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HVI Fall Membership Meeting

"Sounds of the 70s"

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30PM, 127 Center Street South. There will be a brief business meeting before the program, and this year's Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced.

Turn back the dial fifty years to the music that shaped a decade – and coincided with HVI's own founding. In this lively program, Dennis Cole, Ph.D., a Library Technician in the Music Division of the Library of Congress and author of *A History of Popular Music in America*, takes HVI on a tour through the 1970s defining sounds, from the artists everyone remembers to the deep cuts most have forgotten. Along the way, Cole reveals rare copyright deposits from the Library's collection – published and unpublished sheet music submitted for copyright registration – offering a different look at songs listeners think they already know. He also traces how vinyl, cassettes, 8-tracks, and shows like Soul Train shaped the way people experienced this music and spotlights the local venues – Wolf Trap among them – that brought the era's biggest names close to home. The talk closes with a special focus on 1976, the very year HVI was founded.

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Dennis Cole, Ph.D. (Ethnomusicology–Musicology), is a Library Technician in the Music Division of the Library of Congress. His scholarship centers on American Studies, with a particular focus on popular and vernacular music traditions from the late nineteenth through twenty-first centuries.

For more than twenty years, Dr. Cole has taught music history and popular music studies across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and currently at George Mason University. Dr. Cole is the author of *A History of Popular Music in America: Its Styles and Cultural Considerations*. He has extensively been published, delivered conference papers, and served on manuscript peer-review committees.

The HVI Membership meeting is free and open to the public.

HVI Fall Membership Meeting

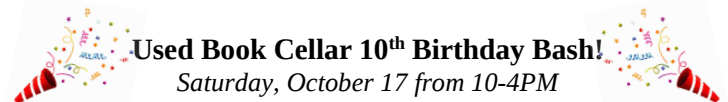
Town Hall, Council Chambers
127 Center Street South,
Vienna, VA 22180

Speaker:

Dennis Cole, PhD

"Sounds of the 70s"

Thursday, October 29, 7:30 PM



Used Book Cellar 10th Birthday Bash!

Saturday, October 17 from 10-4PM

Exhibit at the Vienna Community Center & Temporary Patrick Henry Library

"Vienna's County Library Past and Future"

Exhibit at Rexall Drug Center

"Vienna Then and Now"

Exhibit on the Victory Garden Fence

"Fairfax Resolves" and "Virginia Declaration of Rights"

Upstairs Museum Exhibit

"Making a More Perfect Union"

Hallway Museum Exhibit

"The Power of Place"

The Freeman Store and Museum is getting an electrical upgrade!
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@FreemanStore_Museum



Join our Facebook group
Historic Vienna Inc.

From the Museum Committee

Posser added to museum collection

If you've been to the Freeman Store lately, you likely noticed our ***Scavenger Hunt*** in celebration of HVT's 50th Anniversary. We picked our 50 favorite items from the collections and are showcasing them to our visitors to help them learn a little bit more about our treasures. In perfect timing, we just received a new item that, with time, may make our next list! It is a "Rapid Washer" or vacuum washer, laundry plunger or posser.

This tool is manually hand-operated and from the late 1800s to early 1900s and would have been very popular in the Freeman Store's heyday. Made in Galesburg, Illinois, it features a long wooden handle that is attached to a metal funnel which is ribbed on the interior to help agitate suds. One placed laundry in a tub of hot soapy water and plunged the funnel up and down to create suction and pressure to help remove dirt. This method



resulted in less wear and tear on clothes than when using a washboard and these gadgets were all the rage before hand-cranked and eventually electric washing machines took over.

Nowadays, you may see one as part of shabby chic farm decor. It is a unique addition to our collection and we are very grateful to the anonymous donor.



"***Posser***", by the way, comes from the middle English word *poss* which means to beat or pound.

Come check it out next time you are in the neighborhood, and take the Scavenger Hunt if you haven't already!

New Exhibit: Vienna's County Library Past and Future

A library is more than a building. It is a place where history is made and where a community gathers, learns, discovers and grows. Vienna has been turning the page of its library story for more than a century.

The town's first library was established in 1897 has been preserved as the Little Library Museum. It is now located at 164 Mill Street NE and is maintained by Historic Vienna.

In 1913, a Vienna Library was formally incorporated and operated a circulating library at 101 Maple Avenue East – the same site that would eventually become home to Patrick Henry Library and now the future Vienna-Carter Library.

For more than five decades, generations of Vienna residents walked through those doors. Children discovered their first picture books and learned to love reading. Students researched school projects. Adults searched for novels, newspapers and information. Neighbors attended programs, met friends and found a quiet place to read.

