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★ FLAG DAY ★
COLONIAL FAIRE
& ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Celebrating the America250 anniversaries of the 1776 Continental Colors and the 1777 Stars & Stripes

AMERICA 250

★ SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 ★
 12:00 NOON – 4:00 PM

FREEMAN STORE & MUSEUM
 ★ 131 CHURCH STREET, NE ★
 VIENNA, VA 22180

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ 12:15 pm – Children's Military Drill
- ★ 1:00 pm – George and Martha Washington Arrive
- ★ 1:15 pm – Parade to the Town of Vienna Stage
- ★ 1:30 pm – Flag Day History & Introduction of Martha Washington, & Welcoming General George Washington
- ★ 2:30 pm – Children's Military Drill
- ★ 3:00 pm – Ice Cream Social

★ FEATURING A ★
PETTING ZOO!

Organized by Vienna250, Fairfax 250, and Historic Vienna, Inc.

VIENNA VA250 ★ **FAIRFAX COUNTY VA250**

★ Participating: Fairfax County Chapter, DAR • Maria Mitchell Chapter, DAR
 • Fairfax Resolves Chapter, SAR • Society of First African Families of English America

Featuring crafts, lacemakers, wood carvers, gardening, quill pen and possible ink exhibits, colonial games, and a petting zoo, and more!
 ★ The train depot and caboose will be open. ★

Vienna celebrates Liberty Amendments Month!

The Town of Vienna celebrates *Liberty Amendments Month* this year from June 13-July 13, 2026.

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.

Upstairs Museum Exhibit
"Making a More Perfect Union"

Hallway Museum Exhibit
"The Power of Place"

Side Yard Garden Fence Exhibit
"Fairfax Resolves" and "Virginia Declaration of Rights"

Offsite Exhibits
Vienna Community Center and
Vienna Rexall Drug Center

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@FreemanStore_Museum



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Historic Vienna Inc.



From the Museum Committee

New Exhibit: 50 on 50

A new exhibit of 50 historic items to celebrate 50 years since Historic Vienna's founding is on display. The items are located throughout the Freeman Store and Museum building. Each artifact in the exhibit is labeled and holds a story from the past. Can you discover all 50 items? Use the brochure to guide your search and learn more about these important pieces history. Children, 12 and under, who find items on the children's list will receive a candy stick.

New Exhibit at Rexall

A patriotic celebration brought the community together to commemorate 200 years of American history with marching bands, large puppets, historical costumes, veterans, civic groups, and local families. A new exhibit featuring photos of Vienna's Bicentennial celebrations in 1976 will be on display in the window of Rexall Drug Center.

New Fence Exhibits

250th Anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights
 The Virginia Declaration of Rights was adopted unanimously by the Fifth Virginia Convention as a separate document from the Constitution of Virginia on June 12, 1976. The declaration was initially drafted by George Mason. It established prior fundamental rights and the right to self-government. It informed both the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.

252nd Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves!

July 18-20, will be the anniversary of the adoption of the Fairfax Resolves, a bold statement of American rights.

Once again, we will display the entire text of the Fairfax Resolves on the fence around the garden on the side lawn of the Freeman Store and Museum.

Comments on Power of Place Exhibit

The Power of Place – Engaging with Historic Vienna, Inc. over the last half century, celebrates Historic Vienna's 50th anniversary through a timeline of events, initiatives and changes that have shaped our community. Come enjoy 5 decades of preserving Vienna's history through key moments and photos. Add your voice to our exhibit! Grab a Post-it note, share your memories over 50 years and what you love now about Vienna.

Recording of Paul McCray Talk

The recording of Paul McCray's wonderful talk on the history of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad will be available on our website once processing is complete. Copies of the book he recommended: "*Rails to the Blue Ridge: The Washington and Old Dominion Railroad, 1847-1968*" by Herbert H. Harwood are now available for purchase at the Freeman Store & Museum.

Little Library Museum Open

Vienna's Little Library Museum (LLM) is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4PM and on June 14 during our Flag Day event. 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.

