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## HVI Fall Membership Meeting “Footprints on the Moon and Beyond”

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:30PM via zoom.



Use this QR code to connect to the meeting.  
The meeting will not be recorded.

There will be a brief business meeting before the program, during which we will present this year’s Volunteer of the Year Award and renew board member terms.

The program, “Footprints on the Moon and Beyond”, presented by Bill Hamilton will discuss the exciting manned spacecraft missions, beginning with the space race of the 1960s to the present day. He will be pleased to take your questions.

Bill Hamilton is a docent at the Udvar Hazy National Air and Space Museum at Dulles, with over fifteen years of experience in presenting air and space history to museum guests. 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 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.

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

## HVI Fall Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 7:30 PM

Speaker:  
Bill Hamilton

“Footprints on the Moon and  
Beyond”

## Used Book Cellar 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!

Sunday, October 17 from 12-4PM

### Capturing Covid Reactions – new survey!

... Call to all HVI members and friends!

Historic Vienna Inc. would appreciate 10 minutes of your time! We have created our *third* in a series of questionnaires to capture and archive experiences in the Vienna community with the Covid 19 pandemic. Your input is important to us now and to those who follow us in the years to come. Please use the following link to fill out our quick SurveyMonkey questionnaire:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8R7LRM6>



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

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“The Women’s Rights Movement: Where Are We Now?”

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## From the Museum Committee

### **2022 Exhibits under development**

If you would like to help us with these exhibits please email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

#### *Upstairs Exhibit –on immigration*

Our community is strengthened by the rich heritage of the people who call Vienna home. Beginning with the indigenous people, the new upstairs exhibit will tell the story of the people who made Vienna what it is today. You will learn how each group of immigrants changed Vienna.

#### *Hallway Exhibit – Vienna's African American Trailblazers*

The African American community has had a long, involved, and storied history in Vienna enriching our community. The life and work of key African American trailblazers from Vienna will be featured in the new hallway exhibit at the Freeman Store and Museum. You will enjoy learning about these people and their contributions.

### **Little Library Museum has a new roof!**

When water was noticed in the Little Library Museum due to a leak in the ceiling, the Town management responded promptly to minimize damage to this treasured historic property and covered the entire roof with a tarp.

The HVI Board and Town staff then met and discussed options, in the end deciding on a full replacement using cedar shake shingles. In addition to being historically accurate, eco-friendly and recyclable, cedar shake is also energy efficient and durable. After several delays due to weather, the work was finally completed on Tuesday, August 24th.



Next time you are on Mill Street or around the Town Green, look up to admire this unquestionably beautiful new roof which will last for decades preserving the Museum and its historic collection.



### **Vienna Trivia**

*Why is there a Library Lane by the Jades Shopping Center?*



It is the original location of Vienna's Little Library Museum. The one-room, small square clapboard building, now at 164 Mill Street NE, was constructed by local resident Edward Pierce in 1897 on the land of William Lewis, whose driveway became Library Lane at Maple Avenue. It is thought that the residents didn't like having to go that far to get their books, particularly in the winter, so in 1912 the Library was moved to Center Street and Maple Avenue, approximately half a mile closer into Town. That is the current location of Fairfax County's Patrick Henry Library.

In 1970 the building was moved to its present location to become a museum. It is no longer a lending library. Visiting the Little Library Museum is a step back in history with its collection of approximately 5,500 books dating up to the 1960s on display, the card catalogs and other historical pieces. Please come see this unique treasure on the first Sundays of the month or during the Town's special events.

### ***Building Community and Supporting a Love for History and Books – Volunteers needed!***

Would you be willing to spend a few hours sitting quietly in a beautiful 1897 museum? HVI could use your help opening the Little Library Museum (LLM) during special events and Sundays, particularly the first Sunday of the month 1:00-4:00 pm. The more the Museum is accessible to the public, the more visitors connect with our Town and appreciate its history.

The LLM has both air-conditioning and heat. Guests wear masks and practice social distancing. There are no specific duties while there. It is not a lending library and the books in the collection cannot be checked out. If you can unlock and lock a door, you're qualified!

