



Huntley Headlines

Friends of Historic Huntley

Spring 2014

Spring Event: The Civil War Returns to Huntley

Saturday, April 5 • 1 to 4 p.m.

Come welcome spring at the FOHH annual open house at Historic Huntley and discover the Union soldiers who encamped at Huntley over the winter. Union forces dubbed their 1861-1862 winter camp "Camp Michigan." They and other Union forces secured the surrounding area as part of the defensive bulwark protecting the capital city. Learn about Civil War Huntley history through re-enactors, exhibits, and interactive, family-oriented activities. Suggested donation, \$5. Children 10 and under, free.

Directions to Historic Huntley: From Route 495/95, exit 177A, follow Route 1 (Richmond Highway) south for three and a half miles. Turn right on Lockheed Blvd. for half a mile, then right on Harrison Lane (at the turn, notice entrance to Huntley Meadows Park on the left) and continue for half a mile. Special event parking is available at the church on the left. The entrance to the house is from Huntley Meadows Lane on the left, where there is handicap permit parking. ❖

Welcome Groveton Historians!

Twenty intrepid fourth graders at neighboring Groveton Elementary School will be serving as charter members of the school's newly established academic-focus club, **Groveton Historians**. Under the tutelage of faculty sponsors Vickie Tyquiengco (Advanced Academic Program) and Patricia Young (Groveton native), the Groveton Historians will use the people and events of Historic Huntley as a lens through which to view the greater forces comprising American history. FOHH extends a warm welcome to the Historians and looks forward to supporting their endeavors. ❖

Upcoming Programs

Register for Fairfax County Park Authority programs at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/calendar.htm. For more information, 703.768.2525.

The Very Interesting Tale of Huntley Meadows Park (adults) presented by FOHH Board Member Carolyn Gamble. March 27, 7-8:30 p.m.; \$7.

Homeschoolers at Huntley (6-9 years). April 1-May 27, 2:30-4 p.m. Learn about American history by participating in hands-on activities and hikes; \$101.

Twilight Hilltop Tour (adults). May 23, 7-8:30 p.m. See Historic Huntley in a different light; \$8.

The Digital Historian (day camp, 14-17 years). June 23-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn how to use digital media to tell historical narratives; \$285.

Tracks and Traces (day camp, 8-13 years). July 14-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Participate in activities, games, and field trips to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and Historic Huntley; \$295.

Dig It: Archeology Adventures (day camp, 11-14 years) August 11-15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$295. ❖

A Change in Leadership

by Barbara Ballentine

At the FOHH annual meeting last November, we welcomed **Todi Carnes as our new president**, enabling me to step down from the presidency after 10 years. This is a good time to think back over the journey we have been on together and the changes we have seen through the years when Huntley stood behind a chain-link fence.

A discussion regarding a friends group was first held in 1990, and **by 1992 FOHH was incorporated** and we held our **first Open House**. In those days, we worked with Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) staff at Park headquarters. It wasn't until Carolyn Gamble, then on staff at Huntley Meadows Park (HMP), started offering "**History Mystery**" tours at the house that HMP staff became involved. Her interest in Huntley and assignment as FCPA staff liaison to FOHH made a huge difference in our open houses and our relationship to the FCPA.

FOHH members led the way **researching** the date the house was built, Mason family members, and other families who lived in the house. This information was put into a slide show that, with new technology, is still used at open houses. We **testified** before the Board of Supervisors, the FCPA, and the Architectural Review Board, and **spread the word** about bond issues that benefited Huntley. We **financed and installed the Huntley highway marker**

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Civil War Returns to Huntley: April 5

Save the Dates:

Member-Only Event: July 19

Fall Event: September 26

FOHH Annual Meeting: November 6

Huntley-Related Web Sites

www.historichuntley.org

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/

www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org

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on Harrison Lane. We encouraged students from architectural schools to tour and study the house and reached out to young people through art contests and our very own puppet show.

FOHH board members were included on the planning committees for the FCPA **General Management Plan** and the **Comprehensive Development Plan for Huntley**. This was the first time citizens were included in such a FCPA park planning activity. We were honored to be included and felt that our ideas

were heard and that we had a part in the final planning documents.

Over 20 years a total of 35 open houses and 41 newsletters brought the site to the attention of the public and elected officials, which led to the **opening to the public in 2012**. All of us who have been on this 20-plus-year journey are delighted that the “chain-linker” is now behind us. The house looks terrific and it is a joy to watch FCPA staff take hold and develop the next era of the history of this house.

From time to time you will continue to hear from me as FOHH membership

chair. As I step aside, but not away, I send best wishes to Todi and all the other members of this large and active board for a very successful year full of new ideas and lots of fun. ❖

Huntley Open Hours

The grounds are open from dawn to dusk. Tours of the house are available by appointment and on Saturdays beginning the last weekend in April. For more information call Huntley Meadows Park, 703.768.2525. ❖

Join Friends of Historic Huntley today!

Support Historic Huntley by joining this group of history- and historic preservation-minded people. Members receive the newsletter, an invitation to a members-only event, and a 10% discount on FOHH merchandise. FOHH is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. With your volunteer efforts and financial support, we can make a difference.

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