

# Herndon Historical Society News

July 2012

*Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m.*

## Annual Potluck/Picnic

Margaret and Ben Peck have once again invited us to have our annual potluck/picnic at their home in Floris. Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share. We will provide the drinks, plates, utensils, etc. As always, we will begin a half hour earlier than our regular meeting time, at 7:00.

The Pecks are at 2701 Floris Lane. From Herndon, go straight on Elden Street onto Centerville Road. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left onto West Ox Road. Take the second right, onto Floris Lane. The Peck home is the first house on the left.

## We Have a New Sign!

Next time you're by the Depot take a look at our "new" sign. The original 30+ year old sign had deteriorated badly, so when the Visitors Center closed last winter we asked the Town if we could have that sign. Because it is only 10 years old, we feel confident that it has many more years of useful life in it. I put several new coats of white paint on it, and Tony DeBenedittis did the lettering, just as he did for the original sign. Thank you, Tony, for your help!

## Annual Sixth Grade Visit

Last month the Society hosted some 120 students—all four sixth grade classes—from Herndon Elementary School. The visit to the Museum, coupled with stops at Burger King and Dairy Queen, has become an annual end-of-the-year tradition at the school. From all reports the students had a great time while learning a little more about Herndon's history. Many thanks to Richard Downer, who shared the tour guide duties with me!

## Volunteers Needed

### Grandparents Day, September 9

There will be a new event in Herndon this fall! The Herndon chapter of AARP is planning a Grandparents Day celebration on Sunday, September 9, from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with the annual classic car show.

Lots of activities are planned for the downtown area. We will have both the Depot and the caboose open during the event, but we will need a number of volunteers to make this happen. Shifts are from 11-1 and 1-3. Please contact me if you can help! Email to carolbrcom@aol.com. Thank you!

On the occasion of the

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**THE 97TH REGIMENTAL STRING BAND**

performs at the  
**Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center**  
2739 West Ox Road • Herndon, Virginia 20171

**SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012**  
**STARTING AT 7:30PM**

Sponsored by the Sully Foundation, Ltd. and the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park.  
Co-hosted by Sully Historic Site and Frying Pan Farm Park.

Enjoy the music played just like it was 150 years ago when it brought comfort and cheer to soldiers of both armies.

**TICKETS: \$10/PERSON**  
To reserve your space, call 703-437-1794  
or purchase in person at Sully Historic Site  
Ticket sales start April 1



**Sully Historic Site**

Call 703-324-9563 for ADA accommodations.  
TTY 703-803-3354

**Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 23 May 2012**  
**Herndon Depot, Herndon, Virginia**

Carol Bruce, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. There were 14 persons in attendance including Marc Leepson, the speaker for the evening.

**I. Approval of Minutes from the January 2012 Meeting.**

Minutes approved unanimously on a motion made by Barbara Glakas, with a second by Richard Downer.

There was a short discussion on the ballots from the 2012 election of officers. Barbara pointed out that there was not an issue with who voted and how they voted as the membership renewal forms and the ballots were detached from each other prior to the votes being counted.

**II. Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Richard Downer presented the treasurer's report. As of this date, there was a balance of \$3,448.58 in the Society's checking/savings account and \$5,000 in the Northern Virginia Community Foundation HHS Fund. (Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request.)

**III. Old Business.**

**Museum Sign.** Carol Bruce reported that Tony DeBenedittis is still working on the Depot sign. Carol also reported that she has had a good response for volunteers at the Depot on Sundays. The volunteer staffing being two volunteers on each Sunday. She thanked all those who have helped and encouraged those who have not to do so.

**Membership Dues.** Richard Downer discussed the need for a dues increase as the Society had not had one since 1971 when an individual membership was set at \$10 and a life membership was set at \$100. He advised that the board had discussed the following dues structure be adopted:

Individual membership \$15,  
Contributing membership \$25,  
Business membership \$50,  
Life membership \$150.

Carol Bruce reported the current dues structure did not cover expenses and an increase was needed.

Diane Thomas remarked that the Society's dues were low compared to other historical societies. Brian Gilleran advised that keeping too large a balance in the Society's checking and savings accounts could present a problem with the IRS. He advised to show need for dues increase and carefully consider expenses.

Richard Downer advised that the Society will be revisiting the dues amounts more frequently in the future.

**Museum.** Carol Bruce reported at it was currently "scout season" and there had been more Girl Scouts visiting the Depot museum recently. She also advised that all

four 6th grade classes from Herndon Elementary School had made their annual visit to the Depot along with side trips to the Burger King and Dairy Queen restaurants. The visits were scheduled over two days, and Richard hosted two classes on June 12 and she hosted two classes on June 13.

Carol Bruce further advised that a 6th grade class from the Waples Mill Elementary School had used the Caboose as a back-drop for one of their numbers, "Rock Island Line" during Music in Our Schools month. The class sent the Society a CD of their performance, and it is available for viewing in the waiting room.

**IV. New Business.**

**Newsletter.** Carol Bruce reported the Society plans to move to an electronic distribution of the newsletter in the near future. Members with no email capability and who wish to receive a printed copy should contact Carol with their request. Carol also requested the email addresses of the members so as to facilitate email delivery of the newsletter.

**Arthur Hyde Buell of Herndon.** Richard Downer advised that Kathy Perry had advised that she was related to Arthur Hyde Buell of Herndon. Arthur Buell had lived in Herndon and had four children. Virginia Clarity knew Arthur Buell and pointed out that the current Anita's restaurant is the location of Mr. Buell's home. April 11 was his birthday and he had once given Virginia Clarity a birthday gift.

**Herndon Monument.** Steve Sensabaugh advised that there was a Herndon Monument Club at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 on a motion by Brian Gilleran. This motion was seconded by Barbara Glakas with a unanimous vote, after which the Society enjoyed a program by Marc Leepson.

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