

# HISTORIC VIENNA INK

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## HVI Spring Membership Meeting

*“The Nuremberg War Crime Trials:  
Were they fair and legal?”*

The Spring Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on *Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 in the Community Room of the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center Street, South.* There will be a brief business meeting before the program, and this year’s Heritage Preservation Award will be announced.

Our HVI Spring Membership Meeting program features Dr. Robert Russell, or Bob as he is an HVI member, who will present his very special focus on the Nuremberg Trials. Bob is thrilled to present his nine years of research covering the American Military Nuremberg Tribunal, 1945 - 1949. As a boy, Bob lived in Nuremberg during the proceedings, while his father, Dr. Howard Russell, served as the Secretary General for the Nuremberg Trials. Combining years of research with his personal experiences, Bob’s treatment of the topic is very unusual.

Please join us and listen to the evidence presented to the jury along with background driving the conflict and the guidelines for the operation of the trials. You will be asked to vote on the fairness and legality.

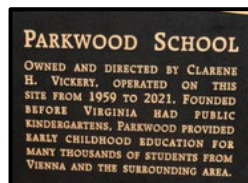
This is our first time in the Community Room at the police department. Do come and check out the new space! The HVI Membership meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## Parkwood School Plaque Unveiling

*Saturday, March 18, 2PM*

*Corner of Marshall and Ware*

An historic marker commemorating the location where the Parkwood School operated from 1959 to 2021 will be unveiled on March 18 at 2PM. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will follow.



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[Historic Vienna Inc.](#)

## Spring Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 PM**

**Community Room  
Vienna Police Department  
215 Center St. South**

**Speaker:**

**Bob Russell**

*“The Nuremberg War Crime Trials:  
Were they fair and legal?”*

*Upstairs Museum Exhibit*

*“Highlights of our Collection”*

*Hallway Museum Exhibit*

*“Vienna’s African American Trailblazers”*

**Freeman Store and Museum Opening Reception**

*Sunday, March 12, 2-4PM*

**Membership renewals are due for 2023 now!**

You may renew online through our website or use the form on the back to renew your membership and volunteer to help us preserve history.

*Thank you if you have already renewed!*

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## From the Museum Committee

### ***Coming soon: Exhibit at Vienna Rexall Drug Store***

The Borgatti family, who owns the Rexall Drug store, have kindly agreed to allow us to present an exhibit in their front window facing Maple Avenue. Longtime HVI volunteer, Patrick Coffey, with the support of Historic Vienna, has created the exhibit, *Vienna Then and Now*, which shows how Vienna has changed over the years.

### ***Exhibits at the Freeman Store and Museum***

#### ***Vienna's African American Trailblazers***

This exhibit will continue through 2023. 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 residents are featured in the new hallway exhibit. You will enjoy learning about these people and their contributions. Their initiative inspired the Patrick Henry Library, changes in laws, and the preservation of our history while their land helped Vienna grow.

#### ***Highlights of our Museum Collection***

The exhibit in the upstairs features highlights from Historic Vienna's collection. Some items have been in storage for some time and others have been distributed throughout the building. This is a rotating exhibit in the sense that items will be added and removed periodically. We want to draw your attention to these items and how they were used. The period rooms, the parlor and the dining room, have been rearranged in order to feature more items from our collection.

### ***Little Library Museum Open***

Vienna's Little Library Museum (LLM) is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4PM. Built in 1897, this historic property is now a museum, having served the town for nearly 70 years as a community library. Look for special events opening dates. If interested in a tour or volunteering email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### ***Bridge Replacement Work Started***



Finally, work has begun on the replacement of the bridge that historically connected the Freeman Store and the W&OD Railroad. In 1859, Abram Lydecker chose to build his home and store next to the railroad to encourage business. The bridge was essential to easily access the nearby train depot (at the time Piney Branch Creek was above ground).

