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Vienna celebrates Liberty Amendments Month!

The Town of Vienna celebrates *Liberty Amendments Month* this year from June 15-July 15, 2024. As with each year, Historic Vienna, Inc. is an active sponsor of many events and activities in Town related to Liberty Amendments Month. A calendar of activities can be found on the Town of Vienna's webpage on Liberty Amendments Month or click [here](#).

Liberty Amendments Month commemorates the passage of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which granted full rights to citizens previously excluded from the U.S. Constitution. The idea of Liberty Amendments Month was conceived by Vienna's Town Manager Mercury Peyton, and it received official recognition from the Virginia General Assembly in 2021.

The Town and many community organizations will sponsor events this year for Liberty Amendments Month, with the first event being the **Juneteenth Celebration** at *First Baptist Church of Vienna* on Saturday, June 15th from 11-3. All are welcome to attend and celebrate with us.

Submit your American Story!

Once again, Historic Vienna is collaborating with the Vienna Business Association, and the Town to collect and present stories from locals about the benefits they have due to the Liberty Amendments. Stories collected this year will be added to those collected last year. Any one, any age, can participate. Stories can be poems, haiku, long or short, and include photos. They may be submitted anonymously.

You can submit your story on the Town's Liberty Amendments Month page or click [here](#). Stories submitted past the deadline will be presented online and next year Stories will be displayed on panels in local businesses, on HVI's and the Town's websites, and complete sets will be displayed at the Freeman Store and Museum and the Vienna Community Center.

250th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves!

July 18-20, various events in the area will be held to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Fairfax Resolves, a bold statement of American rights. The Fairfax Resolves will be read on July 4th in Vienna during Liberty Amendments Month.

Vacancy Announcement

Gift Shop and Historic Site Manager

To work part-time, up to 15 hours per week,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12pm-4pm

For more details, see page 5.

New! Exhibit at Lakevale Swim Club

To be installed in May

New! Exhibit at the Vienna Community Center

"Historical Features of the Freeman Store Property"

New! Exhibit at Rexall Drug Center

Coming soon!

Upstairs Museum Exhibit

"Exploring Books Throughout Time"

Hallway Museum Exhibit

"Vienna Unveiled Through Maps"

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From the Museum Committee

Exhibit at Vienna Rexall Drug Store to be changed

The Borgatti family, who owns the Rexall Drug store, are really pleased with the current exhibit in their window, *Vienna Then and Now*. They have invited Historic Vienna to install a new exhibit this summer.

Exhibits at the Vienna Community Center

As a result of the positive community feedback from the Winters Past exhibit, the Town has invited Historic Vienna to mount quarterly exhibits at the Community Center. We are in the process of mounting a special rail on the wall opposite the elevator and stairs to hang the exhibit materials. The first exhibit will be on the Historic Features of the Freeman Store property using panels created jointly with Tyler Peake as part of his eagle scout project. HVI will be soliciting your feedback on the content as we plan to make these permanent markers along the Woodland Walk (the garden next to the creek behind the Freeman Store).

Changes to the Book Exhibit

The Used Book Cellar volunteers are planning frequent updates to their exhibit upstairs: Exploring Books Throughout Time. Do visit the exhibit often. The new featured Author of the Month will be Jane Austin.

Building and Site Repairs

The Town is working to repair rotting wood on the Freeman Store. Wood around the windows and the front porch posts will be repaired as needed this summer.

After much investigation of available options, the Town will replace the gravel in front of the Freeman Store and Museum with a traditional brick patio.

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.

Special Events

Liberty Amendments Month –

Historic Vienna Events

Several Historic Vienna, Inc. board members are involved with the overall planning of Liberty Amendments Month this year. Some of the activities sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. include:

- **Museum exhibits on the Amendments:** one on each Amendment simultaneously presented in the Freeman Store (one at a time) and in the Community Center (cumulatively).
- **Flash card quiz:** questions with answers on the back for each Amendment that are placed on the grounds of the Freeman Store and in the Community Center.
- **Liberty Amendments learning tour throughout Vienna:** learn about events and people that impacted the passage of the Amendments or whose lives were impacted by the Amendments.
- **Our American Stories:** discover the stories from local people of what it means to be American or live in America.

- **Empowering Women, Celebrating the 19th Amendment:** a panel discussion with community leaders reflecting on how the panelists' work impacts and empowers women.

Historic Vienna is excited and proud to continue to be part of celebrating Liberty Amendments Month. We look forward to seeing you at various events. If you would like to volunteer to support these events email us at historicviennava@gmail.com.

Book Appraisal Event

Saturday, June 15, 2-4PM – Free!