As an LLM volunteer you will directly enrich the lives of Vienna's residents and visitors. Please contact Katie Newland, [katie.newland@yahoo.com](mailto:katie.newland@yahoo.com), 703-627-8373, for more information.

**New Untold Stories Markers at Freedom Hill Park**

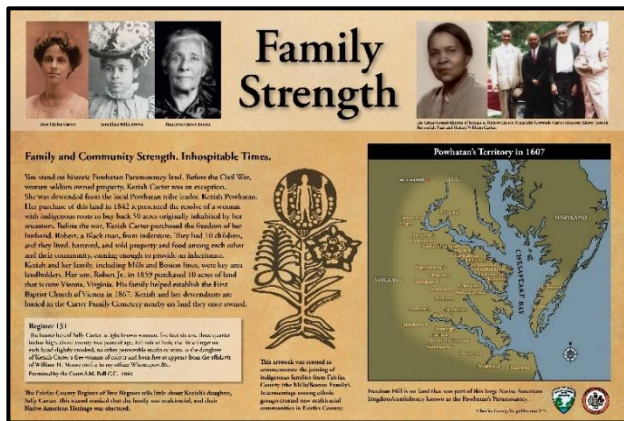
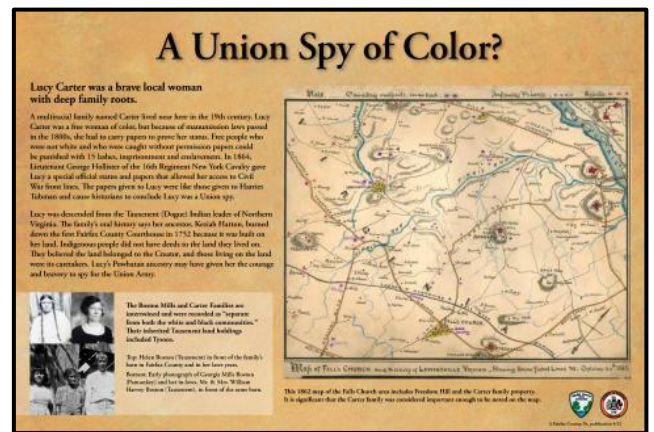
*Local Event Celebrates the Historical Contributions of the Carter Family to Our Community* – by Steve Shannon

On July 31, 2021, the Fairfax County Park Authority hosted a well-attended, outdoor ceremony at Freedom Hill Park to recognize the historical contributions of the Carter family to Fairfax County. The event was part of the Fairfax County Park Authority’s **Untold Stories Project**—a multi-year initiative designed to increase the representation of all peoples in the stories told by the Park Authority when discussing the County’s natural and cultural resources.

The event consisted of both a land ceremony with several speakers and the unveiling of two historical markers about the Carter family. In particular, the interpretive signage for the dedication ceremony highlights the extraordinary life of Keziah Carter and several family members, along with the community at Freedom Hill during the 1800s.

Another one of the Carter children profiled is Lucy Carter. Even though Lucy Carter was a free woman of color, she was required to carry manumission papers to prove her status as a free woman. At the time, free people who were not white caught without their papers could be subject to fifteen lashes, imprisonment, or enslavement.

In 1864, Lieutenant Colonel George Hollister of the 16th Regiment of New York Cavalry gave Lucy Carter a special official status and papers that allowed her access to the Civil War front lines. These papers were like those given to Harriet Tubman and lead historians to conclude that Ms. Carter served as a Union spy during the Civil War.



Keziah Carter was a descendant of a local Powhatan tribe leader. The signage prominently states about her, “*You stand on historic Powhatan Paramouncy land... Her purchase of this land in 1842 represented the resolve of a woman with indigenous roots to buy back 50 acres originally inhabited by her ancestors.*” This purchase was unusual because, prior to the Civil War, women seldom owned property. Keziah and her descendants are buried in the Carter Family Cemetery, which is located on land they owned.

Keziah Carter also purchased the freedom of her husband Robert, a Black man who had been indentured. The couple had ten children. Their son, Robert, Jr., purchased ten acres of property in 1859 in what is now the town of Vienna. The Carter family subsequently helped establish First Baptist Church of Vienna, which was founded in 1867.

