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26th Annual Church Street Stroll

November 28, 6 – 8:30PM

Co-Hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. and
the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department

This annual event includes the lighting of the Town tree, Santa's arrival in Vienna, and staged and strolling performances. We are delighted that Anne Stuntz and Nancy Moats will be emceeing. 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. As usual, the Church Street merchants are opening their stores during the stroll, with many offering special pricing and refreshments.

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

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

Performers and Structures Open

Performers

- Wolftrap Elementary Chorus
- Vienna Community Band Brass Ensemble, led by Mayor Colbert
- Fairfax Jubil-Aires
- Green Hedges School Jazz Band
- Vienna-Falls Chorus of Sweet Adelines

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

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Freeman Store and Museum at 703 938 5187 or email us at historicviennava@gmail.com.

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FreemanStore_Museum



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Historic Vienna Inc.

Santa visits the Freeman Store and Museum



Sunday, December 4, 12 to 2 PM
and

Sunday, December 11, 12 to 2 PM

Visits with Santa are always free of charge.

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



British Holiday Tea

In-Person and At Home!

December 2 and 3, 3 to 5PM

For more information and to purchase a Tea or 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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Special Events

*On sale through
our website only!*

British Holiday Tea

Friday, December 2, 3PM – In person! SOLD OUT
Saturday, December 3, 3PM – In person ALMOST
SOLD OUT – Tea Packages still available!



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.

Or, 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 November 25. Teas once purchased are non-refundable. For more information, email historicviennava@gmail.com.

76th Annual Halloween Parade



It was perfect weather! Our Treasurer, Leigh Kitcher, served as Grand Marshall. The town recognized Leigh for her leadership roles with Historic Vienna, Inc., Ayr Hill Garden Club, and National Capital Area Garden Club boards. "Her leadership on the Liberty Amendments Advisory Committee and Facilitators groups in 2021 resulted in an astonishingly successful inaugural program including 65 events presented to more than 22,000 people," according to the Town of Vienna.

Charlie Balch and Sim Moats display one of HVI's banners depicting the Freeman Store in 1864 and now. The HVI group in a variety of costumes, enjoyed keeping pace with the marchers.



Caroling on the Side Lawn

On Saturday, December 4, from 12-2PM members of Saint Athanasius Lutheran Church will be singing carols on the side lawn.

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, November 26, 12-4PM

Monday, November 28, 6PM

Friday, December 2, In person: 3PM

Saturday, December 3, In person: 3PM,
Package pickup: 2-3PM

Sunday, December 4, 12-2PM

Sunday, December 4, 1-4PM

Sunday, December 11, 12-2PM

January 1 to February 28

Wednesday, March 1

Sunday, March 12, 2-4PM

Small Business Saturday Freeman Store open

Church Street Stroll – In person!

British Holiday Tea, Sold out!

British Holiday Tea, tickets available online \$45 – Almost sold out!

Santa visits the Freeman Store and

Carolers from Saint Athanasius Lutheran Church on the side yard

Little Library open 1-4PM

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 news, special events and museum exhibits.

From the Museum Committee

Archaeology Project Approved!

On October 24, the Vienna Town Council unanimously voted for a lease addendum that will allow Historic Vienna Inc. to dig for archaeological treasures on the Freeman Store and Museum's grounds.

The non-invasive Ground Penetrating Radar survey, conducted last year, identified four areas that we wanted to investigate further. We have selected The Ottery Group Inc. of Kensington, Md., to conduct a 10-day excavation.

In four locations, the team will excavate 1-by-1-meter areas. They will also conduct "shovel pit tests" the size of 14-inch-diameter pizzas in identified areas of interest. The pits will go only as deep as necessary to find undisturbed dirt. The pits will be covered when not in use and filled in and resodded when work is finished. We hope to find the foundations of the barn that was on the site and items that will tell us more about Vienna's past.

Work will need to be completed before events kick off at the Freeman Store and Museum next spring. The Ottery Group will document, wash, catalog, bag and tag all of the artifacts discovered. Planning for activities to share the results has begun and may include activities with the archaeology team, lectures, and exhibits. If you are interested in participating in planning these activities with us please email us at historicviennava@gmail.com.

Last Chance to Stop by the Little Library This Year!

The Little Library Museum is open on the 1st Sunday of the month from 1 to 4PM March through December, during events, and by appointment. The remaining planned days for opening this year are:

***November 28, Monday 6-8:30PM during the Stroll
December 4, Sunday 1 to 4PM***

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

Eagle Scout Enhances West End Cemetery

In 2021, Matthew Palermo decided to focus his Eagle Scout project on beautifying and improving the maintenance of West End Cemetery – an historic African American cemetery located in the 500 block of Lewis St NW. The cemetery is maintained by the Town of Vienna on behalf of HVI who officially owns the property, but Matthew wanted to take it a step further.

