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50'S SOCK HOP

Saturday, November 23, 7-9PM
in the Auxiliary Gym at the Vienna
Community Center

There will be a short swing dance lesson at 7PM followed by DJ'ed music, both provided by Dabe and Janelle.



Admission is \$5.00; five years old and younger free. Tickets are available at the door, or *in advance* at the Freeman Store and Museum.

Santa visits the Freeman Store and Museum



Sunday, December 8, 12 to 2 PM
and

Sunday, December 15, 12 to 2 PM

Visits with Santa are always free of charge.

Santa's Special Chair is positioned next to the gorgeous holiday tree in the upstairs parlor. Children who may be a bit nervous are encouraged to sit and watch for a while – most end up enthusiastically telling Santa their wishes!

Celebrate Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 23, 12-4PM

Special discounts!

*Enjoy HVI's special porch decorations for
Vienna's 3rd decorated store window contest.*

Church Street Stroll

December 2, 6 to 8:30PM

Co-Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., the Merchants of Church Street, and the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department

This annual event includes the lighting of the Town tree, Santa's arrival in Vienna, and staged and strolling performances. As he does each year, Santa Claus will arrive atop the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's antique truck. After the lighting of the tree and caboose lights, Santa will listen to the wishes of boys and girls at the Freeman Store and Museum. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Freeman Store and Museum at 703 938 5187.

☞ REMINDER

**HVI Memberships are from January 1
to December 31.**

Please use the form on the back to join or renew
your membership now.

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Special Events

50s Sock Hop

Saturday, November 23, 7-9PM

If you've enjoyed our 1950s exhibit at the Freeman Store and Museum this year, please join us for a 1950s Sock Hop sponsored by HVI on Saturday, November 23 from 7 to 9PM in the Auxiliary Gym at the Vienna Community Center. There will be a short swing dance lesson at 7PM followed by DJ'ed music, both provided by Dabe and Janelle.

Dance to some of the top tunes of the 1950s, or come enjoy the music and take a trip down memory lane. And no, we won't make you take off your shoes. Sock hops got their name because they usually took place in a school gym, and dancing in your socks prevented damage to the floor.

Admission is \$5.00; five years old and younger free. Light refreshments are included. Tickets will be available at the door, or *in advance* at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St, NE, email historicviennava@gmail.com or call 703-938-5187,. More information is available at www.historicviennainc.org.

Thank you to an anonymous Vienna resident for making a generous donation to support the sock hop!

Church Street Stroll

December 2, 6 to 8:30PM

Santa arrives at 6:15

**Santa and Mayor light the tree and caboose lights at 6:20
Visit Santa at the Freeman Store after the tree lighting**

Supervised Bonfires with Marshmallows for roasting

The Church Street Merchants will be open
and offering great deals!

Performers and Structures Open

Performing on the Big Stage

- Wolfrap Elementary Singers
- Fairfax Jubil-Aires
- Louise Archer Elementary Singers
- Green Hedges School Jazz Band
- Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines
- Vienna Community Band

Strolling Performers

- Fairfax Jubil-Aires
- Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Historic Structures Open

- Freeman Store and Museum
- Little Library
- Caboose with the Optimists Club of Greater Vienna
- Train Station with Northern Virginia Model Railroaders
- Knights of Columbus (formerly First Baptist)
- Vienna Presbyterian Church indoor activities

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, November 23, 12-4PM
 Sunday, December 1, 1-4PM
 Monday, December 2, 6-8:30PM
 Friday, December 6, 3-5PM
 Saturday, December 7, 3-5PM
 Sunday, December 8, 12-2PM
 Saturday, December 14, 1-5PM
 Sunday, December 15, 12-2PM
 January 1 to February 29
 Sunday, March 1
 Sunday, March 8, 2-4PM

Small Business Saturday – Freeman Store special discounts
 Little Library open 1-4PM
 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 12-2PM
 Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose
 Santa visits the Freeman Store, Little Library open 12-2PM
 Freeman Store and Museum open by appointment only
 Freeman Store and Museum reopens with normal store hours
 Exhibits Grand Opening Reception

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

British Holiday Tea & Parlor Talk

Friday, December 6, 3PM and Saturday, December 7, 3PM

Almost Sold Out!

Enjoy learning about the Holiday Tradition of the 1950s while you enjoy British holiday treats. 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 (*Only 3 tickets are left!*) so make your reservation by contacting *Patti Bentley or Susan Fay at the store 703-938-5187*.

Used Book Cellar

What's new in the Freeman Store Used Book Cellar?