The pedestrian bridge connecting us and the W&OD Trail

was removed many years ago due to collapse of the supporting piers and safety concerns. After years of planning, the Town of Vienna in conjunction with NOVA Parks and Fairfax County, work began in January 2023 and is projected to be completed on or before August 1, 2023. The new bridge will be supported on the banks of the creek, rather than in the creek, so it will be unlikely to fail due to heavy creek flows during floods as the last bridge failed. A portion of the W&OD Trail will be detoured around the work.

#### **Vienna History Quiz**

What was Vienna like in 1897 when the town's first public library was built?

1. What was the approximate population of Vienna?
2. What were the four main churches?
3. How often did the daily train run into DC?
4. In addition to the train, what other two types of transportation were available?
5. How many gallons of milk from Vienna dairies were sent by train into the city?
6. Name three kinds of mills in operation.
7. What were some of the other main businesses?
8. When was the post office established?
9. What was the value of a 7-room house in good condition on 2 acres with a well, young orchard of peaches, apples and cherries, excellent garden land, stable and hen house, just one mile from the station?

*Answers on page 5*

Historic Vienna is delighted that the bridge will be open soon as it serves as a handicap accessible entrance to the Freeman Store and Museum. We look forward to welcoming visitors right off the trail again! For more information and a peek at the plans, please visit this link on the Town of Vienna's website:

<https://www.viennava.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/2897/637527018206000000>

### ***Archaeology Project to be Scheduled***

To ensure that bridge replacement activities and town events are not affected, work on the archaeology project might be scheduled to begin in the fall.

### ***Fairfax County African American History Inventory Now Available Online!***

In January 2021, The Fairfax County History Commission initiated a project to collect, communicate, and preserve African American culture and history throughout Fairfax County. Historical information was collected from each district. In November of 2021, the Center for Mason Legacies (CML) at George Mason University agreed to host the project as part of a joint effort between the History Commission and CML.

The goal of the *African American History Inventory (AAHI)* is to capture, communicate, and preserve the African American experience throughout Fairfax County's history. An inventory of African American residents' contributions, churches, homes, schools, communities, events, etc. has been collected to document the African American culture and history of the county. The collection of general resources and research topics has been prepared for all ages, residents, students and historians in order to increase interest and knowledge about Fairfax County's diverse population. The list is not all-inclusive, and some resources may contain outdated or inaccurate information and is a living document; additional inventory items may

be added in the future. Residents are encouraged to contact their district's History Commissioners with additional information about any site or resource.

The Inventory includes the following:

- Physical sites - buildings, archaeological sites, cemeteries, street names, communities
- Collections - printed materials such as books, brochures, correspondences, photographs, maps, etc.
- Digital resources – websites, YouTube videos, story maps, etc.
- Oral histories
- Church and School histories
- Historical Roadside Markers
- Family/private records
- Objects
- Places to visit
- Research sources

For more information and to view the inventory, visit the Fairfax County History Commission website:

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

## Special Events

### ***Plant Sales on the Side Lawn***

This year, two Vienna Garden Clubs are hosting a plant sale on the side lawn of the Freeman Store and Museum. On April 29, from 8am to noon, Five Hills Garden Club will host their plant sale. On May 13, from 8am to 1pm, Ayr Hill Garden Club will host their annual plant sale featuring native plants and booths for other garden related non-profit organizations including, Master Gardeners, Potomac Hosta Society, Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society, and others.

### ***Walk on the Hill – April 30***



The Walk on the Hill will take place on April 30 from 2 to 5PM, rain or shine. As the streets close, the Windover Heights homeowners will welcome visitors to stroll the neighborhood to enjoy the landscaped gardens of this

historic district. At 288 Windover Avenue, local bands will play starting at 2PM. Hickory Grove will play old-fashioned music throughout the afternoon in the log cabin at 223 Walnut Lane.

Once again, homeowners and Historic Vienna will place signs "*If This House Could Talk...*", which describe historic and fun information about some of the homes in participating yards.