Patrick Henry Library became one of Fairfax County's busiest community libraries, operating at a level comparable to a small regional library and attracting many pedestrian visitors.

By 2025, it was time for another chapter. The original 1971 building had reached the end of its useful life. After years of planning, Fairfax County and the Town of Vienna partnered on a major redevelopment of the site. Patrick Henry Library closed its doors on May 9, 2025, and eventually library services moved temporarily to the Cedar Park Shopping Center while construction began. When the new library opens, it will have a new name: Vienna-Carter Library, honoring William McKinley Carter and Lillian Carter and their important role in bringing an integrated public library to Vienna.

You can read more about Vienna's library history and learn about the new building at both the Cedar Park Library and the Vienna Community Center in our latest exhibit, *Vienna's County Library – Past and Future*, on this important Town history and the ongoing construction.

As of August 2026, the foundations have been completed, and part of the parking garage has been erected. Current Fairfax County plans anticipate completion in early 2028. While this exhibit shows how there has been much change over the years, the purpose of Vienna's library remains the same: *to give people a place to learn, explore, connect, imagine, build community and make history.*

Constitution Week Exhibit

During Constitution Week, September 17 to 23, an exhibit presented by the DAR will be on display in the Vienna Community Center. Constitution Week was officially enacted on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D.

Eisenhower from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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. We need volunteer docents in order to open the LLM to the public. Please consider volunteering at this jewel of a historic site.

United States 250th Celebrations – 1776 to 2026

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



Beginning in mid-September, the Vienna250 commemorative license plate will be available for purchase for \$10 for a

standard plate or \$20 for a personalized plate, in addition to regular annual registration fees. The additional \$10 or \$20 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and the proceeds will benefit historic preservation efforts in the Town of Vienna.

Plates can be purchased online at www.dmv.virginia.gov, in person at any DMV Customer Service Center or DMV Select Office, or by mailing form VSA10, available on the DMV website. The plates are being offered through the efforts of the Vienna250 Committee in partnership with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

ViennaVA250 Tree

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States, Vienna residents are encouraged to plant a "Vienna250 Tree" at their homes as a lasting tribute to our country and a gift to future generations.

The Vienna250 and Tree Advocacy Committees will give away 250 three-gallon native shade trees to town residents on Saturday, November 7 from 8AM to Noon at the former Annex property on Center Street South, across from Waters Field. You must sign up ahead of time to order a tree at <https://get.arborday.org/Vienna250>. Limit one per household.

The trees will be one of the following native species:

- Black Tupelo/Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)
- Southern Red Oak (*Quercus falcata*)
- Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
- Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

The trees will be protected from hungry deer with an anti-deer cage. Each tree will be registered and labeled as an official Vienna250 Tree.

Walk With Us in the Halloween Parade

Party like it's 1776, join your HVI friends in costume in the 80th Vienna Halloween Parade and strut along Maple Avenue on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 (the parade begins at 7 PM). Our float, featuring the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence will also include *apparitions of Revolutionary War era Patriots, lighted pumpkins, and all things ghoulish* in keeping with the theme, "*Haunted History: 250 Years of America*". Please join in the fun!

Contact 703-938-5187 or HistoricViennaVa@gmail.com to volunteer to march, decorate the float, and celebrate by parading with us in Vienna's 80th Halloween Parade.

Special Events

Oktoberfest, October 4

On Saturday, October 3, the Freeman Store will be open from 11-5PM for Vienna's Annual Oktoberfest celebration sponsored by the Vienna Business Association on Church

Street. Enjoy beer and wine, great food, live music and lots of children's activities and games. More information can be found at www.viennaoktoberfest.org, the official Oktoberfest website.

Trails & Tales: Vienna's Hidden History Bike Ride on the W&OD Trail



Saturday, Oct 10, 8:30am - 12:00pm
Tour begins and ends at the Freeman Store and Museum.

Uncover nearly 200 years of the Vienna area's history by exploring the seen and unseen sites along the historic W&OD corridor. You'll see what you've been missing along the trail and share the stories that bring the past to life. Whether you're a fit cyclist, a casual biker or just enjoy local history, this ride is for you. ***All types of bikes welcome*** – road bikes, hybrid bikes, e-bikes, comfortable cruisers and more.



Use this QR code to reserve your space for \$25 per person. There's a maximum of 10 riders per tour. You're welcome to just listen to the history shared by Jim Lewis at beginning of the tour at the Freeman Store and Museum.

Ayr Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale

On October 17, 24 and 31, from 10 to 2, Ayr Hill Garden Club will be selling bulbs at the Freeman Store and Museum. Bulbs may be purchased on the day or ordered online at <https://ahgcbulbsales.square.site> for pick up on these days. The sale features a variety of unusual and new bulbs including American Natives. They have the Atlantic Camas, a camassia that is native to Virginia!

