 & 25

HVI is collecting books – sorters are welcome! Open by appointment.
 Freeman Store and Museum resume normal opening hours, 12-4 Wed-Sun
 Little Library open
 Museum Exhibits Opening Reception
 Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 HVI Spring Membership Meeting. Town Hall
 Old-fashioned Easter Egg Roll
 Little Library open
 Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 Five Hills Garden Club Flower Show at the Freeman Store and Museum
 Walk on the Hill, , Windover Heights Historic District *No Rain Date*
 Caboose to Caboose Bike Ride
 Antiques Evaluation Event *Advance registration required*
 Little Library open
 Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale and Garden Faire, featuring horticulture related vendors at the Freeman Store
 The Language of Flowers Tea 3-5pm. *\$35 per person *Reservation Required*
 Viva! Vienna! and Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

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

HVI Board News

Sylvia Taylor is stepping down as **Secretary** in April and *Catherine Hardman* has agreed to become the new **Secretary** for the Board of Directors. The Board is grateful for Sylvia's contributions and dedication. This important position helps us to preserve our own history.

Our Mission Statement

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), established by the Vienna Town Council on April 6, 1976, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to:

- Preserving and promoting knowledge of Vienna’s heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons.
- Educating the public through permanent and revolving exhibits, outreach programs, and publications.
- Enhancing a spirit of community through an awareness of Vienna’s past.

Our Programs and Activities

- Sponsor *traditional community events* enhancing Vienna’s small town atmosphere (e.g. visits with Santa, Church Street Stroll, Walk on the Hill)
- *Living exhibits* that illustrate the way people lived (e.g. reenactments, demonstrations, entertainment)
- The Freeman Store - experience a *historic country store* selling local history books, Virginia crafts, Vienna souvenirs, and old-fashioned toys and candy
- *Guided tours* of the Original Vienna Library, Freeman Store and museum exhibits
- Encourage *preservation of Vienna’s history, historic sites, and artifacts* (Freeman Store and Little Library operations, museum exhibits, antiques appraisals, oral histories, preservation award, Vienna’s historic register)

Board of Directors

Historic Vienna, Inc. is led by a 15-member Board of Directors. Three members are appointed by the Town Council and twelve are elected to three year terms by the Membership at the Fall Membership Meeting. Officers are elected by the Board to one year terms.

Nancy Moats, Vice President
Beverly Burns
Freya Fisher
Sylvia Taylor

Anne Stuntz, President
Catherine Hardman, Secretary
Mike Berger
Darrell Mounts
Suzanne Traut
Leslie Herman, Town Liaison

Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Margaret Dellinger
Gloria Runyon
Jon Vrana

Time to Renew Now!

Preserve and celebrate Vienna’s history – Support Historic Vienna, Inc.

Membership is from January 1 to December 31. There are 2 membership meetings per year.
Historic Vienna, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions and membership fees are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

I want to become a member. I want to renew my membership (renewals are due in January for 2020).

___ Individual (\$25) ___ Family (\$30) ___ Group or Corporate (\$40)

I want to make a \$ _____ contribution to Historic Vienna, Inc. (100% tax deductible).

Make your check payable to: **Historic Vienna, Inc.**
PO Box 53
Vienna, VA 22183

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name *Date*

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone *Email Address*

I want to volunteer. (Circle as many as you wish) Storekeeper – Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories

I have skills to share: Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: _____