Keziah Hatton is another notable ancestor of the Carter family. The signage references the family’s oral history for the proposition that in 1752 Keziah burned down the first Fairfax County Courthouse because it was built on her land. Indigenous people at the time did not have deeds to the land they lived on. Instead, they believed that land belonged to the Creator and that those living on the land had an obligation to serve as caretakers of the land.

This information and more about the Untold Stories Project, including videos from the July 31st ceremony, can be found on the Fairfax County webpage at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). For those interested in visiting Freedom Hill Park to view the interpretive signage, the park is located at 8351 Old Courthouse Road, Tysons, Virginia 22182.

**Covid Stories**

What is your pandemic story? We ALL have them whether they are heartwarming or heartbreaking. The Vienna community had to create new ways to handle the difficult challenges we faced in this



past 15 months of the pandemic. Our community is a special one and hearing your stories of these trying times and all the ways we got through it together is important.

We would like to add many more stories so please consider adding yours. Following are some ways we encourage you to participate and tell your story:

- Send us a short write up
- Contact us to record your story - in person or on a zoom call
- Create a poem or piece of artwork expressing your feelings
- Share photographs of changes in the town or your experiences during this time

Please visit our website: <https://historicviennainc.org> to view our current collection of stories and learn how to add yours. Look under **Covid Stories** and you will see how to participate as well as view some wonderful submissions from a variety of sources - *we even heard from Santa and from Lydia Russo about Vienna Foodies!*

If you have questions or wish to set up an interview please contact us at [hvioralhistory@gmail.com](mailto:hvioralhistory@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

### ***Our 3-Block Walking Tour of Church Street is now digital!***

Most people assume Maple Avenue has always been Vienna's '**Main Street**' however that honor belongs to **Church Street**, so named because at one point there were four churches dotted along it. Our paper brochure takes you on a walking tour of Church Street, but HVI is happy to announce that this tour has gone **digital** and you can now download a user-friendly online map.

Learn about the notable stores and businesses along Church Street and the buildings and points of interest that originally lined it while using your smart phone or mobile device. This map tour can be found on our *website* or simply click on the *QR code* in our front window. Enjoy reading about the history of this distinct street located in Vienna's historic district.

## Freeman Store News

### ***Return to Normal Hours***

The Freeman Store & Museum, including the Used Book Cellar is open Wednesday through Sunday 12-4.

### ***Oktoberfest***

Oktoberfest is happening! During Oktoberfest, we will be open extended hours – Saturday, October 2, 12-6.

### ***What's new?***



We are selling a custom-made **Rustic Love Vienna** candle and a portion of each candle sold is being donated to Rustic Love Vienna to help them fulfill their mission to feed food insecure families in our community.

Wood coasters with Vienna and Virginia carved letters are made in the USA by **Grainwell**, a female owned small business.



Beautiful, soft tea towels from **Coast and Cotton** are made in Alabama. This small husband & wife owned business, former helicopter pilot and industrial designer, uses cotton which is grown and milled nearby their shop.

The **Bottle Benders** in Georgia have been making beautiful wind chimes for 50 years. These hand-made pieces are colorful and sound so lovely.

Hand-made soaps from **The Parsonage Company** are made with plant essential oils in Lovettsville, Virginia. This is a 25-year old family run business.

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. Join the *Historic Vienna Inc.* group on Facebook. Be sure to follow us on Instagram @FreemanStore\_Museum for the latest news on what's new in the Store!

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

## Used Book Cellar

### *Celebrate the Used Book Cellar turning 5!*

PARTY time!!! Who doesn't enjoy a reason to party? Come to the Freeman Store and Museum on *Sunday, October 17 from 12-4PM* and join in the 5th birthday celebration! The party begins with music, a kids' fall photo opportunity, complete with pumpkins and gremlins, chances to win gift coupons and of course, special book sale offerings. What is better than shopping for reasonably priced, outstanding books? It is shopping for your favorite read while partying at the Used Book Cellar's 5th Birthday on Sunday, October 17.

