



Huntley Headlines

Friends of Historic Huntley

Spring 2012

FOHH Online

Check out our new web site!

www.historichuntley.org ❖

Wetlands Awareness Day

Sunday, May 6, 2012 • noon to 3 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of wetland interpretation, wildlife presentations, and fun at **Huntley Meadows Park**. Bring friends and family to celebrate the importance of wetlands to wildlife and you! Sponsored by Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. Some activities require a small fee. ❖

Carolyn Gamble

Site manager at Huntley Meadows Park and a great friend to FOHH, **Carolyn Gamble** retired in early March after 30 years with FCPA. Carolyn has been our constant ally, encouraging us in our mission since FOHH was founded in 1992. She was on the team that developed the plans for Historic Huntley and, more recently, on the construction team. Most of all, she made it possible for FOHH to hold Open Houses twice a year. As the staff presence, Carolyn unlocked the door and dusted out the building, put out tables and chairs, and helped with a multitude of other tasks. She's already back at the park as a volunteer on park and Historic Huntley projects. We owe her our everlasting gratitude and hope she will continue to be our friend and guide. ❖

Historic Huntley Opening Celebration!

Saturday, May 19, 2012 • 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, Virginia

2 p.m. *Enjoy refreshments, music, childrens' activities, and the hilltop view*

2:30 p.m. *Opening remarks and the ribbon-cutting ceremony*

3 p.m. *Tour the restored buildings, archaeological sites, and grounds*

The **Friends of Historic Huntley (FOHH)**, along with the **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors** and the **Fairfax County Park Authority Board (FCPA)**, invite you to join in a gala celebration of the official opening of Historic Huntley. The main building will feature photographs of the construction process and a display of artifacts found during archaeological investigations. In the "architectural" room wall finishes have been removed to show the building's construction and explanations of building materials are the work of Nora Allen, the 2011 FOHH-funded summer intern. This is a very exciting day for all who have supported FOHH and community stewardship for many years. *Please come and join in the fun!*

Directions: Take Rt. 95 South (Beltway) to Exit 1; south on Richmond Highway (Rt. 1) for 3.5 miles; right onto Lockheed Blvd.; after 1/2 mile, turn right onto Harrison Lane; Huntley is 1/4 mile up the hill. **Parking:** Faith United Methodist Church, 7010 Harrison Lane, just south of Huntley Meadows Lane. Handicapped permits accommodated at the park entrance on Huntley Meadows Lane.

Opening hours after May 19: Grounds open from dawn to dusk. Contact Huntley Meadows Park for a schedule of Saturday building tours and cost, 703.768.2525. ❖

Tenant House

With the Mason-era buildings restored and looking especially fine, we now turn our attention to the **ca. 1885 Tenant House**, which is in a sad state of disrepair. We understand that plans for its repair have been drawn and approved and that funds remain from those allocated for the repair of the Mason-era buildings. The expense just needs approval by the FCPA. We hope that this project can be moved along so repairs could start soon. We say "repairs" rather than "restoration," as very little of the historic interior remains.

A renewed building would give the site valuable programming and rental space, additional restroom facilities, and office space for a part-time staff person, who will provide increased public service, programming revenue, and on-site security. This project would also provide a shed for the motorized cart that enables those who need assistance to reach the historic buildings at the top of the hill. The cart must be on site when these buildings are open to the public. ❖

YES! Please sign me up for membership in Friends of Historic Huntley today!

- Enclosed is my check for \$10.
 New Member Renewing Member

Name: _____ Tel: Home: _____
Address: _____ Work: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____

I'm also interested in volunteering in the following area(s):

- Historic research Fundraising Special events General volunteer

For FOHH use only: Date received: _____ Amount: _____

Staffing Changes and Internship Notes

Staff at Huntley Meadows Park (HMP) are interviewing to fill the **site manager position** left vacant by Carolyn Gamble. A **part-time programmer for Historic Huntley** will be hired to work an average of 20 hours a week to create and conduct programs at Historic Huntley, as well as help take care of the site and buildings.

FOHH will sponsor another summer cultural resource internship designed to give a college student or recent graduate the opportunity to work with HMP staff on Historic Huntley. During this first summer the house is open to the public, the intern will have a unique opportunity to create interpretation and plan programs for adults and children. Read about **Nora Allen's 2011 summer position** at www.historichuntley.org. ❖

Events at Huntley Meadows Park

Wildlife in Watercolors—Sunday, May 20, 2012 • 2 to 4 p.m.

For 25 years, BJ Opfer has been painting local birds and wildlife. Meet him at the opening of this two-month art exhibition. Free.

Café Cattail—Friday, June 15, 2012 • 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Welcome to Huntley Meadows' very own coffeehouse! Enjoy a relaxing evening applauding our community's talents. Musicians, dancers, and poets are encouraged to share their arts with a nature theme. Free. ❖

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Huntley-Related Web Sites

www.historichuntley.org
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/
www.friendsofhuntleymeadows.org www.fohmp.org

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Mission Statement

Friends of Historic Huntley is dedicated to working in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority to preserve Historic Huntley for the benefit of the community and to:

- Support the appropriate use of the house and its site;
- Encourage and conduct research on its architecture and history; and
- Stimulate appreciation of our heritage through education and interpretation.

Address changes: Please send your mailing label with corrections clearly noted to: Friends of Historic Huntley, P.O. Box 7241, Alexandria, VA 22307-0241.