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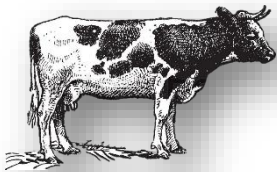
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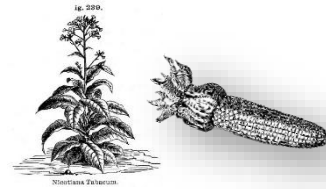
VIENNA'S COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday August 20, 2016, Noon to 4:00PM

Get a taste of what life was like in Vienna in the past. Unplug and return to a simpler time at Vienna's Country Fair at the Freeman Store and Museum on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Historic Vienna, Inc. will have



- old fashioned music,
- farm animals and crafts,
- the annual bike decorating contest,
- living history reenactors,
- old fashioned games,
- ice cream churning,
- Tom Sawyer fence whitewashing around HVI's demonstration farm garden, and
- home grown garden fruits and vegetable competition.



As part of the Country Fair, Historic Vienna, Inc. and District III National Capital Area Garden Clubs have joined forces to present a Small Standard Flower Show in which the horticulture section will include fruits and vegetables, so now is the time to be planting. The fruit and vegetable sections, will be open to **all members of the public** to enter their home grown produce. Check our website www.historicviennainc.org and the Freeman Store for details on how and when to enter.

Tea & Parlor Talk – July 3, 3PM

Meet Elizabeth Cady Stanton and enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, scones and desserts. \$20 per person.

Parlor Talk – July 24, 2PM

Edward T. Wenzel will discuss his new book: *Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County: Battles, Skirmishes, Incidents & Events of The War Between the States Occurring in Fairfax County, Virginia, 1859-1862, and Appendix (partial 1863).* Free.

Guided tours Saturdays – 2PM

Throughout the summer, a guided tour of the Freeman Store and Museum will be offered every Saturday at 2PM in the Freeman Store. Free.

New Copies are now available of



This Was Vienna, Virginia

The definitive book on Vienna's history through the early 20th century.

Book Signing: Sunday, August 7, 2-4PM

Upstairs Museum Exhibit

"History of Agriculture in Vienna and Northern Virginia"

Hallway Museum Exhibit

"The Road to Women's Rights – Before the Civil War"

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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

Historic Vienna, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Corporation for historic preservation, operates The Freeman Store and Museum
Mail: P.O. Box 53, Vienna, VA 22183

www.historicviennainc.org

Visit us at: 131 Church Street, NE, Vienna, VA 22180

Phone: 703.938.5187

USED BOOK SALE – April 1, 2 and 3

Thank you!

We are grateful for another truly wonderful sale, made possible by our volunteers and the donations from our very literate, very generous community.

Proceeds from the sale help pay for the maintenance of our museum collections, mounting exhibits, printing HVInk and other publications, administrative costs such as stationery and postage, and insurance on the contents of the Little Library and the Freeman Store and Museum.

Historic Vienna's Annual Book Sale Was a Success!

With the ongoing Vienna Community Center construction, HVI needed to locate a different book sale venue. We were heartily welcomed to host our annual fundraiser at the American Legion at 330 Center Street North and we are happy to report that serious used book shoppers came to shop by the hundreds. HVI members not only attended the now traditional and popular presale event on Friday, April 1, complete with wine and cheese, provided by History 4 All's Paula Elsey, but also volunteered to help sort and resort books, serve as cashiers, and tend customers in the Grandma's Attic section.

Shoppers were surprised and delighted with the spacious area where nearly 950 cartons of used book cartons covered not only the tables set up in Patriot Hall, but also the hallway tables arranged in the entry hall where cashiers graciously served our buyers. Our sale coincided with the spring Patrick Henry Library sale, but shoppers were delighted to find many current and popular books. As always, Sunday's \$5.00 bag sale was tremendously popular.

Our Board offers thanks to every member who volunteered to make this sale so successful. Assistance from Boy Scouts, Madison High School History Honor Society students, and many HVI friends was exceptional and hugely appreciated.

A limited selection of used books will be available for sale at the Freeman Store and Museum. Why not stop by to take time to find a great used book?

From the Museum Committee

Little Library Research Project

Historic Vienna Inc. has started a project to unlock the mystery of what is in the Little Library card catalog. Dr. Robert Amsler, a town resident with a PhD in computer science and research experience in the field of information science, has volunteered his expertise to create a picture of the contents of the Little Library.

