

# HISTORIC VIENNA INK

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Street Stroll December 2, 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

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

#### 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](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).



Instagram

@FreemanStore\_Museum



Join our Facebook group  
Historic Vienna Inc.

## Santa visits the Freeman Store and Museum



Sunday, December 8, 12 to 2 PM

and

Sunday, December 15, 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.



*An Evening with  
Julia Child  
by Mary Ann Jung*

Friday, November 22: 6-8:30pm

Free! Space still available.

### ☞ REMINDER

**HVI Annual 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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## From the Museum Committee

### ***Freeman Store gravel replaced!***

We are delighted to announce that the gravel in front of the Freeman Store and Museum has been replaced with brick pavers, making it more walkable and easier for mobility challenged visitors. We researched many options used by other historic properties and concluded that brick would best meet our needs. The gravel will no longer be tracked onto the porch and floors inside our historic building. The Civil War Trails marker was moved more parallel and closer to the porch.

### ***Exhibits will continue through 2025***

The World of Books exhibit will continue to be updated frequently along with the rotating featured Author of the Month. A new video will be added to the hallway exhibit, Vienna's Growth Through Maps. The video describes in detail interesting features of the McDowell map.

The second exhibit at Vienna Rexall Drug Store, *Vienna Then and Now*, which shows how Vienna has changed over the years will continue into 2025. The Lakevale permanent exhibit will be open to the public when the Lakevale Community Center reopens in the spring.

### ***New Exhibits in the Community Center***

The Town of Vienna has allocated a wall near the elevator and stairs to display history related exhibits. We plan to

change the exhibits at least 4 times per year. For the month of December, we will present an exhibit on Santa Claus.

For the month of January, we will present an exhibit on the US Presidents who were from Virginia.

Then, in celebration of Black History Month, we will present an exhibit on Vienna's African American Trailblazers using some of the materials from our past exhibit.

If you have an idea for a new exhibit or would like to help us create new rotating exhibits for the community Center, please email us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### ***Last Chance to Stop by the Little Library This Year!***

The Little Library Museum is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

***December 1, Sunday 1 to 4PM***

***December 2, Monday 6-8:30PM during the Stroll***

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

## United States 250<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

### ***Help Vienna Celebrate!***

Planning for our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary is just beginning. Historic Vienna and the Town of Vienna are planning to bring special exhibits to Vienna and will plan a number of different ways to celebrate and honor the founding of our country.

In addition, Historic Vienna will create exhibits in the Freeman Store and Museum and around town. If you would like to help us with the planning or have any items that might be included in these exhibits please email us at [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com) and include images of any interesting items so that we can consider how they might

fit in an exhibit. Please do not bring any items to us at this time. We would like items related to the colonial era in Vienna, Vienna history, and bicentennial celebrations.

### ***250<sup>th</sup> Events in Fairfax County***

Fairfax County plays host to a significant number of events that celebrate and commemorate our nation's history throughout the year. Here's a link to the page listing current events with links to ways to get involved with Fairfax 250.

<https://www.fxva.com/fairfax250/events/?bounds=false&view=list&sort=date>

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## Special Events

### *Julia Child – Queen of Cuisine*

*Friday, November 22, 6:00PM*

To complement our museum exhibit on the history of books, on November 22, in the Auditorium of the Community Center, Historic Vienna will present “*Julia Child - Queen of Cuisine*” a show by Mary Ann Jung. The show pays tribute to the incredible energy, passion, and sense of playfulness with which she approached her greatest loves: her husband and her cooking. The program highlights Julia's early search to find her life's calling. It provides fascinating insight into her struggles at Le Cordon Bleu, to develop and publish "Mastering the Art of French Cooking", and finally to create the groundbreaking "French Chef" television show. Using audience members to portray Julia's beloved husband Paul and her co-authors Simca and Louise, it's a lively recipe for fun!

Anyone who enjoys ethnic cooking or fine dining can thank the ebullient Julia Child for opening up America's kitchens and minds! Her popularization of French cooking through books and television began a food

revolution whose effects are felt to this day. Julia set the standard and format by which all cooking shows would be subsequently judged and taught us to look outside our country for culinary inspiration. But she was far more than an outstanding cook. She was a tremendous scholar, teacher, and innovator whose joie de vivre captured the hearts of all who met and saw her.

Julia Child will be the perfect way to start the holiday season with renewed enthusiasm for entertaining! The show is free and open to the public; however, *reservations through Eventbrite are required* as space is limited. Use this QR code to make your reservation.



