

# Herndon Historical Society News

September 2011

## **Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 at the Depot Herndon Then & Now**

*Then and Now--Herndon* is the latest in a series of publications that focus on the history of our town. The author, and our speaker for the September meeting, is Laura Reasoner Jones. She has photographed some 100 locations in and around town and matched them with images from the past. Many of the historic photos are from the Society's own J. Berkley Green collection.

Laura is a native of the Irvington area of Indianapolis, Indiana. She grew up in the house where her grandparents lived and was fascinated with history from an early age. She is a graduate of Purdue University, and is currently a technology specialist for the Fairfax County Schools. She has served as the Teacher in Residence for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and designed and produced the Digital Edge Learning Interchange in partnership with Apple Computer.

In 2006, she partnered with the Herndon Dulles Visitors Center to write and produce two publications for children—the *Herndon History Hunt Activity Book* and the *Herndon History Coloring Book*. She also has published *The All-Wise Being: A Tale of God and Republicans*, a novel based on her great grandfathers's journal of his life as a lawyer and politician in Indiana from the 1860s to 1913.

Laura will show images from her book and share some of what she learned in the process of compiling it. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, September 28!

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## **Minutes of the May Meeting**

Minutes of the May meeting were included in the July newsletter. If you would like to receive another copy to review prior to our September meeting, please email or call Carol Bruce. Email: carolbrcom@aol.com. Phone: 703-437-7289.

## **Volunteers Still Needed**

Thank you to all the members and friends of the Society who have stepped up to staff the Museum each Sunday afternoon. Numerous visitors have stopped by each week.

I am now looking for volunteers to staff the Museum on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00-5:00, for the annual holiday train show. I am looking for help on two shifts that day—10:00-1:30 & 1:30-5:00.

Please let me know if you can help!

—Carol Bruce

## **Candidates Wanted!**

The annual election of officers and members of the Board of Directors will take place in January, and results will be announced at the January meeting. Because this is the last newsletter until January, we are asking that you begin thinking about nominating yourself or someone else. This year, all officer slots (president, vice president, and secretary) except treasurer—which is a three-year term with two years remaining—will be on the ballot, along with all three seats on the Board of Directors.

If you are interested, or if you know someone who you think would be interested, please send names and email contact information to Barbara Glakas (bglakas@fcps.edu). Barbara will verify that nominees are willing to run and ensure that their names appear on the ballot.

# A Wedding at the Caboose



Photo by Leslie Perales

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 16, area residents Peter Tutko and Charlene Rice exchanged wedding vows on the rear platform of the Herndon caboose. Peter had contacted us earlier that week to ask permission to hold the ceremony there, and we were happy to grant permission. The bride and groom chose the location because they wanted a unique and fun setting, and because the groom's father had worked on the railroad for more than 30 years.

We initially thought that this was a first for the caboose, and it may well have been the first time the bride wore a bridal gown and the caboose featured festive decorations. However, according to the officiant, the caboose is a popular choice for a wedding location and she has officiated at many such ceremonies at the site!

## Sad News

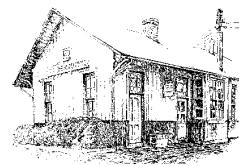
We are sorry to report that long-time Society member Bob Beall passed away on August 23. He will be missed.

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## Officers

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## Board of Directors

**Margaret Cyrus**

**Harlon Reece**

**Steve Sensabaugh**

*The Historical Society operates a small museum that focuses on local history. It is housed in the Depot and is open on Sundays from noon – 3:00 and by appointment.*

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