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## HVI Fall Membership Meeting

*“The 1950’s from the Perspective of  
Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Colbert King”*

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on *Tuesday, October 22 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 Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced.

Colbert I. King is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and editorial writer for the Washington Post. A Washington native, King spent several decades in public service and banking before joining the Post’s editorial board in 1990. His eloquence on behalf of the poor and his hard-hitting exposes “speak to people in power” in the words of the Pulitzer Committee, “with ferocity and wisdom.” King’s focus is a broad one often between local, national, and international issues. Nearly every piece is a concern for those made victim by crime, poverty, war, or misguided government policy. He was also a regular panelist on ABC’s “Inside Washington” and commentator on WTOP radio.

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

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**Tuesday, October 22,  
7:30 PM**

**Town Hall  
127 Center Street South,  
Vienna, VA 22180**

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*Interested in helping us catalog our collections?*

Please let the storekeepers know or email us at

[historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com)

*Join us for an Evening Used Book Sale in the  
Used Book Cellar*

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 5 to 8PM

The museum exhibits and store will also be open.

*Upstairs Museum Exhibit*

“Vienna and the ‘50s”

*Hallway Museum Exhibit*

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

## Late Night in the Virginia Room

*Friday, October 4, 2019, 5:00 - 11:00PM*

*Location: City of Fairfax Regional Library*

Research the history of your Fairfax County property. Learn how to register a property as an historic site. [Genealogists](#) – Virginia Room staff will be available to direct you to family history resources. To register go to <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5259155>

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## USED BOOK CELLAR

Despite July's torrential downpours, the Cellar was spared! Revenue has been a consistent fundraising source for HVI since the Cellar was created. Nearly every month, a Vienna Voice article is featured highlighting the Cellar.

Other news include, yes, the last 'donated', used, or purchased bookcases have been installed! Other than adding replacement bookcases to replace old sagging bookcases, we have completed the plan to turn the cellar into a better lighted used book store atmosphere. Bookcases have been secured and shimmed and each bookcase is strapped to the ceiling or joists and in some instances screwed shelf units together. Susan and Patti continue to work magic with updating signs, managing the children's section, and overseeing messes when events draw many shoppers.

Mark your calendar for a **small sale on Tuesday, September 10, 5 – 8PM**. Advertised in *Booksale Finder*, the plan is to 'introduce' the Cellar to new book shoppers and dealers during after work hours.

Help is needed for alphabetizing fiction books by author's last initial. If you know your alphabet, you will be a great volunteer and may come by when you are free. Other tasks include culling non-fiction, shelving books already sorted exhibiting a white sticker, and as always telling all about the cellar. Don't forget to donate your used books!

## From the Museum Committee

### *“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly - the 1960s in and about Vienna”*

#### ***Call for Your Help on the new exhibit!***

It's said that if you remember the 1960s, you didn't actually live in the 1960s. Well, whether you were alive in the '60s or just want to find out what it was like for your parents (or grandparents), HVI is preparing a new amazing exhibit about that decade. It will span topics of current events, entertainment, sports, fashion, and food, with an emphasis on Vienna and the surrounding area.

In preparation for the exhibit, we are looking for items and artifacts that we can put on display. Anything lent to us will be cared for and returned to you as soon as the exhibit is over. These items may range from old time kitchen appliances to baseball trading cards to local playbills to photographs (particularly of local sights). Also, if you are interested in assisting us in building the exhibit, drop an e-mail to HVI at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

#### ***Freeman Store Landscape Project***

What happened to the jungle of tangled vines and alien plants along the W&OD Bike Trail at the intersection of Church Street? With the generous gift of time and serious hard work, Parks and Recreation staff assisted with clearing the wild growth earlier this summer. Ayr Hill Garden Club, since 1929, has always relished cultivating Town of Vienna areas begging for attention. To honor the Club's 90 years dedicated to enhancing the Town's green areas, the Anniversary Beautification Project launched this

past spring. National Capital Area Garden Clubs Landscape Design Council awarded the Club a \$1000 grant to defray costs for this sizable project.

New plantings will include low maintenance, labeled native plants that will prevent erosion along the Piney Branch Tributary. Ayr Hill Garden Club members anticipate educating the public about native plantings and their attraction to native insects, butterflies, and birds. Children's workshops will be organized and announced as well. Ayr Hill Garden Club is most grateful for the support received from HVI Board members, members, and staff. We look forward to the day Freeman Store visitors can exit the side door, cross the bridge (maybe next year?), and admire the joys of nature. Mr. Abram Lydecker will smile!

Other Ayr Hill Garden Club maintained gardens on the Freeman Store grounds include the Colonial and Native American herb collections around the Little Library and the vegetable gardens within the picket fence.