This year, Ayr Hill Garden Club will have a Photography Show on the island at the intersection of Orchard Street and Windover Avenue. In addition, they will have a table at Salsbury Spring to explain the history of the Spring, its importance to the town; docents will show visitors the native plants in the park that support the wildlife habitat and native pollinators.

As always, the event is free. An online walking map will be available before the event on the Town website at [www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill](http://www.viennava.gov/walkonthehill).

The long-time success of this event is truly a community effort and a wonderful start to spring. Historic Vienna, Inc. would like to acknowledge the support of the residents of the Windover Heights Historic District, and the Town of Vienna Departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police in making the Walk on the Hill such a pleasurable event. Thank you!



## Language of the Flowers Tea

Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, 3PM

Enjoy learning about the history of the Language of the Flowers along with our homemade traditional English Tea. Each participant will receive a selection of flowers fresh from our gardens and we will explain the meanings of their flowers. Our full English Tea is served at tables set with antique linens and china and includes scones, authentic clotted cream, jam, homemade lemon curd, elegant tea



sandwiches and special savories, sweet treats, and a bottomless cup of tea. 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. Tea Tickets are \$45 and will be on sale via our website only April 1 through May 5. Note, space is very limited! Tea Tickets once purchased are non-refundable.

## HVI Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 1

Sunday, March 5, 1-4PM

Sunday, March 12, 2-4PM

Saturday, March 18, 2PM

Wednesday, March 15, 7:30PM

Sunday, April 2, 1-4PM

Saturday, April 29, 8AM-Noon

Sunday, April 30, 2- 5PM

Sunday, May 7, 1-4PM

Saturday, May 13, 8AM-1PM

Friday, May 19, 3PM

Saturday, May 20, 3PM

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday May 27-29

Freeman Store and Museum resume normal opening hours, 12-4 Wed-Sun

Little Library open

Freeman Store and Museum Opening Reception

Parkwood School Marker Unveiling

Spring Membership Meeting, Community Room, Vienna Police Station

Little Library open

Five Hills Garden Club Plant Sale at the Freeman Store

Walk on the Hill, Windover Heights Historic District *Rain or Shine*

Little Library open

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale and Garden Faire at the Freeman Store

The Language of Flowers Tea \*\$45 per person Advance purchase Required

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Viva! Vienna!

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

### Freeman Store reopens March 1<sup>st</sup>

Spring is coming and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Store. We have a new reusable tote bag customized for Vienna! In a bright lime green color, our tote is perfect for grocery shopping and whenever you need a sturdy bag.



Since there's nothing that feels better than receiving a hand-written note, we've added new cards in the Store.

Our selection of tea towels has expanded, we've got more great stickers and we have new pottery lines we can't wait to show you.



Open hours are Wednesday-Sunday 12noon-4PM. Follow us on Instagram at [freemanstore\\_museum](https://www.instagram.com/freemanstore_museum) or our Facebook group *Historic Vienna, Inc.*

### Meet the Maker

Many of our items are made by small business owners who are highly skilled in their craft. Meet a few of our favorites and learn a little bit about who they are, what they do and why they're special to us.

**Stephanie Edwards**, the owner of *Highland Ridge Décor*, creates industrial farmhouse inspired home décor in her Tennessee home shop. She is committed to ensuring her items make your space feel cozy, organized, cheerful & inviting. Customized *zip code mail holders* and *Vienna trivets* are some of the beautiful items she's made just for the Freeman Store. Stephanie has teamed up with her father, a master cutter, and family is the central focus of her small business.



**Tiffany Youngblood** draws colorful illustrations that are fun and vibrant. Nestled in an agricultural community in the Shenandoah Valley, her **Sweetgum Studio** in Berryville, Virginia is the hub of her creativity. She visits towns and hamlets in Virginia and her *Virginia Land Series* creations are irresistible. Tiffany enjoys



celebrating the little details and the joy one finds in seeing them. We are delighted that she's *customized cards, stickers and ornaments just for the Freeman Store*. Her drawings reflect her down-to-earth style, and her attention is focused on everyday inspiration.