Cameron Rittenhouse-Smith of Sequitur Books will provide appraisals for a special volume or two you own. Come by the Freeman Store on *Saturday, June 15, 2 - 4 PM* with a maximum of two of your books for a free assessment. While you wait to show Cameron your treasures, you are welcome to gather in our upstairs parlor and enjoy listening to Cameron's comments.

Stories and Sprinklers!

Once again, Historic Vienna is pleased to bring the joy of books to our youngest readers. Enjoy weekday story times brought directly to you by local children's bibliophiles and librarians as they read beloved books and literacy fun.

This summer is the time to reconnect with other families in the neighborhood and meet new friends at live storytelling on Wednesdays, June 26 – July 31, 1-1:30PM under the shade of the large oak tree by the patio of the Freeman Store. Directly afterward, cool off and have a good time running through sprinklers on the Town Green lawn.

Children's Crafts on the Freeman Store Lawn

Bookmark Design, Friday, July 19, 6:30-8PM – Free!

Children, ages 3 to 12, will be able to design a bookmark using materials provided. Styles for different ages will be featured.

Bookbinding, Friday, August 16, 6:30-8PM – Free!

Children, ages 3 to 12, will be able to learn how to bind a book using age appropriate materials provided.

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party – August 3, 11AM-1PM

Historic Vienna will be holding a special Alice in Wonderland tea party for children ages 5 to 12. Alice in Wonderland themed treats, games and crafts will be featured. Participants will move from station to station to experience all activities. No advance reservation is needed; tickets can be purchased at the entrance. Each ticket costs \$10.

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday May 25-27

Sundays, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1

June 15 to July 15

Saturday, June 15; 2-4PM

Fridays, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20

Wednesdays, June 26-July 31; 1PM

July 18-20, various locations

Friday, July 19; 6:30-8 (during Chillin')

Saturday, August 3; 11AM-1PM

Friday, August 16; 6:30-8 (during Chillin')

Viva! Vienna! Freeman Store & Museum, Used Book Cellar, and Little

Library Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday 11-5PM

Little Library open 1-4PM

Liberty Amendments Month; see HVI and the Town websites for details

Book Appraisal, Free!

Chillin' on Church, 6:30-9:30PM; Freeman Store open 6:30-9PM

Stories and Sprinklers, by the oak tree behind the Freeman Store

250th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves celebrations

Children's Crafts bookmark design, Free!

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party, \$10 per person at the entrance

Children's Crafts bookbinding workshop, Free!

Please visit our website at www.historicviennainc.org for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits

Freeman Store News

What's New?

Discover an array of ***garden delights*** at the Freeman Store! Step inside and explore our latest arrivals, including

- stunning copper enamel flowers,
- colorful dragonflies and chimes,
- regal cardinals, and
- delightfully humorous plant stakes.

Transform your garden with these charming additions.



certificates, redeemable for merchandise from the Store or the Used Book Cellar, are available in any amount. They remain valid for one year from the date of issue, ensuring plenty of time to shop with us.

For the latest news on what's new in the Store, be sure to follow us on Instagram [@FreemanStore_Museum](https://www.instagram.com/FreemanStore_Museum). Or join the *Historic Vienna Inc.* group on Facebook.

Don't forget! Treat your friends and family with the gift of choice from the Freeman Store. Our gift



Viva Vienna

Viva Vienna is happening this May! Our gift shop has dozens of ***Vienna specific and Virginia themed gifts***, many of which are made right here in Virginia. Whether you're shopping for a *gift for a teacher*, a *graduating student*, or *welcoming a neighbor* to our Town, we have gifts in all price ranges.

During Viva Vienna, we will be open extended hours – Saturday, Sunday & Monday 11-5.

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.



Tucked away in Long Beach, California, lies the creative haven of **Sara Pilchman Ceramics**. Sara, a master at her potter's wheel, spins magic into every creation. Enter her world of "Tiny Pots," each a miniature marvel boasting an array of whimsical sizes and shapes. But it's Sara's signature glazes that truly steal the spotlight, a testament to her imagination and

artistic flair. From holding delicate succulents to housing treasured trinkets, these tiny pots serve endless purposes, rendering them utterly irresistible to all.

From the Midwest town of Kent, Ohio, resides artist Susan Hazel Rich, the creative force behind **Hazelmade**. In her busy studio, she crafts an expansive array of paper and home goods, each piece a testament to her illustrative skill. Susan's masterful fusion of bold colors injects a contemporary flair into her timeless designs. From enchanting notecards to delightful tea towels, her creations have swiftly captured the hearts of our customers.



