

# HISTORIC VIENNA INK

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## HVI Fall Membership Meeting “History of the District of Columbia Militia and National Guard”

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 3 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.

Mike Berger, member of the Board of Directors of Historic Vienna, and also Brigadier General (retired), District of Columbia National Guard, will present an informative history of the District of Columbia Militia and National Guard.

The organization traces its origin to the foundation of our Nation and has participated in virtually every military event since that time including the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, both World Wars, and the war in Korea. Mike will highlight events you will find both interesting and enjoyable such as music composed by John Philip Sousa for the organization, and professional football and baseball players who served.

Mike will bring with him some of his unique items of District of Columbia National Guard militaria including his collection of gold medals and an Infantry Captain’s blouse and helmet dating from about 1900. Many items in the collection are so rare, such as a trophy presented to one of the units by William Howard Taft before he became President, that they cannot be duplicated.

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

## HVI Fall Membership Meeting Thursday, November 3, 7:30 PM Town Hall



127 Center Street South,  
Vienna, VA 22180

Speaker:

**Mike Berger**  
Brigadier General

“History of the District of  
Columbia Militia and  
National Guard”

## Used Book Cellar 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!

 Saturday, October 15 from 10-4PM 

### Upstairs Museum Exhibit:

“Rediscovering HVI’s museum collections”

### Hallway Museum Exhibit:

“Vienna’s African American Trailblazers”

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*Historic Vienna Inc.*

## From the Museum Committee

### *Please help control pebbles!*



*We know the kiddies like to have fun,  
But when they're all done...  
Please be neat and  
Keep the pebbles under their feet!*

The Freeman Store & Museum loves when children visit and have fun on our property. Lately however, the little ones are dispersing the pebbles in all sorts of places creating quite a mess that requires daily cleanup.

Please parents, grandparents and caregivers, help keep us looking good! Keep an eye on the youngsters and avoid throwing pebbles on our front porch & steps. They create a slippery walking surface for visitors, damage the steps and get tracked inside our dear old building, hurting our floors. Our site is listed as a Virginia Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. Please be mindful of this distinction when children are playing outside.

*Thank you!*

### **Bridge Replacement Update**

In September, Historic Vienna attended the pre-construction meeting between Town, the contractor, VDOT and others, so things are moving. They might even break ground by the end of the year!

### **Little Library Docents**

Would you be willing to spend a few hours sitting quietly in a beautiful 1897 museum? We could use your help opening the Little Library Museum the first Sunday of each month, 1-4pm, and during special events. The Museum is located at 164 Mill Street NE in the Town of Vienna. The more the Museum is accessible to the public, the more visitors connect with our Town and its history.

The Museum has both air-conditioning and heat. 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 a Museum volunteer you will directly enrich the lives of Vienna's residents and visitors. Please email us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### **Little Free Library at Little Library will return!**



HVI supports the book lovers of Vienna by managing the ever-popular Used Book Cellar in the Freeman Store and by contributing to many of the little free libraries around town. One of the most popular ones is located on Mill St. in the front yard of the Little Library Museum. After many years of constant use and exposure, the structure badly needed repairs and new paint. It is being restored by a volunteer at Green Hedges School and should be back on its stand (as seen in the photo) by the end of the year.

In the meantime, those of you looking to donate or find books, please visit the Freeman Store or one of the many little free libraries in our town. Little free libraries build community, inspire readers and expand free access to books for all.

## Special Events

### **Liberty Amendments Month Contributions Recognized**

On May 26, the Town held a special event honoring all volunteers who helped create the first Liberty Amendments Month in 2021. Leigh Kitcher was

recognized by Mercury Payton, by Mark Keam with a Commendation from the Virginia Senate and a Resolution by the Virginia House of Representatives, by Mayor Linda Colbert with a Town Resolution of Appreciation, and by Councilmember Chuck Anderson with a Town

Tribute. Awards were presented to the over 90 volunteers who helped create the over 60 events held in 2021.

Vienna's celebration of Liberty Amendments Month this year included over 36 different events and activities. The feedback has been very positive. Historic Vienna is grateful to Steve Shannon for coordinating our activities.

If you have ideas for events or activities that Historic Vienna can collaborate with you on for next year's Liberty Amendments Month, please email us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### ***Oktoberfest, October 1***

The Freeman Store will be open from 12-6PM for Vienna's Annual Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by the Vienna Business Association, on Church Street, Saturday, October 1. 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 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade, "*Time Machine: Vienna in the past, present and future,*" Historic Vienna, Inc. is delighted that Leigh Kitcher will be the Grand Marshall for the Parade! Our entry will feature the Little Library and will celebrate the rich history of Vienna.

Please email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com), if you would like to march with us in the parade. The parade will take

place on Wednesday, October 26, at 7PM, or the next day in case of severe weather. Costumes are welcome but not necessary to march as part of our group.

### ***British Holiday Tea – In person!*** ***Friday, December 2, 3PM and*** ***Saturday, December 3, 3PM***

Enjoy the beautiful holiday decorations created by Ayr Hill Garden Club for the Freeman Store and Museum. Relax and visit with your friends in the parlor and dining room. The full English holiday tea includes scones, authentic clotted cream, homemade lemon curd, jam, elegant tea sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies, plum pudding, other traditional treats. and a bottomless cup of tea.



If you prefer, you can order your tea as a Tea Package for pick up on Saturday, December 3 between 2 and 3pm. The Tea Package contains the tea treats carefully packaged with English Tea (bags) and Christmas crackers in special boxes. It makes a perfect gift!