Decorating with books has become quite trendy, not only in NYC, but last seen used as wall decoration in a British restaurant. Books sold *'by the foot'* in specific color ways have become a coveted commodity for interior design. Why not stop by the Freeman Store to find books for your reading pleasure, or purchase some used books in your chosen decorating colors at low prices for a craft project?

A variety of book topics are available at reasonable prices, Wednesday through Sunday, 12 – 4PM. Book donations in good condition are welcome, with the exception of text books, magazines, romance novels, and small pocketbooks at the Freeman Store and Museum. Proceeds support Historic Vienna, Inc. programs, exhibits, teas, and historical presentations.

Special Winter Used Book Cellar Sale

Saturday, February 1, 2020
Noon to 4PM

During the month of December all cookbooks will be half price. Our selection is exceptional and prices cannot be beat.

Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round. Used book donations are welcome and may be delivered, bagged or boxed, to the Freeman Store porch including in January and February when we'll be closed except by appointment.

From the Museum Committee

New Upstairs Exhibit: Vienna and the '60s

Remember *The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Andy Williams Show, Hullabaloo, Green Acres, the Viet Nam War, sit-ins and street protests, the birth of malls?* Vienna experienced the 60s in all its good, bad, and ugly. Come to the Freeman Store next year to experience Vienna in the 60s through an exciting multimedia exhibit.

Wish to take a more active role in the exhibit? Consider sharing your memories and stories or artifacts and collectibles of the Vienna area. If you would like to volunteer building the exhibit, serving as a docent, or re-enacting in your 60s garb, let us know.

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. If you are interested in helping us plan, prepare, and promote these exhibits or have photographs or other artifacts to loan, please contact Leigh Kitcher at 703 255 9066 or email her at LeighKitcher@aol.com.

Spinning Wheel added to the Museum

When Vienna was settled, a spinning wheel was a valuable tool for women in the home. It was used to spin thread to weave material and yarn to knit and crochet with. Factories with huge machines that could mass produce threads and yarns reduced the use of spinning wheels in the home. The technology of the spinning wheel dates back to 500BC in India.



This spinning wheel was donated to Historic Vienna by Sharon Tweedie, a longtime Vienna resident. It was handed down through four generations of the Tweedie family, initially being used on the family homestead in Cheboygan County, Michigan.

Exhibit Grand Opening Reception Sunday, March 8, 2-4PM

Please join us to celebrate the opening of our new exhibits. The exhibit creators will be on hand to answer questions. The event is free and includes light refreshments.

Welcome to Vienna's Historic Properties Register!

131 Wade Hampton Drive is Vienna's newest official historic home, built around 1900. It is a two story frame dwelling, with a cross-gable roof. It was originally clad in weatherboard, which probably remains under the siding. The original windows are double-hung sash. There are three old chimneys. The front porch is original. The front gable end has a bay window on the ground floor. There have been additions to the building over the years, but the original structure of the house still has its original floors, plaster and woodwork.

The chain of title for this property is like a Vienna "Who's Who" of ownership. Some highlights from this list include:

- **The property belonged to Moses Commins**, known among other things for his plow company.
- **Commins sold it George and Harmon Salsbury**, who had the 250 acre dairy farm that included this property, Salsbury Spring, and the beautiful (now demolished) Italianate style Salsbury House on Walnut Lane.
- **Arthur Lewis**, after whose family Lewis Street was named, **purchased the property** along with all of Windover Heights' Block 24 from Salsbury in 1903.
- **Albert H. and Rosilla M. Greenwood bought the property in 1908**. A.H. Greenwood was a local builder/developer. He may have built this home. Greenwood was a member of Vienna's town council by 1910. Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Ayr Hill Garden Club, Republican Women's Club, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and was appointed Vienna's deputy treasurer in the 1930s.
- **The Greenwoods sold to Peter V. Staats** at some point. Peter's main home was on the other side of town at Wolf Trap. Staats' family had moved to Vienna from New Jersey after the Civil War. Peter's uncle Abram was a founder of the Presbyterian Church in 1871 and served as a Vienna postmaster and was a member of the town's council at incorporation in 1890.
- **Norman Cobb**, local banker and insurance company owner, **owned the home for a few years in the late 1930s**. He was a prominent member of the Vienna Lions Club.
- **Orlo and Joanne Paciulli bought the home in the late 1950s**. Joanne was a granddaughter of county surveyor and Vienna resident Joseph Berry and his wife Annette Berry, who founded the Ayr Hill Garden Club. The Berry's 1898 home is still standing at the corner of Park and Church Streets

We are lucky that this house continues to survive to this day as a reminder of Vienna's past. We are thrilled for it to be added to the town's Register of Historic Structures.

