

Summer Activities 2016 Historic Vienna Inc.

All events take place at the historic
Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE
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Open Wednesdays through Sundays, noon - 4 pm
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Tea with “Elizabeth Cady Stanton” Sunday July 3,

3:00 pm in the parlor at the Freeman Store and Museum. Enjoy an afternoon tea of finger sandwiches & desserts with Ms. Stanton, 1815-1902, an American suffragist, social activist, and leading figure of the early women’s rights movement, portrayed by Leigh Kitcher. \$20 per person, advance reservations required.



The tea is being offered in conjunction with the small exhibit: *The Road to Women’s Rights: The Origins of the Women’s Rights Movement*. Did you know that in 1848 Lucretia Mott was proposed as the Liberty Party candidate for vice president even though she could not vote? Learn other interesting facts about women’s right to vote at the exhibit. The museum will offer a series of small exhibits that explore the women’s rights movement over the next four years. The exhibit series honors the 100th anniversary of establishment of the National Women’s Party in 1916 and the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote in 1920.

Saturday Afternoon Tours at Freeman Store and Museum at 2:00 pm all through the summer.

Stories and Sprinklers. Wednesdays, 1 pm, June 29-August 3. Bring your kids and grandkids to hear stories and sing songs under the oak tree, then go run under the sprinklers on the Town Green. Don’t forget the towels!

Civil War History Parlor Talk, Sunday, July 24, 2:00 pm– Vienna’s own Edward T. Wenzel will give a talk on his *Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County: Battles, Skirmishes, Incidents & Events of The War Between the States Occurring in Fairfax County, Virginia, 1859-1862, and Appendix (partial 1863)*.

Chris Mackowski, of www.EmergingCivilWar.com wrote the following about the book:

Ed’s book is breathtaking in its scope, covering day-by-day the Civil War history of Fairfax County during the first two years of the war. With more than 50 maps and more than 350 photos,

Ed's exhaustive study comes in at 618 pages. The index, totaling another 200 pages, comes in its own volume...

Some of the actions and movements covered include: Blackburn's Ford, First Manassas/Bull Run, Grigsby's Hill, Lewinsville, Dranesville, Second Manassas/Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. Plus there are entries related to secession, troop reviews, raids and reconnaissance missions, balloon observations, quartermaster activities, the flight of refugees and contrabands, the construction of fortifications, bridge burnings, and railroad incidents and wrecks. It is non-stop activity and action....

Five years in the making (two and a half times longer than it took for the events to pool out in real time!), Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County stands as an impressive monument all its own. This is national history written through the local lens, making it great fun for buffs to sift and sort and browse through.

Ed is well known for having been honored by the national Civil War Trust for his efforts to preserve the Ox Hill battlefield in Chantilly.

This Was Vienna, Virginia Book Signing August 7, 2-4 pm. Connie Stuntz, long time Vienna resident and local history author, will sign copies of her and Mayo's legacy book, the definitive Vienna town history now available in its fourth printing.

This Was Vienna, Virginia, written in 1987, is 384 pages long with 413 illustrations including photographs, maps, and sketches, presenting a detailed history of the Vienna area. From the early times of the Native Americans, land grants, and the 1742 Fairfax County Court House near Tysons Corner, the book chronicles the evolution of 14 Vienna area 18th and early 19th century plantations/farms and notes the origins of early roads and mills. Then more general chapters fall into place, covering early 19th century, the Civil War, post-Civil War, Vienna schools, doctors and churches, the 1890 incorporation of Vienna, and up through the first half of the 20th century. A must-have for anyone interested in Vienna's history.



Vienna's Country Fair Historic Vienna Inc, is planning an old fashioned Country Fair! **Saturday, August 20, 12-4.** There will be a homegrown fruit and vegetable competition, and a competition of patio pots, so stay tuned to learn how to enter. HVI will have many kid friendly activities, such as farm animals, the second annual bike decorating contest, farm crafts, living history, old fashioned games, music, ice cream churning, and HVI's demonstration farm garden. A lovely flower show will be staged in the Freeman Store.

Historic Vienna Inc.'s Farm Demonstration Garden. What's going on in the side yard of the Freeman Store and Museum? HVI created a new "farm" as part of HVI's History of Agriculture exhibit. We planted wheat, rye, flax, barley, oats, red and white corn tomatoes, and potatoes in the raised garden. Want to come help water or weed?

The exhibit *The History of Agriculture: Vienna and Northern Virginia* tells the story of the evolution of local farming, from tobacco in the 18th century to wheat and more variety in the 19th. We were still well-known for our dairy farms and orchards in the first half of the 20th century. And did you know that a Vienna poultry farm provided the Eisenhower White House's fresh eggs? The exhibit includes maps, photographs, dioramas, and period artifacts.



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