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

## Used Book Cellar

What? Has the UBC really been closed? While the Freeman Store was not open to the public in January and February, the Cellar continued to receive boxes and bags of generous donations. Typically, the porch benches are laden with contributions from our community when we arrive each Tuesday. Upon arriving our amazing team of volunteers sort, price, and shelf books, as they search for treasures.

A special Used Book Cellar sale was held on February 12

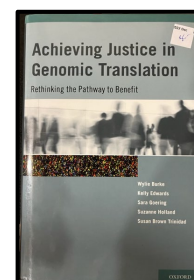
### Young Reader Roundup



Our Children's section is chock full of quality informational and how-to books. If your child is a budding artist, an adventurer, or a curious scientist you can find the right book to foster their creativity. Get them actively engaged in activities that excite them!

You never know what you will find in the Cellar!

We are always happy to receive specific book requests, as well as your donations. Thanks, as always, to our devoted team. And thank you for your generous book donations. The Used Book Cellar continues to provide significant support for



Historic Vienna's programs and activities.

The Used Book Cellar accepts book donations all year round. Please refer to our website for specific information on how to donate [www.historicviennainc.org/?page\\_id=2699](http://www.historicviennainc.org/?page_id=2699).

## HVI Board News

### HVI Remembers Darrell Mounts

Darrell Mounts passed away peacefully on Saturday December 17, 2022. He was a Board Member since 2016 and also was Secretary in 2022. Darrell's love of history and background as a lawyer made him a strong advocate for preserving and sharing Vienna's history. He consistently contributed to each new exhibit, upstairs and downstairs, and collaborated on a complete redesign of the artifacts on display in the store to be more engaging with the public. He enjoyed being the first to sort donations to our Used Book Cellar, delighting when treasures appeared. He thoughtfully reviewed the organization's administrative activities and provided useful suggestions for improvement. His many contributions to HVI are greatly appreciated and we will miss his enthusiasm and generosity.

**Suzy Traut** has decided to step down from the Board in order to focus on her work with the National Park Service. Suzy has generously contributed her time to HVI, helping at special events and with museum exhibits. HVI appreciates her contributions and will miss her.

**Amazon Smile** is no longer matching donations based on customer purchases. Historic Vienna thanks all those who elected to have a portion of their Amazon purchases matched by Amazon and donated to us.

### Vienna History Quiz Answers

What was Vienna like in 1897 when the town's first public library was built?

1. 400
2. First Baptist (1867), Presbyterian (1871), Wesley United Methodist (1890) and Holy Comforter Episcopal (circa 1894)
3. Four times each way
4. **Stage** twice daily to Fairfax, the county seat, and an **electric railway**
5. 500; averaging the farmer 7 ½ to 10 cents per gallon in summer and 12 to 14 cents in winter
6. There was a **planing mill**, two **grist mills**, and two **saw mills**.
7. Shoe and harness shop, meat market, blacksmith and wagon shops, canning factory, lime kilns and general stores
8. 1857
9. \$2,000

Want to learn more about Vienna in 1897? Come visit the Little Library Museum and see for yourself

### 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.

**Time to Renew Now!**

Nancy Moats, Vice President	Anne Stuntz, President	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Mike Berger	Katie Newland, Secretary	Simeon Moats
Gloria Runyon	Catherine Hardman	Sylvia Taylor
Jon Vrana	Steve Shannon	
	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 renew 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 2023).  
\_\_\_ Individual (\$25) \_\_\_ Family (\$30) \_\_\_ Group or Corporate (\$40)

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

Make your check payable to: **Historic Vienna, Inc.**  
**PO Box 53** **Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Vienna, VA 22183**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_