The Little Library, located on Mill Street near the historic Freeman Store, came to the location in 1969 after two prior moves in Vienna. The library was originally constructed in 1897 by a local citizen and located on land donated by local residents.

The majority of the books in the library were private donations. A card cataloging system was developed for the books and books were signed out to patrons of the library.

Sometime in the 1960's the Little Library was closed as the Fairfax County library system came to the Town of Vienna.

We hope to find the answers to questions visitors ask about the collection, such as how many books are there, what is the oldest book, and what were the town residents reading during the life of the Little Library? We encourage visitors to the Little Library to relive some of the history of an early library. It is open March through December on the first Sunday of the month and during special events.

Old Tyme Garden Under Way

You may have noticed some activity of a different sort in the side yard of the Freeman Store. We've put on our garden gloves and are beginning to take this year's museum exhibit on the history of agriculture of the Vienna area outdoors. Over the next few weeks, you will see efforts to

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get the garden ready for period crops - Indian corn, tobacco, wheat and rye, flax, and potatoes, all crops that were important to this area 100 to 200 years ago.

Later this spring, we'll be holding a real Tom Sawyer fence whitewashing event. You'll have your chance to come out and help whitewash the wooden fence that will surround the garden.

- Abram Lydecker, Storekeep

New Book: Learn about the Kennedy family's Hickory Hill

Carole Herrick's newest book is "*Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia, A Biography of a House and Those Who Lived There.*"

Hickory Hill is a large 1870s brick house on Chain Bridge Road in McLean, best known for its ties to the John F. and Robert F. Kennedy families. But it was also owned by a variety of notable public figures, including a well-known DC dentist and a Supreme Court Justice.

Ms Herrick has detailed the life of the house and property from its prehistory days all the way up to its sale in 2009 for \$8.2 million to the Dabbieri family who owns it still today and who sometimes host large scale fundraising events.

The book is full of fascinating stories about the people who lived here and the changes they made to the house over the years. Jackie and Jack Kennedy purchased it in 1955 and lived there for a time, but soon returned to Georgetown (then the White House), while Robert and Ethel Kennedy and their large family took over Hickory Hill. After RFK's 1968 death, Ethel and the kids stayed on until 2003 when it was put on the market initially at \$25 million.

You will enjoy learning about this important historic home so near to Vienna and so involved with the nation's and the area's history and growth.

Carole has written seven other local history books, some of which are available at the Freeman Store and Museum

- *A Chronological History of McLean, Virginia,*
- *Yesterday – 100 Recollections of McLean and Great Falls, Virginia,*
- *Yesterday – Additional Recollections of McLean and Great Falls, Virginia,*
- *Images of America: McLean,*
- *August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames,*
- *Ambitious Failure: Chain Bridge, The First Bridge across the Potomac River, and*
- *Legendary Locals: McLean.*

Become an HVI transcriber in your spare time!

Do you have time to listen to an audio tape or CD and type up the conversation on your computer? HVI has a number of tapes and CDs that would be more useful if they were transcribed. We are starting with the recollections on multiple CDs of Robert E. Babcock (1902-1990), who moved to Vienna when he was five years old, first to 420 Orchard Street NW, and then in 1923 to the family's new Sears house on what is now Babcock Lane. Robert's dad was Charles Babcock, a Vienna town mayor in the early 1910s. He is uncle to HVI member Larry Kenyon, whose wife Ellie encouraged Uncle Robert to create these tapes before his death. (Yay, Ellie!). They contain a wealth of information about early Vienna and about Robert's life.

We can deliver a CD or several to your home, or you could pick it up at the Freeman Store and Museum during open hours.

Contact Anne Stuntz when you would like to get started. 703 994 9054 stuntzag@aol.com.

Special Events

Stories and Sprinklers

Each Wednesday from June 29 through August 3, Historic Vienna will continue the Stories and Sprinkles program for children at the Little Library. The program will begin at 1:00 PM, and, after the stories at 1:30, the kids of any age can enjoy a run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the Vienna Town Green. There are picnic tables on the rear patio of the Freeman Store and shaded lawns for picnics. Free and open to the public, call 703 938 5187 or 703 255 6360 for more information.