Each in person Tea or Tea Package costs \$45 and will be on sale through our website only from November 1 through December 1. Teas once purchased are non-refundable. For more information, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

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## **HVI Calendar of Events**

Saturday, October 1, 11-7PM  
Sundays, October 2, November 6,  
December 4, 1-4PM  
Saturday, October 15, 10-4PM  
Saturday, October 15, 10:30-12:30PM  
Wednesday, October 27, 7PM  
Thursday, November 3, 7:30PM  
Monday, November 28, 6-9PM  
Friday, December 2, 3-5PM  
Saturday, December 3, 2-3PM  
Saturday, December 3, 3-5PM  
Sunday, December 4, 12-2PM  
Sunday, December 11, 12-2PM

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

### Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is happening! During Oktoberfest, we will be open extended hours – Saturday, October 1, 12-6.

### What's new?

The store is busy getting ready for the holiday shopping season with lots of new items arriving, including more Vienna themed items, candles, a new line of pottery, and toys for the kids.



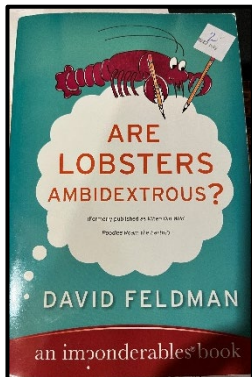
Look for new items in our shop in the upcoming months and remember to stay up to date with all Freeman Store & Museum and Historic Vienna events and information via social media.

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 6!



*Fun and crazy titles  
appear each week!*

The Freeman Store's Used Book Cellar is celebrating its 6th birthday and we're celebrating! Enjoy music by John Giunta during the UBC birthday celebration. The community has been extremely generous bringing book donations and purchasing a tremendous quantity of books since 2016 and we're very grateful.

As part of the celebration on Saturday, October 15, 10 - 4, we will have *specialty priced used books, treats, and a fall setting to capture selfies and family photographs*. Join us for the fun outside on the front gravel area of the Freeman Store for special sale books and indoors for superb used books at very reasonable prices. The town will also host a Halloween Party for youth on the Town Green from 10:30 to 12:30.

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 15 and help us celebrate! You won't want to miss the party!

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.***

### Young Reader Roundup

With hundreds of titles in stock, we have books for the younger crowd for all reading levels and interests. Award winning chapters, picture books, early readers and educational learning books filled with facts.

We are so grateful that the community chooses to donate their quality children's books to our Cellar. Donations are constantly coming in, so please stop in regularly!



*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.

### ***HVI Board News and Announcements***

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the zoom Fall Membership Meeting on November 3, 2022, 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: Cathy Hardman, Darrell Mounts, and Katie Newland.

***Catherine Hardman*** has been a member of the HVI Board since she was appointed in August 2018. Cathy, has served as Secretary and has been an active volunteer, helping with special events, Oral Histories, the Museum Committee and Archives. 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 is currently Secretary and has been an active volunteer assisting with various museum exhibits, the Used Book Cellar, and Special Events. Darrell also 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.

***Katie Newland*** has been a member of the HVI Board since she was appointed in the spring of 2020. Katie is responsible for overseeing the Little Library Museum and has been an active volunteer assisting with Special Events, the Museum Committee and as a Freeman Store volunteer. In addition to her love for the town of Vienna, her interests include the performing arts and non-profit associations and is a founding member and women's ministry leader of Christ Church Vienna.

### **From Enslavement to Statesmen**

Presented by

**Kenya J. Finley-Jean, Supervisory Park Ranger,  
Civil War Defenses of Washington**

***Saturday, September 24, 2022, 2:30 - 4:00PM***

***Location: Vienna Community Center***

***Sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Library***

For a few years between Reconstruction and the beginning of the Jim Crow era, African Americans rode a wave of reform to some of the most important political offices in the land. Roughly 2,000 Blacks took office on the state, local and federal level, and nearly a dozen former slaves served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. These trailblazers faced mistreatment and intimidation from both the public and their fellow lawmakers, but they also served as some of the nation's most prominent advocates of racial equality. From a former manservant to a little-known Civil War veteran, meet five men who rose up from slavery to become part of the United States' first generation of Black congressmen. Registration is required. To register go to :

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/8872890>

### **The Caboose Comes to Herndon!**

***Saturday, September 28, 2022, 7:00PM***

***Location: Herndon Historical Society's Depot Museum,  
717 Lynn Street, Herndon, VA***

Presented by Lea Coryell, former president of the Herndon Historical Society, who was instrumental in the town of Herndon getting its vintage caboose in 1989. The presentation will include many photographs from 1989-1990 and a video which shows how the caboose came to town and was restored. This presentation will be of great interest to rail enthusiasts, history buffs and children alike.

This will be a **hybrid meeting**, both in the Depot and on Zoom. Please e-mail [HerndonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:HerndonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

### **We Are Fairfax County Part II: Early Immigrants Sowing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County**

***18<sup>th</sup> Annual History Conference***

***Saturday, November 5, 2022, 8:30 - 3:30PM***

***Location: Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3749 Old  
Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA – also live streamed on channel 16 &  
Facebook***

Sponsored by the Fairfax County History Commission, this conference will present the history of local African American communities and churches, influence of the Germanna Colony, the heritage and impact of Quakers, Jewish immigration, early Irish citizens and other understudied communities in our area. For more information and to register go to :

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/>

### 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	
Mike Berger	Darrell Mounts, Secretary	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Katie Newland	Catherine Hardman	Simeon Moats
Sylvia Taylor	Gloria Runyon	Steve Shannon
	Suzanne Traut	Jon Vrana
	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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*City, State, Zip Code*

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*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: \_\_\_\_\_