United States 250th Celebrations

Vienna250/Bards Alley Author Series

Sunday, May 31, 2PM, Vienna Community Center

Author talk reveals lesser-known facts about the American Revolution. What does Bunker Hill have in common with a Central American jungle, a fort in India and the towering Rock of Gibraltar? Spoiler alert! They were all battlefields in the Revolutionary War. Join author Derek Baxter and Vienna250 Committee co-chair Chuck Anderson for a fascinating discussion of Derek's latest book, "*The Forgotten World War: Exploring the Secret History of the American Revolution, from Spain to India and Back Again*". Refreshments will be served and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Saturday, June 20, 2PM, Vienna Community Center

This event celebrates Juneteenth with Gayle Jessup White, author of "*Reclamation: Sally Hemings, Thomas Jefferson, and a Descendant's Search for Her Family's Lasting Legacy*." Ms. Jessup White is a Black descendant of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings and her book explores America's racial reckoning through the prism of her ancestors – both the enslaver and the enslaved. Refreshments will be served and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Flag Day Event Celebrates America250
Colonial Faire and Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 14, 12-4PM**

Freeman Store & Museum grounds

Step back in time for a festive America250 celebration that's sure to bring smiles to the whole family! The Colonial Faire and Ice Cream Social will take place on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 12-4PM.

Guests of all ages will enjoy colonial-era demonstrations and hands-on activities, including a farm animal petting zoo, children's military drills, colonial games, crafts, lacemakers, wood carvers, gardening, quill pen writing, and invisible ink demonstrations. A highlight of the day will be the *arrival of George and Martha Washington at 1PM*, followed by a parade to the Town of Vienna Stage and a special Flag Day history presentation introducing Martha Washington and welcoming General George Washington. The afternoon will conclude with a festive *ice cream social beginning at 3PM*. The Little Library Museum, Train Depot and Caboose will be open for families to enjoy.

The 1776 Continental Colors, also known as the Grand Union Flag, was one of the earliest flags used by American forces during the Revolutionary War. The 1777 Stars and Stripes introduced the enduring design of thirteen stripes and thirteen stars representing the new United States. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), will provide the Color Guard. Two Vienna Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapters and the Society of First African Families of English America will also participate, helping bring local and early American history to life.

The Colonial Faire and Ice Cream Social was organized by the DAR and Historic Vienna, Inc., in partnership with Vienna250, Fairfax250 and the Town of Vienna. The event commemorates Flag Day and two important milestones in American flag history: the 250th anniversary of the 1776 Continental Colors and the 249th anniversary of the 1777 Stars and Stripes, adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit www.historicviennainc.org/vienna250 for more information on this and other upcoming Vienna250 events.

July 4, 11AM, Foundational Documents Reading

Participants will read a portion of our founding documents at the Vienna Community Center gymnasium.

ViennaVA250 Challenge Coins

The Vienna250 committee has created a Challenge Coin to commemorate our celebrations of our country's 250th anniversary. They are available for purchase at the Freeman Store and Museum.

ViennaVA250 License Plate

Soon, you will be able to show your support for Vienna250 by purchasing a special license plate:



More information will be available on the Vienna250 page of our website.

Special Events

Liberty Amendments Month

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* which will begin with a *parade at 10AM on Maple Avenue* ending up at the First Baptist Church of Vienna on Saturday, June 13th. All are welcome to attend and celebrate.

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 in the Community Center.
- **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.
- **Juneteenth parade and festival** – a parade celebrating each amendment will begin at Maple Avenue and Mill Street at 10AM on Saturday, June 13 and end at the First Baptist Church to begin the Juneteenth Celebration which include our LAM history exhibits, live music, kids' entertainment, crafts, food and more. Historic Vienna will have a table at the event.
- **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.

Children's Crafts on the Freeman Store Lawn

During each Chillin' on Church, July to September, Children, ages 3 to 12, will be able to participate in a craft activity led by Historic Vienna volunteers during Chillin' on Church, 6:30-8PM – Free!

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, July 1-29, 10AM* 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 lawn.

Kids on the Green

Tuesdays, June 16 to August 11, 10AM – Free!

Each week, the Town will present a different performance for children on the patio behind the Freeman Store and Museum. More information is available on the town website.

Boston Tea Party – Tea Tasting

Sunday, August 2, Noon -4PM – Free!