In October 2016, we took a chance to open the Cellar. After cleaning the space, removing unwanted items, and setting up long tables filled with book boxes, we started selling used books and the Cellar began its journey to become a favorite part of our Freeman Store and Museum adventure. Eventually, bookcases replaced tables and standard size boxes. From time-to-time, items necessary for business have been added. Numerous metal racks, a computer and cabinet, an air purifier, a sleek new carousel to display workbooks and youth items, colorful chairs, stools for reaching taller shelving, bulletin boards, and colorful posters have added both functionality and style to the old Lydecker Store basement.

Thanks to all HVI members who volunteer for special events, our faithful volunteer team, and of course our board members and all who continue to pitch in with sorting, culling, and keeping order. Only the future can predict how the cellar will continue to attract so many fans. Many thanks to all in our community who so generously donate used books.

So, come out on October 17 and help us celebrate! You won't want to miss the party!

### *Opportunities to volunteer:*

- donate books and help with sorting
- offer to read to youth
- assist with special sales
- review a book and post your critique in the cellar
- help distribute used books to the little lending libraries
- routinely bring to the Freeman Store the New York Times or other publications top book lists to post
- come and visit us during store hours, *Wednesday through Sunday, 12-4*.
- suggestions for improvements are appreciated, as is your patronage!

### *Attention realtors out there!*

Are you selling a property or staging a home for sale? Want to spruce up a client's house with decorative books? Our Used Book Cellar has stacks of books for you in a *rainbow of different colors* that will look so good on those bookshelves.

Shoppers are delighted to find this gem of a used book store right in the heart of Vienna, so *please share our location with others*.

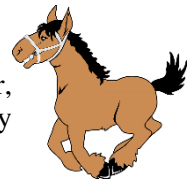
*Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round.*

When you donate used books, continue to box or bag your contributions and place them on the porch benches or bring inside, if the store is open. No magazines, textbooks, romance novels or small paperbacks are accepted. Your donations are tremendously appreciated and support HVI programs and activities in numerous ways.

### Young Reader Roundup

Looking to add books to your classroom or home library? Our children's area is brimming with early readers, activity books, chapters, science & history. Come see our new selection of old vintage books for kids.

If you have a young adult reader, our variety of books will satisfy their tastes too.



## Special Events

### ***Oktoberfest, October 2 Fun for the Whole Family***

The Freeman Store will be open from 12-6:00PM for Vienna's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by the Vienna Business Association, on Church Street, Saturday, October 2. 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).

### ***Liberty Amendments Month***

Vienna's celebration of Liberty Amendments Month included over 60 different events and activities. The feedback has been very positive. Historic Vienna is proud to have been part of celebrating this first Liberty Amendments Month.

Planning for next year's events and activities will begin later this fall. If you have ideas for events or activities that Historic Vienna can collaborate with you on, please email us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### ***'At Home' British Holiday Tea & Talk Saturday, December 11, 3PM***



Enjoy a full English holiday tea with scones, authentic clotted cream, homemade lemon curd, jam, elegant tea sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies, plum pudding and other traditional treats. These treats will be carefully packaged with English Tea (bags) and Christmas crackers in special boxes which attendees can pick up

at the Freeman Store and Museum between 12 and 2PM on December 11.

Each Tea Package costs \$45 and includes the Zoom information. Tea Packages will be on sale through our website only from November 1 through December 1. Tea Packages once purchased are non-refundable. The site will also feature vintage tea and related items for sale. For more information, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

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## HVI Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 2, 11-7PM  
Sundays, October 3, November 7,  
December 5, 1-4PM  
Saturday, October 17, 12-4PM  
Wednesday, October 20, 7:30PM  
Saturday, October 23, 10:30-12:30PM  
Wednesday, October 27, 7PM  
Monday, November 29, 6-9PM  
Sunday, December 5, 12-2PM  
Saturday, December 11, 3-5PM  
Sunday, December 12, 12-2PM

Oktoberfest!, Freeman Store open 12-6PM  
Little Library open pending volunteer availability  
Used Book Cellar 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash  
HVI Fall Membership meeting, open to the public, zoom only  
Halloween on The Green and at the Freeman Store  
Halloween Parade  
Church Street Stroll *and Santa Claus Visit*  
Santa visits the Freeman Store  
British Holiday Tea, Zoom only, tickets \$45  
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.