Tea & Parlor Talk – July 3, 3PM

Have tea with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1815-1902, the famed abolitionist and suffragist. She will share stories of the women's rights movement prior to the civil war. After her 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, warm scones and a bottomless cup of tea. The \$20 fee includes a tour of the

new exhibit at the Freeman Store, The Road to Women's Rights: The Origins of the Women's Rights Movement.

Parlor Talk by Ed Wenzel on July 24

At 2PM in the Parlor, Vienna's own Ed Wenzel will talk about his new book: "*Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County: Battles, Skirmishes, Incidents & Events of The War Between the States Occurring in Fairfax County, Virginia, 1859-1862, and Appendix (partial 1863).*"

Chris Mackowski, of www.EmergingCivilWar.com wrote the following about the book. *Ed's book is breathtaking in its scope, covering day-by-day the Civil War history of Fairfax County during the first two years of the war. With more than 50 maps and more than 350 photos, Ed's exhaustive study comes in at 618 pages. The index, totaling another 200 pages, comes in its own volume.*

Some of the actions and movements covered include: Blackburn's Ford, First Manassas/Bull Run, Grigsby's Hill, Lewinsville, Dranesville, Second Manassas/Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. Plus there are entries related to secession, troop reviews, raids and reconnaissance missions, balloon observations, quartermaster activities, the flight of refugees and contrabands, the construction of fortifications, bridge burnings, and railroad incidents and wrecks. It is non-stop activity and action.

Five years in the making (two and a half times longer than it took for the events to spool out in real time!), Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County stands as an impressive monument all its own. This is national history written through the local lens, making it great fun for buffs to sift and sort and browse through.

Veterans History Project Info Session Held

Historic Vienna, Inc., hosted an informational session about the Library of Congress Veterans History Project on February 24th at the American Legion Post on Center Street. A rare February thunderstorm limited attendance, but everyone who came enjoyed the session and the audience asked lots of questions. The speaker for the session was retired Army Col. Bob Patrick, Director of the Veterans History Project. Col. Patrick's presentation was informative and entertaining. The Veterans History Project collects veterans' stories, primarily in the form of oral histories but also through letters, photos, and other media. HVI wishes to thank both Col. Patrick and those who braved the bad weather to come out for his presentation in February. HVI has Veterans History Project flyers available at the Freeman Store for anyone who is interested in learning more about the project or getting involved with it.

Little Library Volunteers Needed

The Little Library located on the Freeman House grounds is open the 1st Sunday of the month from 1 – 4 PM and during special community events. The library is a museum not a lending library but visitors may pass the time carefully reading some of the old books that have been preserved.

If you are interested in taking a turn sitting in the library and welcoming visitors the days we are open, please contact **Margaret Dellinger**, at yamember@aol.com or 703-409-3564. We are open this year: **May 29, 30, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 1, 2, November 6, 28, and December 4, 31.**

HVI Calendar of Events

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

**Saturday, Sunday, & Monday
May 28, 29 & 30**

Viva! Vienna!, Freeman Store Open Saturday 12-5PM, Sunday & Monday 12-6PM, Little Library open(Sunday & Monday only) and Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose, 1-5PM

Saturdays this summer, 2PM

Tours of the Freeman Store and Museum

Sundays, June 5, July 3, August 7

Little Library open 1-4PM

Wednesdays, June 29-August 3, 1PM

Stories and Sprinklers

Friday, June 17, 6:30 -9:30PM

Chillin on Church, Freeman Store open

Sunday, July 3, 3PM

Tea with Elizabeth Cady Stanton (\$20 per person, advance reservations required)

Saturday, July 16, 1-5PM

Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

Sunday, July 24, 2PM

Parlor Talk with Ed Wenzel

Sunday, August 7, 2-4PM

This Was Vienna, Virginia Book Signing

Saturday, August 20, Noon-4PM

Vienna's Country Fair

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

Come by the Freeman Store where our Storekeepers will truly welcome you, suggest products to suit your taste, talk about Historic Vienna Inc. activities, and even offer stories about Vienna's past.

Artisan Spotlight

'Giving Hearts', made in Alexandria by Lorraine Oerth. Each is handcrafted and each is unique. All come with an inspirational word (e.g. Gratitude, Love, Be Strong, Beautiful) printed on a rainbow of colorful ceramic hearts. Every heart comes with a hand printed bag and story card. With each heart sold, a percentage is donated to the American Cancer Society, autism and animal rescue. Makes a great little all occasion gift.