Matthew was assisted mostly by his father, Peter, throughout the project. When completed, other Scout members, Matthew's mother, and HVI member Cathy Hardman had accomplished numerous tasks, including: painting a new coat on the cemetery sign and gates; pulling weeds, trimming bushes, planting native perennials, mulching, and placing a stone border around the front to give it an attractive finish.

As months have passed, the enhanced maintenance projects continued while the Town of Vienna performed regular mowing. Cathy Hardman recently saw Matthew's father Peter gathering leaves in the cemetery and he admitted he goes in there regularly to pick up twigs, clean the front and even plant bulbs. Peter explained that he felt it was his way of paying respect to the community while his son was attending UVA and pursuing a degree in medicine.

We thank the Palermo family, so very much!

DAR Donated Bench

Once again the Fairfax County and Maria Mitchell DAR Chapters are donating a new Trex bench to HVI. The first bench has become a popular feature by the Woodland Garden behind the Freeman Store and Museum. This generous new contribution will be placed nearby the first bench, along the Woodland Walk Garden. Guess how many pounds of plastic bags the members saved to receive this bench from the Winchester Trex Company - more than 500 pounds!

We are so grateful to our local DAR Chapter for this useful donation. A bench dedication date will be announced shortly.

Freeman Store News


What's new?

The Holiday shopping season is here and the Freeman Store & Museum knows careful spending is at the top of everyone's list. We have a variety of lovely items that are thoughtfully priced and chosen with our customers in mind. We are a small store that delights in offering products that the community will enjoy. Please continue to support us when you shop local. Open 12-4 Wed-Sun.

Some of our new products this holiday season include

- USA made glass ornaments by Boise Art Glass,
- Bay Pottery from the Virginia Shenandoah Valley,
- Shawnee jams & salsas,
- Vienna tea towels and new notecards.



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

Used Book Cellar

Used Book Cellar Birthday Bash Thanks!

On Saturday, October 15, the day dawned bathed in glorious sunshine! What a perfect 6th Used Book Cellar birthday celebration we enjoyed! Visitors and shoppers of all ages supported the sale both inside and outside. Once again, we welcomed many who have never visited the Freeman Store and Museum. Our storekeepers enjoyed robust sales as well. Thank you for supporting HVI.

HVI wishes to thank all who support the Cellar, both with donations and purchases. The Town of Vienna can boast that the Cellar is becoming a well-known popular shopping destination as our prices remain extremely affordable. To

Young Reader Roundup

Premium hardcover, like new board books, and early readers are all available in the kids section of our Used Book Cellar.

Affordable prices and great selections make our book cellar the perfect place to shop for all your youngsters.



Remember, there is no app to replace your lap!
Read to your child every day.

Special Used Book Cellar Sale – December 6th!

On Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 2 and ending at 6PM, we will host a half price book sale. Children's and Premium Pick Books, as well as our Amazon-quality selections will be excluded during the sale. There will be thousands of books in every genre available. Many are gift-giving condition. Come out and shop on December 6!
Light refreshments will be available as well.

remind, we accept used book donations year round and request all contributions be bagged or boxed, arrive in good condition, and placed on the outside benches, when the store is not open. Otherwise, please come inside the store and we can assist you with your delivery.

Our volunteer team is composed of hard-working, enthusiastic book lovers who will welcome you on Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon - 4 PM. Speaking of volunteers, we welcome volunteers who would enjoy listing assorted books on Amazon (contact Nancy Moats at smoats5555@aol.com). In addition, volunteers are welcome to come and help with special sales.

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

HVI Volunteers

Volunteers of the Year

David and Michele Dunlap and John Moore were honored and presented with 2022 Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards on Thursday, November 3, at the HVI Fall Meeting. The three recipients have consistently volunteered each week in the Used Book Cellar with great enthusiasm, employing their love of reading and former experiences working in libraries. We really appreciate their dedication.

Congratulations to each of you on behalf of the Historic Vienna Board!



We really appreciate Samee Ahmad, Adele Astro, John Ball, Marina Canant – Patrick Henry Library Youth Services Assistant, Carly from Cuppetts, Rossana Carney, Jim Carson, Mary Jane Cochrane, David Dunlap, Michele Dunlap, Elizabeth Freese from Operation Paws for Homes, Laura Glass, Karla Goldstein, Judy Jaffee, Helen Krikorian, Marsha Komandt, Joy Harrington, Cindy Marcum, Christine McKinnon, Susan Miller, John Moore, Hiep Nguyen, Renee Rodriguez, Joan Schragger, Sandi Stadelman, Brad Swanson, Phil Simon, Nick Taran, Elizabeth Wonder, 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.

