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25th Annual Church Street Stroll

November 29, 6 – 8:30PM

*Co-Hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. and
the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department
Sponsored by United Dental Group*

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.

Santa arrives at 6:15

Santa and Mayor light the tree and caboose lights at 6:20

Visit Santa at the Freeman Store and Museum after the tree lighting

Fire pits

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

Performers and Structures Open

Performers

- Wolftrap Elementary Chorus
- Vienna Community Band Brass Ensemble
- Fairfax Jubil-Aires
- Green Hedges School Jazz Band
- Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines
- O'Connell Magrigals acapella group

Historic Structures Open

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

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

Santa visits the Freeman Store and Museum



*Sunday, December 5, 12 to 2 PM
and*

Sunday, December 12, 12 to 2 PM

Visits with Santa are always free of charge. Social distancing and masks (for everyone over the age of two) are required.

Santa's Special Chair is positioned next to the gorgeous holiday tree in the upstairs parlor.

Virtual British Holiday Tea



December 11, 3 to 5PM

For more information and to purchase a Tea Package, see the next page and visit our website.

REMINDER

HVI Memberships are from January 1 to December 31.

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

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FreemanStore_Museum



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Historic Vienna Inc.

Historic Vienna, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Corporation for historic preservation, operates The Freeman Store and Museum
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www.historicviennainc.org

Email us at: historicviennava@gmail.com

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

703.938.5187

Special Events

*On sale through
our website only!*

'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, 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.

Set up your Tea Package on your favorite china and at 3PM tune in to the Zoom call. The program will include a presentation on the History of Santa Claus, *a special visit from Santa Claus*, and holiday songs trivia.

Each Tea Package costs \$45 and includes the Zoom information. Space is limited; Tea Packages are on sale through our website only from November 1 through December 1 or until they are sold out. Tea Packages once purchased are non-refundable. Pick up for all tea items purchased, Tea Packages and vintage items, will be contactless. Email historicviennava@gmail.com for more information.

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, November 28, 12-4PM

Monday, November 29, 6PM

Sunday, December 5, 12-2PM

Sunday, December 5, 1-4PM

Saturday, December 11, pickup 12-2pm,
Zoom 3PM

Sunday, December 12, 12-2PM

January 1 to February 28

Wednesday, March 2

Sunday, March 13, 2-4PM

Small Business Saturday Book Hunt – Freeman Store open;

Church Street Stroll – In person!

Santa visits the Freeman Store

Little Library open 1-4PM

'At Home' British Holiday Tea, tickets available online \$45

Santa visits the Freeman Store

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.

From the Museum Committee

Little Library Museum Tour

On November 7th, the 2nd grade Cub Scouts from Cunningham Park Elementary School's Boy Scout Troop 833 and their den leaders visited the Little Library Museum.



They learned how local citizens started and managed the Library, and why it is important to preserve our history. They got a glimpse of what life was like in Vienna's

historic past and how communities change. The Scouts were able to identify books such as the Hardy Boys, Tom Swift and others in the museum collection which are still read today.

If you are involved with a group who may enjoy a visit to this 19th century historic site located at 164 Mill Street, please contact katie.newland@yahoo.com.

Last Chance to Stop by the Little Library This Year!

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 5, Sunday 1 to 4PM

If you would like to volunteer or arrange for a tour please email the *Freeman Store and Museum* at historicvienna@gmail.com.

Purple Martin House Chosen



To recognize DH Scarborough’s significant contributions to Historic Vienna as a past President and Treasurer, a purple martin house will be erected on the Freeman Store and Museum property. The structure will be a permanent reminder of DH’s

dedicated service and considerable good works which significantly enhanced Historic Vienna and this community. Donations may be made online or by check.

Fairfax County Aerial Photography

Those of you who have visited the second floor of the Freeman Store and Museum have likely noticed the large aerial photography images of the Town of Vienna taken in different years.

But do you know where those images came from or that aerial photographic images have been taken of all of Fairfax County since the 1930s? Further, did you know all that imagery is available in digital format online via the Fairfax County Historical Imagery Viewer at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/aerial-photography/>? We got our high resolution images for the exhibit from www.historicaerials.com.

Not only is there aerial imagery covering the entire county, but you can search for an address then zoom in and move from year to year to see how your property has changed over most of the past Century. If you wish to save what you see you can make a screen capture. Enjoy.

Unequal Access: The Desegregation of Public Libraries in Northern Virginia

Virginia Room staffers Chris Barbuschak and Suzanne LaPierre have done a masterful job of writing this important 133-page paper. You might be interested to know that Vienna is mentioned over 150 times, with special attention to the 1960s establishment of the county branch, now known as Patrick Henry Library.

https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ld.php?content_id=63134201&fbclid=IwAR1SYsl6L83aOMU176USWrJmi98RvOzOX-mQJoBHQOg9ESPRc5-TO3WK0tk

Fairfax County Confederate Names Inventory

Did you recently receive a postcard asking what you think about changing the names of Lee Highway (Route 20) and Lee-Jackson Highway (Route 50)?