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

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the zoom Fall Membership Meeting on October 20, 2021, to elect Board of Directors members whose 3 year terms expire at the end of 2021. The Nominating Committee has proposed that the current incumbents be re-elected. The Board Members up for re-election are: Mike Berger, Leigh Kitcher, Nancy Moats, and Jon Vrana.

**Mike Berger** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2013. He has been an active volunteer serving as a Storekeeper, giving tours, and on various committees including Special Events, the Store and Book Sale Committees and is currently on the Museum Committee. He has conducted research on many of the objects in our collection and has coordinated the restoration of several items. Mike is retired after a long career in the military and public sector and has a long association with the Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180 and is a published author in the field of military history.

**Leigh Kitcher** has been a member of the HVI Board; serving as Treasurer since 2011. She has been an active volunteer serving on various committees including the Store and the Museum Committees, she edits the Newsletter and leads the Planning Committee. She is a member of Ayr Hill Garden Club and participates in decorating the Freeman Store and Museum for the holidays.

**Nancy Moats** has been a member of the HVI Board since 2009 and has served as Vice President since 2013. She has been an active volunteer for many years, working as a Storekeeper, Chair of the Store Committee, Chair of the Book Sale – now the Used Book Cellar, Chair of the Little Library Committee and Chair of the Church Street Stroll Committee; served on various committees including the Museum, Walk on the Hill, and has coordinated many Special Events. She is a member of Ayr Hill Garden Club and participates in decorating the Freeman Store and Museum and the Caboose for the holidays. Her long-time involvement with Girl Scouting has provided her with a great amount of contacts and experience.

**Jon Vrana** has been a member of the HVI Board since he was appointed in August 2013. He has been an active volunteer serving as Abram Lydecker at various events and is currently on the Museum Committee leading the upstairs revolving exhibits. He has conducted research on the history of various residents of Vienna and its environs.

### ***HVI Remembers DH Scarborough***



Photo: Brian Trompeter,  
Sun Gazette, 8/23/21

Donations are being accepted in memory of longtime Vienna resident and prominent citizen Donna Helen "DH" Scarborough. To recognize DH's significant contributions to Historic Vienna as a past President and Treasurer, a purple martin house will be erected between the Freeman Store and Little Library Museum as a tribute to her memory. The structure will be a permanent reminder of DH's dedicated service and considerable good works which significantly enhanced Historic Vienna and this community. DH died of cancer on August 15, and her life was celebrated by many friends and family on August 27. Donations may be made online or by check.

*DH supported Historic Vienna in many ways, from leading the organization as President and later as Treasurer to initiating activities to engage the community like the Pumpkin fest and always used the HVI special Christmas cards each year.* Leigh Kitcher, HVI Treasurer

*DH lit up every room with her bright smile. She approached everything she did with humility, grace and purpose.* Katie Newland, HVI Director

*Besides serving as President and Treasurer, she was a general hard worker doing a wonderful job at everything she worked on. I was always so impressed that she could and would give so much to HVI while running her own very successful business and actively supporting the Vienna business community.* Anne Stuntz, HVI President

*Always enjoyed seeing DH and shared many hours working in the Freeman Store with her. Her 'can do' attitude, her smile and twinkling eyes always was an indication that one could accomplish anything. As a single mom, DH learned early to persevere and approach life with a 'can do' attitude.* Nancy Moats, HVI Vice President

### 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	Catherine Hardman, Secretary	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Darrell Mounts	Mike Berger	Simeon Moats
Steve Shannon	Katie Newland	Gloria Runyon
Jon Vrana	Sylvia Taylor	Suzanne Traut
	Leslie Herman, Town Liaison	

### 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.

Now you can join/renew or contribute online! Visit our website: [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).  
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 2022).  
    \_\_\_ Individual (\$25)    \_\_\_ Family (\$30)    \_\_\_ Group or Corporate (\$40)

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

I want to make a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation in memory of DH Scarborough (100% tax deductible).

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

*Total amount enclosed:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_