#### ***A Landmark Gone***

One of the most unique houses in Vienna was the log cabin at 307 Cabin Rd. SE. The cabin was built c.1937 by African-American Vienna residents James Ellis and David Drew at the request of Mrs. Katrina Hine Echols, daughter of Maj. O.E. Hine. On Friday, August 2, 2019, the cabin was demolished to prepare the way for a new Sekas home. James Ellis had been a chauffeur for Mrs. Echols when she traveled to Washington, DC. James and his wife Mabel lived in the cabin until they moved to West St. NW around

1940. In her will, Mrs. Echols bequeathed to Mr. Ellis \$5,000 from her estate and a new Mercury automobile. The cabin was rented in 1945 by the Payne family, who had previously lived in Falls Church. After Mrs. Echols died in December of 1954, Mr. & Mrs. Payne purchased the cabin in 1955. The Paynes raised four daughters there. The last person to live in the cabin was their youngest daughter Norma, who inherited it from her mother, and lived there for 72 years until she died in April, 2017. The cabin then went to her sister Joan Payne Hubbard, and remained unoccupied. Joan and her husband decided to sell the cabin because the logs were rotted. Due to its condition, the cabin would fall apart if dismantled or moved. At the request of HVI, a log set has been set aside to be used in a creative way to memorialize the cabin.

### ***West End Cemetery Update***

This historic cemetery is located on the west side of the 500 block of Lewis Street, off Lawyers Road, in Vienna. According to an article in the 26 May 1988 Vienna Times by Carol Bonham, this cemetery is on land once owned by Capt. Harmon L. Salsbury where he built his home "Windover Heights." In 1884, Salsbury, who had commanded a division of African-American soldiers during the Civil War, conveyed land to blacks for use as a cemetery. The cemetery has been known over the years as the *Borgus*, the *North-South*, the *Lewis Street*, and the *Windover Cemetery*. It was named *West End Cemetery* in 1986 when restoration was being planned by Historic Vienna, Inc.

The cemetery contains 47 gravestones plus other stone markers. The earliest death date was 1884; the most recent was 1978. After the restoration, over 250 people attended a dedication ceremony at the cemetery on 26 April 1987. The marker reads: "*Historic Vienna, Inc. dedicates this marker to Captain Harmon L. Salsbury, who granted this land on February 25, 1884, for use as a cemetery by colored people. 1986.*" HVI is now the caretaker of West End Cemetery, the Town of Vienna maintains the general grounds of the cemetery throughout the year, and Five Hills Garden Club maintains the front entry twice a year. HVI is exploring ways to improve quality of upkeep, maintenance, and eventually beautification of West End Cemetery. The Town has recently repaired one of the tombstones and

invasive plants are gradually getting removed. Stay tuned for news on more improvements.

### ***American Archives Month – October***

October is American Archives Month! National Archives Records Administration (NARA), Historical groups, Presidential libraries, and schools will celebrate the country's rich history, raise awareness of archives, and the importance of archivists. There will be lots of National Archives events including a Twitter event on October 3rd and a virtual Genealogical Fair on October 24th. Follow this [link](https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/american-archives-month) for more information: <https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/american-archives-month>. George Mason University is hosting an *Archives Fair 2019* on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4PM. Learn about local collections and historical resources.

### ***Visit the Little Library***

Vienna's Little Library has been open this summer during the Chillin' on Church Friday evenings. Our volunteers enjoy keeping it open and meeting Vienna residents who come to visit.

If you have never been in this historic building, make it a point to come and visit. This building next to the Freeman Store was the Town of Vienna's lending library from 1897 to 1969. Learn the answers to commonly asked questions about this library, such as "*How many books are in this Library?*" or "*What is the oldest book in the Little Library?*" The opportunities to find the answers are on the following dates in 2019 when the Library will be open. And we have actual patrons of the Little Library sharing their library experiences: *Shirley Jackson on October 6* and *Shirley Martin on December 1*.

- Sunday, September 1, 1 to 4PM
- Friday Chillin' on Church September 20, 6 to 9:30PM
- Saturday Octoberfest October 5, 11AM to 5PM
- Sunday October 6, 1 to 4PM
- Sunday November 3, 1 to 4PM
- Sunday December 1, 1 to 4PM
- Monday Church Street Stroll December 2, 6 to 9PM

We are always looking for volunteers to keep the Library open. If you are interested call the Freeman Store at 703-938-5187, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com), or contact Margaret Dellinger, Little Library Coordinator at 703-409-3564 or [vamember@aol.com](mailto:vamember@aol.com)

## **Special Events**

### ***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.

### ***Oktoberfest, October 5***

The Freeman Store and Little Library will be open from 11:00AM until 7:00PM for Vienna's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by the Vienna Business Association, on Church Street, Saturday, October 5. 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](http://www.viennaoktoberfest.org).

### ***Walk With Us in the Halloween Parade***

For the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Parade, "*Famous Children's Books & Fairy Tales Brought to Life*," Historic Vienna, Inc. is celebrating the stories that can be found in the Used Book Cellar. Please contact Mike Berger, 703 861 0726 or [sberger@erols.com](mailto:sberger@erols.com), if you would like to march with us in the parade. The parade will take place on Wednesday, October 23, at 7PM, or the next day in case of severe weather. Costumes are welcome but not necessary to march as part of our group.