As part of the upstairs exhibit, “*Making a More Perfect Union*,” samples of each type of tea that was thrown into Boston Harbor will be offered. The value of the over 92,000 pounds of tea destroyed would be roughly \$1.7 million today. Learn what kinds of tea colonists liked and what new kinds the East India Tea Company wanted them to try. Explore the exhibit as you sip tea. Free!

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday May 23-25

Sunday, May 31, 2PM

Sundays, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6

Sunday, June 14, 12-4PM

Tuesdays, June 16 to August 11, 10AM

June 13 to July 13

Saturday, June 20, 2PM

Fridays, June 12, July 17, August 21, September 18

Fridays, July 17, August 21, September 18

Wednesdays, July 1-29; 10AM

Saturday, July 4, 11AM

Sunday, August 2, Noon-4PM

September 17-23

Viva! Vienna! Freeman Store & Museum, Used Book Cellar, and Little Library Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday 11-5PM

Vienna250/Bards Alley Author Series, Vienna Community Center Auditorium

Little Library Museum open 1-4PM

Flag Day Colonial Faire and Ice Cream Social, Freeman Store & Museum

Kids on the Green, on the Freeman Store and Museum patio

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

Vienna250/Bards Alley Author Series, Vienna Community Center Auditorium

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

Children's Crafts activity 6:30-8PM, During Chillin' on Church. Free!

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

Foundational Documents Reading, Vienna Community Center

Boston Tea Party Tea Tasting, Upstairs exhibit room, free!

Constitution Week, exhibit at the Vienna Community Center

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?

The Freeman Store & Museum celebrates America 250 with a patriotic selection of items & gifts!



New pottery, puzzles, and handmade artisan crafts are here. Vases, trinket dishes, and miniature art collages set in small antique frames.



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



Meet the Maker

Caroline Scott, owner of **Infused Moments Artistry**, clearly dreams in flowers. She carefully selects delicate blooms and features them set in resin to create works of art that radiate beauty. Her coasters and trays are stunning. Both practical and elegant, locally crafted in Northern Virginia and each one uniquely its own. A truly perfect gift for a special someone.

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.

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 in the USA. 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

+ Remember: *HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store (Excludes Used Book Cellar).*

Used Book Cellar

Used Book Cellar Celebrates a Decade of Selling Books

When the Freeman Store and Museum created HVI's Used Book Cellar 10 years ago, an assortment of tables holding all sizes of cardboard boxes offered donated used books for sale. Pricing each book was random. Fast-forward 10 years and our amazing, enthusiastic volunteers gather each week to sort incoming donated books by author's last initial, reorganize and tidy each shelf.

Do stop by to find one of the numerous books offered to honor our nation's 250 celebration. On *Sunday, June 14*, a special selection of books covering our American history and traditions will be available for sale in front of the Store.

See you at the UBC!

The Used Book Cellar accepts book donations inside or on the porch bench all year round. Please refer to our website for specific information on how and what to donate.

Young Reader Roundup

What is your child reading today?

Classics like *Go Dog Go*

or the newer *Dog Man?*

If they're all about the barking, we've got it in the Cellar!!



HVI Board News and Announcements

In May, Simeon Moats resigned from the Board for health reasons. He was appointed to the Board of Directors by the Town of Vienna in 2020, having served as a volunteer for many years. He worked on reprinting This Was Vienna Virginia and enjoyed supporting the archaeology dig. He cheerfully volunteered in the Used Book Cellar since its founding in 2016, at nearly all of our events, and to complete a variety of renovation projects in the Freeman Store & Museum. The Storekeepers especially appreciate the rolling counter and storage boxes he made for them to use under the store shelves, allowing them to make use of wasted space. He will be missed.

Heritage Preservation Award

At the Spring Membership meeting, the Heritage Preservation Award was presented to Jon Vrana, posthumously. We greatly appreciate the many contributions he has made to Historic Vienna, both as a volunteer and a Board Member from 2011 to 2024. He generously shared his love of history with our Vienna community, the Burke community and Fairfax County. His storytelling and music enchanted many children and adults bringing history to life for them.



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	Dee Dee Carter
Gloria Runyon	Lana Bian	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 2026).**
 ___ *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 – Computer Skills – Other: _____