HVI Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday-Friday, September 23-25

Saturday, October 3, 11-7PM

Sunday, October 4, 1-4PM

Saturday, October 10, 8:30AM

Saturday, October 17, 10-4PM

Saturday, October 17, 10:30-12:30PM

Saturdays, October 17, 24, 31, 10-2PM

Wednesday, October 28, 7PM

Thursday, October 29, 7:30PM

Sunday, November 1, 1-4PM

Saturday, November 7, 8-12PM

Monday, November 30, 6-9PM

Sunday, December 6, 12-2PM

Sunday, December 6, 1-4PM

Sunday, December 13, 12-2PM

Freeman Store and Museum closed for electrical upgrade

Oktoberfest!, Freeman Store open 11-5PM

Little Library open

Trails & Tales: Vienna's Hidden History Bike Ride, reservation required!

Used Book Cellar 10th Birthday Bash

Halloween on The Green

Ayr Hill Garden Club Bulb Sale

Halloween Parade

HVI Fall Membership meeting, Sounds of the 70s

Little Library open

Vienna250 Tree give away, pre-order required

Church Street Stroll and Santa Claus Visit

Santa visits the Freeman Store

Little Library open

Santa visits the Freeman Store

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?

Handwritten cards may seem like a tradition from a bygone era, but at the Freeman Store, they remain one of our top sellers. Why? Because taking the time to write a card is

meaningful. In an increasingly digital world, a handwritten note requires something we rarely give freely these days: time, effort, and personal presence. That thoughtfulness is

what makes a handwritten card so special to give and to receive.

If you are looking to brighten someone's day, stop in and discover the perfect card from nearly 25 suppliers and dozens of beautiful designs. We're especially proud to feature the work of talented artists, some of which are right here in our community, others from neighboring states and across the country. Each card offers a little piece of their creativity to share with someone special.

Top sellers by the numbers

Every number has a story to tell and ours add up to quite a tale! Each year we sell approximately:

- 700 cards

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

- 450 postcards
- 600 tea towels
- 950 toys
- Pounds and pounds of candy

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.

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Happy Birthday Used Book Cellar!



Used Book Cellar Celebrates 10 Amazing Years Selling Donated Books!

Ten years ago, a messy stone walled basement became HVI's Used Book Cellar. Initially we placed donated books in boxes on tables, determined pricing and opened for business. Thanks to our amazing, devoted, focused volunteers, the Cellar has improved – bookshelves, superb improved lighting, painted flooring and custom-built shelves for inventory have all been added.

Mark your calendar, Saturday, October 17, 10 AM - 4 PM, join us for our 10th Birthday Book Sale at the Freeman Store and Museum. Outside an assortment of many genres will be specially priced for \$10 a bag. Visit the Cellar, as it is teeming with hundreds of titles, all shelved by topic, while fiction is alphabetically arranged by author's last name. Children of all ages can enjoy crafts and playing Vintage games. This is a rain or shine event.

Young Reader Roundup

Hundreds of children's books continue to come in through generous donations from the community. Make sure every child you know is reading a book!



Stop in and select from classics to modern chapters, and everything in-between.

Your donated books are always welcome and we acknowledge that without your books, the Cellar wouldn't exist! Thank you!!!

In addition, the Town will host *Halloween on the Green* from 10:30 to 12:30, and Ayr Hill Garden Club will be selling bulbs from 10 to 2.

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

HVI Board News

Members of Historic Vienna, Inc. will vote at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 29, 2026, to elect Board of Directors members whose 3-year terms expire at the end of 2026. The Nominating Committee has proposed that incumbent Anne Stuntz be re-elected. Steve Shannon is stepping down as a member of the Board of Directors since he is now serving as the Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court in the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. He will continue to volunteer with Historic Vienna as his time permits and hopes to continue to be an active volunteer with Liberty Amendments Month.

Anne Stuntz has been a member of the HVI Board since 2003 and President since 2009. She has been an active volunteer for many years, working as a Storekeeper, Chairing the Book Sale for several years, serving on the Store and Museum committees, planning and helping with Special Events. Anne also serves on the Fairfax County History Commission and is currently President of the Friends of the Virginia Room.

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	
Mike Berger	Katie Newland, Secretary	Leigh Kitcher, Treasurer
Gloria Runyon	Lana Bian	Dee Dee Carter
	Steve Shannon	Sylvia Taylor
	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 2027).

___ 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 – Special Events – Used Book Cellar – Oral Histories

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