### ***Tea & 1950s 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.

### ***British Holiday Tea & Parlor Talk***

#### ***Friday, December 6, 3PM and***

#### ***Saturday, December 7, 3PM***

Enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations created by Ayr Hill Garden Club for the Freeman Store and Museum. Learn about English and Scottish Holiday Traditions while you enjoy some of the treats described in the talk. 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*.

## **HVI Calendar of Events**

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

Sundays, September 1, October 6,  
November 3, December 1, 1-4PM

Tuesday, September 10, 5-8PM

Wednesday, September 11, 9AM

Saturday, September 14, 1-5PM

Friday, September 20, 6:30 -9:30PM

Saturday, September 28, 3-5PM

Saturday, October 5, 11-7:00PM

Saturday, October 12, 1-5PM

Saturday, October 19, 10:30-12:30PM

Thursday, October 22, 7:30PM

Wednesday, October 23, 7PM

Saturday, November 16, 1-5PM

Monday, December 2, 6-9PM

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

Little Library open

Evening Used Book Sale

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on the Town Green

Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

Chillin' on Church, Freeman Store open

English Tea & Parlor Talk (\$30 per person, advance reservations required)

Oktoberfest!, Freeman Store and Little Library open

Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

Halloween on The Green and at the Freeman Store

HVI Fall Membership meeting, open to the public, Town Hall

Halloween Parade

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

Open House at Vienna Train Station & Caboose

Santa visits the Freeman Store

Please visit our website at [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

## Freeman Store News

### *New products have arrived!*



New items have arrived at the Freeman Store & Museum gift shop.


- Insulated, 25 oz., aluminum water bottles with our favorite ***big heart small town Vienna*** image
- ***FSM*** magnet for your car, fridge - any metallic surface
- Fun toys for the kids

Open Wednesday thru Sunday 12-4. Follow us @FreemanStore\_Museum on *Instagram* or join the Historic

Vienna, Inc. group on *Facebook*.

### *Arriving this Fall – the 2019 Ornament!*

The 2019 Ornament, hand made for us by Rachael Peden, will be the building located at 137 Church Street, NE. The ornament will be 2-sided: one side will feature the ***Wesley United Methodist Church*** as built in 1890. The other side will feature the first commercial use of the building (from 1956 to 1987) after the church moved to its current location on Spring Street: ***Curly's Men & Boys Clothing Store***. You might be more familiar with the building as the Yas Bakery. Add to your ornament collection of iconic Vienna buildings.

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

### ***HVI Board News***

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 22, 2019, to elect Board of Directors members whose 3 year terms expire at the end of 2022. The Nominating Committee has proposed that the current incumbents be re-elected. The Board Members up for re-election are: Beverly Burns, Catherine Hardman who was appointed to fill a vacant Board position last August, and Darrell Mounts. David Shelby is stepping down from the Board.

***Beverly Burns*** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2011. She has been an active volunteer for many years, working as a Storekeeper, Chairing the Book Sale for several years, and serving on the Store and Museum committees and helping with Special Events. Bev is retired after serving in the Navy and Civil Service.

***Catherine Hardman*** has been a member of the HVI Board since she was appointed in August 2018. Cathy, has been an active volunteer, helping with special events, the Museum Committee and Research. Cathy's father was a History professor and he wrote over 50 biographies and textbooks for children; her mother was an Art History professor. Cathy plans to publish her mother's works posthumously and is building a family archive to cover several generations. Cathy is also developing an archives collection for Louise Archer Elementary School.

***Darrell Mounts*** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2016. He has been an active volunteer assisting with various museum exhibits, the Used Book Cellar, and Special Events. Darrell coordinates HVI activities with the Vienna Business Association. Darrell started collecting at the age of six when he bought his first set of old books. Darrell's passion for history and antiques led him to dig for bottles and other antiques, metal detecting, search for Indian artifacts, attend farm auctions, and explore log farm houses and other old structures.

On June 29, 2019 ***Kathy Tugendaht*** passed away. Kathy was a longtime member. She volunteered at the Freeman Store, the annual Used Book Sale, and many special events. She and former board member Millie Monahan worked tirelessly to organize HVI's filing system. Kathy also created Stories and Sprinklers, now known as Stories, Songs and Sprinklers, and led it for many years. A generation of Vienna children will always remember Miss Kathy sitting in her little chair under the big oak tree, playing her guitar and singing classic children's songs with them. (Hokey Pokey, anyone?) Historic Vienna will miss Kathy's enthusiasm and ability to engage children, encouraging a love of history.

On July 31, 2019 ***Raymond Viets*** passed away from complications due to a stroke. Ray was a volunteer and served on the HVI Board of Directors. Historic Vienna will miss Ray's eloquent discussions on history.