For more information check our website or email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

### *Caroling on the Side Lawn*

On Sunday, December 8, 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.*

Friday, November 22, 6PM

Saturday, November 30, 12-4PM

Sunday, December 1, 1-4PM

Monday, December 2, 6PM

Sunday, December 8, 12-2PM

Sunday, December 15, 12-2PM

January 1 to February 28

Sunday, February 9, 12-3PM

Saturday, March 1

Saturday, March 1, 2-4PM

Julia Child – Queen of Cuisine *Reservations required*

*Small Business Saturday* Freeman Store open

Little Library open 1-4PM

Church Street Stroll – *Freeman Store and Little Library Museum open*

Santa visits the Freeman Store *and*

Carolers from Saint Athanasius Lutheran Church *on the side yard*

Santa visits the Freeman Store

Freeman Store and Museum open by appointment only

Superbowl UBC Bag Sale

Freeman Store and Museum reopens with normal store hours

Grand Opening Reception

Please visit our website at [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store and Museum news, special events and museum exhibits.

## Freeman Store News

### What's new?

Do all your holiday shopping at the Freeman Store this year and support local! Discover our new line of Virginia-made **Emerson Creek Pottery**, a variety of teas & chocolate confections, fun toys and plenty of great stocking stuffers.



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 31<sup>st</sup> and is open by appointment during January and February.

We have everything you need for a joyful holiday gift-giving season.



### Meet the Maker

Treat yourself or someone special to a bit of indulgence this season! **Parsonage Handmade Soaps**, crafted in the beautiful countryside of Lovettsville, VA, offer all-natural soaps free from animal fats and scented with pure plant essential oils. Their soaps, which come in a delightful array of scents, are all made with non-GMO certified vegetable oils, phthalate-free fragrances, and sustainable RSPO-certified palm oil. This small family company started as a holiday project between two friends who shared a love for gardening and artisanal products. Today, Dick, a third-generation soap maker, brings his chemistry background to each batch, ensuring exceptional quality in every bar.



**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!

What a celebration we observed in October! Both indoors and outdoors, buyers enjoyed gorgeous weather as they hunted for bargain prices, while the younger readers also enjoyed crafting bookmarks and playing old-fashioned games. Historic Vienna appreciates all your support in purchasing books and donating used books.

If you enjoy listing books on Amazon or you would like to join a team to list used books on Amazon, please contact Historic Vienna, Inc., at [HistoricViennaVa@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricViennaVa@gmail.com) or 703-938-5187. We would enjoy discussing your ideas, as well as welcome you as an HVI volunteer.

**During December, all cookbooks, gardening, and art books will be half-price!**



The Used Book Cellar accepts book donations all year round. Please refer to our website for specific information on what and how to donate <https://historicviennainc.org/used-book-cellar/>.

### Superbowl Used Book Cellar Bag Sale – Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Children's books make fantastic holiday gifts! Our selection is extensive, with most books in excellent condition.



Give the gift of adventure and new experiences through books.

## HVI Volunteers

### *Volunteer of the Year*

Rossana Carney and Marsha Komandt were honored and presented with the 2024 Volunteer-of-the-Year Award on Tuesday, October 8, at the HVI Fall Membership Meeting. Meet Rosanna Carney and Marsha Komandt, our always smiling, always willing to volunteer duo. If you have ever visited the Freeman Store Book Cellar during Viva Vienna, one of the Chillin' on Church parties, Oktoberfest or the Church Street Stroll, likely you met either or both of our Volunteer Award recipients. Marsha and Rossana thoroughly enjoy finding that special used book for our shoppers. In addition, they interact with all the clients as they willingly tidy the Used Book Cellar, while shelving incoming books. Each of our awardees goes beyond greeting our guests and they thoroughly enjoy each task they volunteer to tackle, including assisting at other HVI events. Congratulations to our 2024 Volunteer Awardees.



*We really appreciate Robert Amsler, Michael Angove, Adele Asaro, John Ball, Katelyn Bonaccorsy, Rossana Carney, Jim Carson, Mary Jane Cochrane, Patrick Coffey, Liz Colyar, Katie Conner, Joan Dreyer, David Dunlap, Michele Dunlap, Tom Fay, Andrea Fernandes, Karla Goldman, Bob Kitcher, Marsha Komandt, Carl Kratzer, Patricia Kratzer, Caroline Kugler, Joy Harrington, Kate Hosch, Donna Howton, Tammy Mannarino, Allyson McGill, Susan Miller, Krystyn Moon, John Moore, George Oberle, Connie O'Mara, Renee Rodriguez, Joan Schrage, Sandra Steeves of Providence Fairfax, Brad Swanson, Phil Simon, Greg Weaver, Elizabeth Wonder, Mary Woods, 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 Wheats for the Oktoberfest pumpkin display, Sally Stephens for decorating the doll house, and Patrick Coffey for creating the new exhibit: 'Vienna Then and Now'.*

*We're grateful for all of the help that the Town of Vienna staff gives Historic Vienna, including support for special events, building repairs, technology and more.*



If you are interested in supporting our initiatives, please email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto: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
	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](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 2025).

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

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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 – Computer Skills – Other: \_\_\_\_\_