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

Used Book Cellar

During the spring and summer months, our used book cellar team will be selling used books during the Chillin' on Church events. Looking forward, we will be offering a June used book appraisal, a children's bookbinding and bookmark workshop, and an Alice in Wonderland Tea.

Many thanks for all members who not only contribute used books, but who support our robust sales. The Used Book Cellar continues to provide significant support for Historic Vienna's programs and activities.

Young Reader Roundup

Get ready to take your young reader on an adventure this summer! The Cellar boasts an abundant selection that fosters all types of creativity and curiosity.

Stock up on books that will entertain and educate your budding young readers. Keep them actively engaged in activities that excite them!



The Used Book Cellar accepts book donations all year round. Please refer to our website for specific information on how and what to donate www.historicviennainc.org/?page_id=2699.

Used Book Cellar Volunteers Recognized

On April 16, Historic Vienna's super special team of Used Book Cellar volunteers were honored at the Town of Vienna's annual Mayor's Volunteer Reception. Launched in the fall of 2016, the Freeman Store's Used Book Cellar opened to all Vienna-area book lovers.

The Cellar operates with an outstanding team of volunteers that any organization would covet and includes John Ball, Jim Carson, Michele and David Dunlap, John Moore, Renee Rodriguez, and Joan Schrager, along with board members Sim and Nancy Moats, and Store and Site Manager Susan Fay. Not only does the Cellar offer outstanding donated books (thanks to all our generous book donors), but the books are meticulously shelved by topic, while fiction is sorted alphabetically by author's last initial.



This Team so thoroughly enjoys gathering to sort and shelve books, that HVI Board members are not allowed to miss opening the building for a weekly sorting session. Most recently this team researched and developed the Freeman Store's newest exhibit, "*Exploring Books Throughout Time*". Putting aside genre-specific volumes for the exhibit and spending multiple months creating the current show required focus, determination, and many research hours. Our special team deserves heaps of thanks!

Brownie Troop Collects Books for the Used Book Cellar

Last fall the Vienna Elementary School Brownie Troop and one from Manassas had a special tour of the Freeman Store and Museum, the Used Book Cellar and the Little Library Museum. As a thank you, the Vienna Elementary Troop collected books for the Used Book Cellar. On February 18, they dropped off the many books they had collected. Historic Vienna is grateful for their support and enthusiasm.

HVI Board News and Announcements

Jon Vrana is stepping down as a Board Member for Historic Vienna, Inc. We greatly appreciate the many contributions he has made to the organization, both as a volunteer and a Board Member since August of 2013. His many contributions over more than 10 years include: helping to plan and participate in the reenactment of the Secession Vote on the Freeman Store porch, participating in Vienna's Sesquicentennial Committee, writing and directing a play for Vienna's 125th Celebration: "The Incorporation of Vienna, Virginia 1890 - A Short Play" on the Fairfax County Showmobile, casting Vienna dignitaries as the performers, engaging the community and especially children as a reenactor, playing music and telling stories on the Freeman Store porch and on occasion playing Abram Lydecker, leading the creation of new exhibits with the Museum Committee (Roads to Rails to Trails in 2013, Country Store in 2014, History of Agriculture in Vienna and Northern Virginia in 2016, Fairfax County's 275th in 2017, World War I in 2018, Vienna in the 1950s in 2019, Vienna in the 1960s in 2020), and much more.

Vacancy Announcement

Gift Shop and Historic Site Manager

To work part-time, up to 15 hours per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12pm-4pm

The HVI Board is seeking an enthusiastic and community minded Gift Shop and Historic Site Manager who would be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Freeman Store and Museum gift shop. The candidate will partner with the current Manager to deliver on the duties and responsibilities below. The overall store hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12pm to 4pm and HVI is looking for a manager to work the Friday through Sunday shifts. While the Board would prefer to hire someone to work all three days, a minimum of two days will be considered. If interested, please email a cover letter and resume in PDF format or questions to HistoricViennaVA@gmail.com.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manages the day-to-day operation of our historic site, museums, and opening and closing of the store.
- Welcomes visitors and assists customers with purchases and orients them to the site.
- Organizational interface with the HVI Board, Town of Vienna, and volunteers.
- Manages all aspects of store operations including merchandise research, purchasing, sales and inventory management.

Skills and Experience needed:

- Ability to communicate effectively with customers, volunteers, board members, community members in person and in oral and written communications.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office products.
- Highly organized
- Physical ability to shelve and move materials around the site on a regular basis.
- Interest in history and the Vienna community

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	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Mike Berger	Katie Newland, Secretary	Simeon Moats
Gloria Runyon	Catherine Hardman	Sylvia Taylor
	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.

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) Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories – Museum
 I have skills to share: Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: _____