'Mr. Sogs', made in Michigan. Hand-sewn, colorful plush creatures and animals. Whimsical and lovable!

New Items have arrived!

Feeling crafty? Searching for ideas and things to do with the kids/grandkids? Come see our selection of hands-on fun items. Build a small wooden boat or train engine, pop out and paint horses & farm animals, or explore all of nature's versatility, featured in the book *The Art Box*, and unleash your earthly creativity.

Volunteer Storekeepers Needed!

Volunteer Storekeepers are needed to work at the Store March through December. Noon to 4PM. Please contact **Patti Bentley or Susan Fay at the store 703-938-5187 or email fs@historicviennainc.org**, if you wish to volunteer. Two volunteers may choose to split a shift.

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

HVI Board News

In April, **Freya Fisher** was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors by the Vienna Town Council. As a high school English teacher, Freya has always had an interest in historic properties and served as President of the Clinton County Historical Society (Ohio) before moving to Falls Church in 1987. She took every opportunity possible to see historic sites in this area and while living overseas before settling permanently in Vienna in 2001. Both of her children attended school here, and Freya volunteered in their classrooms and in their Boy and Girl Scout Troops. As a member of Historic Vienna, Inc., she volunteered at the book sales and special events. She is currently a docent at the Little Library.

Volunteers for 2015-2016

Book Sale Volunteers include: Erika Atwood, John Ball, Pat Ball, Annabel Bentley, Emily Calhoun, Austin Cheng, Ben Cyrus, Kevin Daniels, Elizabeth DeFay, Ryan Dodd, Rayden Dodd, Eileen Doughty, Ryan Dutta, Alanna Eisenbeiser, Jeanne Ernest, Rick Evert, Jill F., Freya Fisher, Daniel Gerke, Neal Going, Steve Haraczak, Carisa Harirchian, Jordan

Hoyt, Christine Kim, Gabrielle Jawer, Niecy MacDonald, Allison Moats, Sim Moats, John Mulvihill, Rose Mulville, Dan Ostapenka, Sophia Park, John Pell, Phillips, Jill Roberts, Patrick S., Daphne Sloan, Dakota Smith, Ch. Brad Swanson, Mary T., Prudy Traut, Vouvalis, Dick Wardian, Daniel Xu, Zhong, James Madison Nat'l Honor

Store Storekeepers include: Joan Guzi, Patricia Kratzer, Madison HS Honor with her granddaughter and a friend, Mary Stemp, Elsa Wilbur. **Little Library Volunteers**

Volunteers include: Elsa Wilbur, Charlie Balch, TR Davis, Bob Gregg, Jim Johnson, Carisa Harirchian, Eric Darrell Mounts, Nancy Ryan, Karen O'Meara, Col. David Brad Swanson, Jo Thrasher, Steve Traut, Prudy Traut, Kathy

Volunteer: "A person who freely offers to do something . . ."

Hendrickson, Sabrina Herman, Helen Lee, Betty Little, Mary Beth Mary Lee Monfort, Darrell Mounts, Mulville, Katie Newland, Nazar Celeste Phillips, Elliot Phillips, Jean Michelle Scott, Mary Ann Skinner, Spear, Katie Springsteen, Katie Stemp, Steve Traut, Kathy Tugendhat, Sophie Brian Yanni, Natalie Yanni, Isabel Soc., Boy Scout Troup 152, **Freeman** Carisa Harirchian, Emma Hastings, Society Students, Shirley McCoy – along Schillo, Michelle Scott, Antonia Sharp, Katie **include:** Dr. Robert A. Amsler, Patrick Coffey, Steven Traut, Prudy Traut. **Special Events** Cook, Mike Davis, Margaret Davenport, Nedda Hottenstein, Anne Martin, Shirley McCoy, Sim Moats, Schnakenberg, Michelle Scott, Antonia Sharp, Katie Stemp, Tugendhat, Steve and Judy White, Ayr Hill Garden Club, District III Garden Clubs, James Madison History Honors Society, **And a very special Thank you to the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department who help us in so many ways.**

Historic Vienna Inc.

Thanks the many volunteers who make it possible for us to achieve so much. We hope we are listing everyone and apologize if we inadvertently omit anyone.