More Chances to Stop by the Little Library This Year!

The Little Library which was Vienna's original lending library is now a museum. We welcome visitors to come see the books of the 1950's which are displayed during the Exhibit "Vienna in the '50's". Come visit with us and look around this charming little building. Imagine how the residents of the Town of Vienna made use of the only library serving the needs of the residents. Review the 1952 report written by Vienna resident Katrina Hine Echols. During the 1950's there was much growth in Vienna and per the report there "**There were many needs of the library but the most pressing one at present is adequate space for additional shelves and reference tables, also a more satisfactory heating system. These needs are not discouraging but a challenge instead to a growing Vienna.**" Even in 2019 we still may have to adjust hours because of the challenge of the heating system!

The Little Library Museum is only open on the 1st Sunday of the month from 1 to 4PM March through December. The remaining days for opening this year are as follows:

December 1, Sunday 1 to 4PM

December 2, Monday 6 to 8:30PM Holiday Stroll

December 8, Sunday 12 to 2PM

December 15, Sunday 12 to 2PM

If you would like to volunteer or arrange for a tour please contact the *Freeman Store and Museum* at 703-938-5187 or *Margaret Dellinger* at 703-409-3564.

Holiday Decorating Celebrates the 50s!

This year, Ayr Hill Garden Club will decorate the Freeman Store and Museum upstairs in accordance with the theme of the 50s museum exhibit. There will be a silver tree with vintage ornaments in the exhibit room and a smaller one in the parlor on the buffet.

Of course we will still have the fresh tree, donated by the Optimists, in usual place in the parlor. This year the theme for the tree will be recycling. Ornaments made by club members using recycled materials will adorn the tree. It is always a delight to see the wonderful decorations, no year is the same! Thank You Ayr Hill Garden Club!

Help us Decorate the Dollhouse

Would you like to decorate the dollhouse upstairs in the dining room for Christmas?

It would be a perfect parent and child activity. If you are interested, contact Anne Stuntz at 703 994 9054.



Freeman Store News

Shop Small – Shop Local

The Gift Shop at the Freeman Store has some new and wonderful items to please all holiday shoppers.

We're open Wed. thru Sun. 12-4.

Westerwald Pottery – Select pieces of our popular USA made Westerwald pottery are on sale through the end of the year.

Vienna Candles – Soy candles made by Ella B. in Charlotte, North Carolina have just arrived at the Freeman Store. These beautifully fragrant candles come with custom labeling and they make the perfect gift for any occasion.



New Tea Towels – Colorful tea towels from our new vendor, Mary Lake Thompson, have adorable holiday scenes, including one that says Vienna! Come on in and see the new designs. Did you know the most popular hostess gift is a kitchen tea towel?

2019 Ornament – It's here!

The 20th ornament in our collection of iconic Vienna buildings has arrived. This adorable 2-sided ornament features the Wesley United Methodist Church as built in 1890. The other side features Curly's Men & Boys Clothing Store, the first commercial use of the building (from 1956 to 1987). The building, residing at 137 Church Street NW, is currently Yas Bakery.



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

HVI Board News – Dues increase by \$5!

After many years at the same level, the Board of Directors has increased each membership category by \$5. This was a difficult decision as we aim to keep our membership affordable.

Over the last few years, Historic Vienna, Inc. has made significant enhancements in the quality and number of museum exhibits, invested in oral history and other research into Vienna's history, restored items in the museum collection, enhanced the building interior (air quality, refinish counters, custom built cabinets in the store, refurbishment of the office and kitchen, and added bookcases to the Used Book Cellar) and now leases conditioned off-site storage enabling more of the building to be used for the benefit of our visitors.



Historic Vienna Inc.
Thanks the many volunteers and supporters who make it possible for us to achieve so much.

A Vienna resident and civic minded citizen, dedicated to beautifying our Town, volunteered to spruce up the front entrance porch and steps of our beloved Freeman Store. Our windows got a good cleaning, the steps were painted and the porch façade walls were washed. She wishes to remain anonymous and we're so grateful and appreciative of her hard work.

A local paper conservator is volunteering weekly to help restore and stabilize some of the fragile items in HVI's archives. Let us know if you would like contact information for your own project.

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	Anne Stuntz, President	
Beverly Burns	Sylvia Taylor, Secretary	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Freya Fisher	Mike Berger	Margaret Dellinger
Gloria Runyon	Catherine Hardman	Darrell Mounts
Jon Vrana	David Shelby	Suzanne Traut
	Leslie Herman, Town Liaison	

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).

___ 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: \$ _____

Note: dues have increased \$5!

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: _____