Comments were formally due already, November 12. You can learn more at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/confederate-names-task-force>

The Task Force was established this year by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to following up on the History Commission's 2020 Confederate Names Inventory.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/sites/history-commission/files/assets/documents/confederate-names-committee/confederate-names-inventory-report.pdf>

A few years ago Page Johnson of Historic Fairfax City Inc. wrote a good history of Lee Highway that you can read here:

<https://www.historicfairfax.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/HFCI61-2008.pdf>

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>

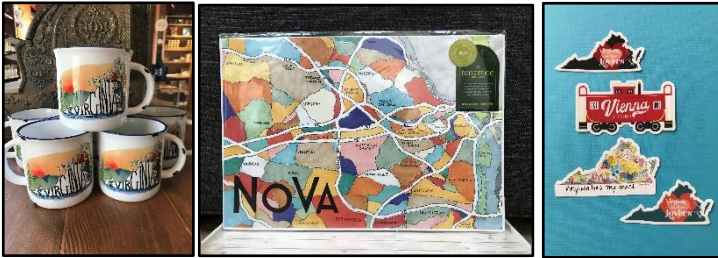


Freeman Store News

What's new?

Come shop with us for the holidays! Now open normal hours, Wednesdays through Sundays, 12 noon – 4PM, the Freeman Store continues to offer exciting new products.

- Virginia mugs that depict our beautiful scenic state
- A colorful poster & notecard showing a map of NOVA
- Fun stickers of Vienna and Virginia
- A new line of pottery made in the USA



Coming Soon!

Ornaments of Vienna elementary schools – **Cunningham Park, Flint Hill, Marshall Road, and Wolftrap.**

These adorable ornaments are a great keepsake of your child's school. Made in the USA.

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

Used Book Cellar

A special thank you to Card My Yard Fairfax, which is owned by a Vienna resident, for generously supplying the happy birthday yard sign for the 5th birthday celebration of our Used Book Cellar!

A recent Used Book Cellar donation may pique your interest:

How Come They Always Had The Battles In National Parks?

A factual and funny survey of American history from the beginning through the Civil War.

Special Winter Used Book Cellar Sales

January and February
Dates TBD check social media
and the website for details

The Used Book Cellar will be highlighting our Big Beautiful Books during the month of December with a special half price selection. Perfect for holiday gifts!

Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round. – Please check our website for details on how to donate.

Vienna Holiday Shopping Pass

The Freeman Store and Museum is participating in the VBA's **Vienna Holiday Shopping Pass** Bingo game. The passes will be available from November 15 through December 31st. Come in, get a pass, and start earning credit towards your prize. Gift Certificates from the Store and Used Book Cellar will be among the prizes awarded.

Small Business Saturday Book Hunt

We are one of the businesses participating in the Bard's Alley Book Hunt on Small Business Saturday, November 27th. Come in and find the book hidden in the store by Bard's Alley. If you find it, it's yours!

Attention local history buffs!

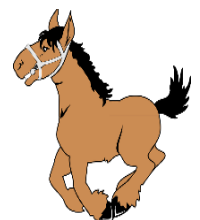
Our area is rich in history and we carry many books on interesting local people and places written by local authors. From *Dunbarton & Gum Springs* to *George Mason & Maplewood*. Many of these specific history books are priced at \$3!

Young Reader Roundup

Gateway books to get your child hooked on reading!

Reading chapter books helps build a strong foundation for literacy by increasing a child's attention span for longer stories and strengthening their vocabulary and comprehension.

They are the best way to get your child **hooked on reading!** The Book Cellar continues to offer a large selection of children's chapter books with many of them priced at only 25cents!



HVI Volunteers

Volunteer of the Year

The 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award has been given to Charles (Chuck) Balch for his work enhancing the grounds of the Freeman Store and Museum. Chuck teamed up with Nancy Moats to clear unwanted plants and cultivate favorite local plantings. Along the Store's Piney Branch boundary, Japanese honeysuckle and aggressive mulberry plants flourished. Chuck patiently cleared stumps, vines, and other plants nearly every Saturday for months. Ayr Hill Garden Club has planned to plant this area with native plants - creating the Woodland Walk, complete with a bench. Shortly five weather-proof historical markers will be installed there. Please be sure to enjoy this peaceful garden along the Piney Branch by the patio.

Chuck continues to look for projects, such as painting the Victory Garden fence and assisting the garden club with plantings. Historic Vienna, Inc. appreciates his contributions.



We really appreciate John Ball, Rossana Carney, Jim Carson, David Dunlap, Michele Dunlap, Rick Evert, Marsha Komandt, John Moore, Renee Rodriguez, Joan Schrager, Brad Swanson, and other volunteers who help manage donations, and all those who donate books to make our Used Book Cellar so successful. Thank you.

A special thank you to Ayr Hill Garden Club who each year beautifully decorates the Freeman Store and Museum, the Little Library Museum, and our property for the holidays in time for the Church Street Stroll. We also thank Sally Stephens for decorating the doll house in the dining room.

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, traditional Teas)
- *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, pottery, decorative gifts, 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	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Beverly Burns	Catherine Hardman, Secretary	Simeon Moats
Darrell Mounts	Mike Berger	Gloria Runyon
Steve Shannon	Katie Newland	Suzanne Traut
Jon Vrana	Sylvia Taylor	
	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.

Now you can join/renew or contribute online! Visit our website: 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: \$ _____

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: _____