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26th Annual Church Street Stroll

November 27, 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. 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.

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**

As usual, the Church Street merchants are opening their stores during the stroll, with many offering special pricing and refreshments.

Fire pits will be placed on each block of Church Street with free marshmallow roasting for all.

Performers and Structures Open

Performers

- The Bell Choir (at 5:30)
- Wolftrap Elementary Chorus
- Vienna Community Band Brass Ensemble, led by Mayor Colbert
- Green Hedges School Jazz Band
- Louise Archer Elementary and Thoreau Middle Schools
- The Cardinal Cloggers
- Fairfax Jubil-Aires
- 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.



Instagram

@FreemanStore_Museum



Join our Facebook group
Historic Vienna Inc.

Santa visits the Freeman Store and Museum



*Sunday, December 3, 12 to 2 PM
and*

Sunday, December 10, 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

December 8 and 9, Sold Out!

Celebrate the Boston Tea Party

December 16,

Free! Tea and Scones will be served!

☞ 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

British Holiday Tea

Friday, December 8, 3PM – SOLD OUT

Saturday, December 3, 3PM – SOLD OUT

Tickets for the Teas sold out very quickly...in less than a day. Members were given a chance to order before the general public.

If you weren't able to purchase a ticket, do consider coming to the Celebration of the Boston Tea Party. We will be serving Tea and Scones...and it's Free!

Celebrate the Boston Tea Party!

Saturday, December 16, 11AM-1PM

At the Freeman Store and Museum

Historic Vienna, the Fairfax County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have planned our town's first event to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary, its "*semiquincentennial*", commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea

Party. The celebration will include patriotic songs, color guard, a Town proclamation, speeches, and reenactors. Come and learn all about what happened in Boston on that fateful day in 1773, which is regarded as the single most important event that led to the American Revolution.

There will be popcorn provided by the town, and a free scone and cup of tea to everyone who visits the Freeman Store and Museum. ***Before Dec. 16, bring your loose tea by the Store so we can collect it to toss 'overboard' during the Celebration!***

Check our website the night before for any location changes due to inclement weather. For more information, email historicviennava@gmail.com.

Caroling on the Side Lawn

On Sunday, December 3, 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 25, 12-4PM

Monday, November 27, 6PM

Friday, December 8, 3PM

Saturday, December 9, 3PM

Sunday, December 3, 12-2PM

Sunday, December 3, 1-4PM

Sunday, December 10, 12-2PM

Saturday, December 16, 11AM-1PM

January 1 to February 29

Sunday, February 11, 12-3PM

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 16, 2-4PM

Small Business Saturday Freeman Store open

Church Street Stroll – Freeman Store and Little Library Museum open

British Holiday Tea, Sold out!

British Holiday Tea, 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

Celebrate the Boston Tea Party's 250th Anniversary

Freeman Store and Museum open by appointment only

Superbowl UBC Bag Sale

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

Freeman Store Bridge is almost done!

We are delighted to announce that the new bridge connecting the Freeman Store and Museum to the W&OD Trail (the old railroad and the reason that the store was built in this location) is almost complete. We are working on

replacing the signage on the bridge and at the trail entrance. There are still some finishing construction touches to complete and soon the authorities will sign off on the construction. You will know when that happens as the barriers will be removed.

When the Freeman Store and Museum opens in March, we will be having a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the bridge.

New Exhibits: The World of Books and Vienna's Growth Through Maps

The current hallway and upstairs exhibits will be closing on December 31st.

The new exhibits will be located in the ground floor hallway, upstairs in the exhibit room, and in the Little Library Museum. They will include a variety of book and map related topics with interactive displays. In addition, there will be educational programs including speakers, events, crafts, workshops, book appraisals, and children's activities.

Wanted: You and Your Ideas

Be a part of the planning for our 2024 exhibits and help bring history to life. You are invited to share your suggestions on how to present the world of books and Vienna's growth through maps:

- Send ideas via email to historicviennava@gmail.com,
- Attend any 1-hour brainstorming session at the Freeman Store held at 11:30AM on: Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19; and at 6:30PM on: Nov 28, Dec 12 – Please RSVP to historicviennava@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
- Loan artifacts that illustrate the topics

New Exhibit in the Community Center

Come enjoy a new exhibit in the Community Center showing Vienna in Winters Past through a collection of historic photos. Be sure to stop by as the exhibit will only be on display through January.

Exhibit at Vienna Rexall Drug Store

This exhibit, *Vienna Then and Now*, which shows how Vienna has changed over the years will continue into 2024.

Virtual History Book Club to start in 2024!

Historic Vienna announces a new History Book Club focused on Vienna history. We'll be cosponsoring with Fairfax City Library's Virginia Room for our first book, *'This Was Vienna Virginia'* by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, discussing about 40 pages at each meeting. The Virginia Room pioneered the Fairfax County virtual history book club this year, so we want to try it, too. The Stuntz book is available to purchase in hardcover or paperback at the Freeman Store and Museum, and some copies are available through the Fairfax County library system or Fairfax County libraries.

The club will meet on Zoom regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7, either every other week or every month. Contact Anne Stuntz at stuntzag@aol.com or at 703 994 9054 if you are interested in joining the club. She will contact you when the meeting details firm up.

