



Huntley Headlines

Friends of Historic Huntley

Fall 2009

Fall Open House

Sunday, October 18, 2009

2 to 4 p.m.

Puppet Show • 3 p.m.

Free • Rain or Shine!

Enjoy this semiannual opportunity to visit Historic Huntley, a Federal-style villa built in 1825 for Thomson F. Mason. The **Open House** features **guided tours, a scavenger hunt, and light refreshments**. Don't miss our **Puppet Show** entitled *A Day in the Life of the Mason Family*. Meet Sir James and the whole cast of characters.

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. ❖

Huntley Spruce-Up

Tuesday, October 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers are sought for pruning, raking, sweeping, and tidying up the house. Please bring work gloves. Snacks and praise provided! Meet at Historic Huntley. 703.768.2525 to sign up. ❖

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

Saturday, October 20, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Help clean litter on Lockheed Blvd. and Harrison Lane. Meet at the Huntley Meadows Visitor Center and bring work gloves. 703.768.2525 to sign up. ❖

FOFA to Participate at Open House

Friends of Historic Huntley (FOHH) welcomes the participation of the **Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA)** at the Fall Open House on October 18! This exciting new friends group has been formed to promote and support historic preservation and archaeology in the county. At the Open House, FOFA members will highlight Huntley's important archaeological and architectural resources. Look for a display of artifacts and a Powerpoint presentation about archaeological investigations that have taken place at Huntley. For more information on joining FOFA, contact Sallie Lyons, 703.550.9759, lyonshare@cox.net. ❖

Restoration News

The Park Authority will be advertising the Historic Huntley Restoration Project later this fall. This is very exciting! After the receipt of bids, a contractor will be chosen. In early spring the contractor will begin the restoration of the house and dependencies as well as working on site development, including parking lot and paths. Completion of the project is still projected to be in 2011. ❖

Grants

Virginia Department of Humanities grant money was used for landscape restoration in June. Davey Tree removed a number of trees, restoring the viewshed as recommended in the Cultural Landscape Report. Undesirable invasive tree species were removed as well.

Great news! **Congressman Moran** secured **\$100,000** for restoration through the **National Park Service's Save America's Treasures** grant program. We're still working out the details, and amounts may be shifted as we go, but at present we're looking at dividing the grant money between a contracted historical architect/conservator, part-time staff archeologist, and exterior restoration on the main building. The contracted positions would help to ensure that any unforeseen problems that occur during excavation and restoration are dealt with properly. ❖

Historic Huntley on *Virginia Time Travel*

FOHH Board Member **Charles Davis** and Huntley Meadows Park Site Manager **Carolyn Gamble** were interviewed by Public Access TV's *Virginia Time Travel* Host **Andrew Mills**. Cox Cable Channel 10 will air this half-hour show on **September 22 at 6 a.m., September 24 at 6 p.m., and September 25 at 9:30 p.m.** ❖

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:* _____

FOHMP Nature Photography Contest

Submit your favorite photograph taken at Huntley Meadows Park. Contest rules and entry forms are available on the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP) website, www.fohmp.org. The **awards reception** will be **December 13** from 2 to 4 p.m. The winning photos will remain on display **through February 2010**. ❖

Fall Art Shows at HMP

A Natural Perspective—Artwork by Jenna Fournel. Through September 30. This popular and delightful show features Huntley Meadows wildlife in watercolor, pen and ink, collage, and color pencil. There is a companion coloring book for children available for purchase at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center.

Sculptor and Painter James Strohmeier. October 10 to November 15. Artist reception October 18, 2 to 4 p.m. As artist-in-residence at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, James Strohmeier creates art that transforms spaces. ❖

FOHH Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA

Members will hear a recap of the year's activities and vote to elect members of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010. The regular monthly Board meeting will follow. Members are encouraged to attend both meetings. ❖

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Huntley-Related Web Sites

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gmp/historichuntleyreport.pdf

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.

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