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 27, Monday 6-8:30PM during the Stroll
December 3, 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.

Semiquincentennial (250th) Celebration Planning

It's time to start planning events to celebrate our country's 250th anniversary. Many of us remember how much fun we had during our 200th anniversary celebrations in 1976.

Help us to make it fun for new generations. If you would like to help or have ideas on ways to celebrate, email us at historicviennava@gmail.com.

The first 250th anniversary event that we are celebrating is the Boston Tea Party. On December 16, 1773, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and the Sons of Liberty held meetings rallying against the British Parliament and protested the Griffin's Wharf arrival of three ships that were loaded with tea belonging to the British East India Company. Colonist voted to refuse to pay the taxes on the tea and the tea would not be unloaded. That night, a large group of men were helped by Sarah Bradlee Fulton to disguise as Mohawk Indians and arrived at Griffin's Wharf. They boarded the docked ships and threw 340 chests of tea into the harbor.

These men, mostly apprentices around the ages of 14-16, were literally putting their lives on the line. They only knew the name of their commander and maybe some of their compatriots who were boarding one of the three ships. They destroyed more than 90,000 lbs. of tea that would be worth more than \$1Million dollars today. This act was high treason, and the penalty would be transportation to England for trial and hanging. All participants were sworn to secrecy. (Source: www.dar.org)

Local lore south of Boston claims that tea was brought home in the shirts, pants, and boots of the participants...

Freeman Store News

What's new?



Walton Clay Studio makes custom crafted ceramic décor using natural materials found near their North Carolina studio.



Peanuts from Virginia Favorites now in a new harvest spiced flavor.

Little Bee of Connecticut makes lovely skin care products with beeswax and honey. We are featuring their lip balm, body salve and beeswax tapered candles.



Fill Santa's sack of toys this year with goodies from the Freeman Store. Toys that will spark their creativity, imagination, and playfulness.



For the latest news on what's new in the Store, be sure to follow us on Instagram @FreemanStore_Museum. Or join the *Historic Vienna Inc.* group on Facebook. The Freeman Store and Museum is closing on December 31st and is open by appointment during January and February.

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

Used Book Cellar

Used Book Cellar Birthday Bash Thanks!

On Saturday, October 14, despite early heavy rainfall, our 7th Used Book Cellar Birthday Party was popular and populated with shoppers throughout the day. We wish to thank the entire community for supporting the Cellar, not only through your book purchases, but also appreciate receiving your generous book donations.



Looking for economical gifts this year? Step into our Used Book Cellar where we have done the shopping for you with specially curated **Book Bundles** in fun categories. Each is unique and supplies are limited.

Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round. – Please follow the guidelines on our website on what and how to donate.

Superbowl Used Book Cellar Bag Sale – Sunday, February 11th Noon to 3PM!

On Superbowl Sunday, start your celebrations at our Used Book Cellar with our special bag sale. Bags will be provided and you fill the bag for \$8 a bag. Children's books are not included.

Young Reader Roundup

Just arrived! A beautiful donation of like-new board books, story books and fairy tales in the children's section in the Cellar. Limited supply of holiday books too!



HVI Volunteers

Volunteer of the Year

Tom Fay was honored and presented with the 2023 Volunteer-of-the-Year Award on Thursday, October 5, at the HVI Fall Membership Meeting. For many years, Tom Fay has been exceptional in helping Historic Vienna with many needed chores, including the installation of the slat walls for brochures in three locations, painting the bathrooms, exhibit room and Used Book Cellar, repairing bookcases in the UBC, general building repairs, carrying in merchandise and used book boxes, building shelving units for our offsite storage, hanging pictures, and more. We are most grateful for his impressive work to prepare the window at Rexall Drug Store for our latest exhibit: *'Vienna Then and Now'*. He had to clean up and paint the pegboard and even brought carpeting from home to replace the carpet. Then, he installed the exhibit panels with precision. We really appreciate his dedication.

Congratulations on behalf of the Historic Vienna Board!



We really appreciate Samee Ahmad, Karen Akers of Providence Fairfax, Robert Amsler, Adele Asaro, John Ball, Rossana Carney, Jim Carson, Patrick Coffey, Adam Crist, David Dunlap, Michele Dunlap, Tom Fay, Laura Glass, Karla Goldman, Patricia Kratzer, Helen Krikorian, Marsha Komandt, Joy Harrington, Donna Howton, Christine McKennan, Susan Miller, John Moore, Renee Rodriguez, Joan Schrager, Jeannie Semaan, Sandi Stadelman, Brad Swanson, Phil Simon, Nick Taran, Melissa Thiringer, 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, Kristin Johnson with the Fairfax County Times for writing a special article on the Little Library Museum, and Patrick Coffey for creating the new exhibit: *'Vienna Then and Now'*.*

If you are interested in supporting our initiatives, please email historicviennava@gmail.com. There is a wide variety of ways that you can help throughout the year.

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
Mike Berger	Katie Newland, Secretary	Simeon Moats
Gloria Runyon	Catherine Hardman	Sylvia Taylor
Jon Vrana	Steve Shannon	
	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 2024).

___ 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
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) Little Library Docent – Freeman Store Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories

I have skills to share: Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: _____