

# *Herndon Historical Society News*

January 2011

*Wednesday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m.*

## **This Forgotten Land**

Our speaker for January will be Don Hakenson. Some of you may have met Don in September, when he and Chuck Mauro spoke to us about the new documentary they are co-producing, "Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County."

This month, Don will tell us about his experiences researching his latest book, *This Forgotten Land, Volume II: Biographical Sketches of Confederate Veterans Buried in Alexandria, Virginia*. The book is his attempt to identify, record, and document the military histories of Alexandrians who served in the Confederate Army and Confederate Navy, and he uncovered the stories of many fascinating people in the course of his research.

Don is the past president of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and he has spent countless years researching obscure Civil War incidents in Fairfax County, especially those relating to John S. Mosby and his rangers. He received the 2001 Nan Netherton Award for *This Forgotten Land, Volume I*.

Don will have copies of his books available for purchase.

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## **Important Notice**

### **Change in Meeting Schedule Proposed**

It seems that, in this day and age, everyone is overbooked, over-scheduled and attempting to accomplish more and more in an increasingly limited amount of time. In recognition of that reality, the Society's Board is proposing to revise the meeting schedule from our current six meetings a year (January, March, May, July (annual potluck), September, and November) to a more manageable quarterly plan. If approved, the Society will meet in January, May, July, and September.

This would require a change in the Society Bylaws. Any proposed changes must be announced one meeting in advance and must be approved by two-thirds of those voting at the next meeting. We will discuss the proposed change on the 26th and will vote on it at our March meeting. If the change is approved, it will take effect immediately.

## **Dues, Annual Election**

### **2011 Ballot Enclosed**

A 2011 Ballot and Membership Renewal form for each Society member in your home is enclosed with this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to mark your ballot, pay your dues, and drop an envelope in the mail. Ballots must be returned no later than Friday, January 21.

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## **History in the News**

### **Patch Columns Continue**

Members of the Society have been writing local history columns for Herndon Patch, our community's new online newsletter, since September. A new column is published every other Sunday, and the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. Check them out:

[http://herndon.patch.com/columns/  
remembering-herndons-history](http://herndon.patch.com/columns/remembering-herndons-history)

To date, topics we've covered have included Kitty Kitchen, Laura Ratcliffe, the Detwiler Brothers, Ancel St. John, the Depot, the Gas House, the Caboose, and Sears Houses. Members who have contributed to this effort, in addition to myself, are Virginia Clarity, Barbara Glakas, and Chuck Mauro.

If you have topics you would like to see covered or—better yet—if you would like to write a column, contact me. This is a great way share Herndon history and to promote the Historical Society, too.

—Carol Bruce

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**Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 17 November, 2010**  
**ArtSpace, Herndon Virginia**

Carol Bruce, President, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There were 8 persons in attendance including the speaker.

**I. Approval of Minutes from the 22 September 2010 Meeting:** Minutes approved unanimously.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** Richard Downer presented the Treasurer's report. As of this date, Total Assets are \$9,291.25. This includes \$3,708.75 in the Society's checking/savings account, \$5,552.50 in the Northern Virginia Community Foundation-HHS fund, and \$30 in petty cash. [Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request.]

**III. Old Business:** Carol Bruce clarified that Barbara Glakas had requested that the Society consider buying a brick to support the Herndon High School athletic field improvement program, and reiterated her suggestion that the Society needs to purchase a new Open sign for the Depot. (Barbara had a conflict and was unable to attend.)

Virginia clarity reported that she had not heard back from Clete Wood as to whether he would be willing/able to restore the wooden Museum sign that was recently damaged.

**IV. New Business:** Carol reported that Barbara Glakas has followed up on the Coleman family cemetery behind Herndon Middle School. She has spoken to a member of the county Cemetery Preservation Association, and her goal is to see that the plot is cleaned up and improved.

**V. Announcements:**

Carol Bruce reported that the November 6 Keith Rocco opening reception, which the Society sponsored, was a successful and very enjoyable event.

Carol also reminded those in attendance that the annual model train show was set for December 11 and 12, and noted that she still needed help staffing the Depot on Saturday the 11th. Virginia Clarity and Margaret Cyrus volunteered to take the morning shift.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., after which the members enjoyed a presentation by Richard Downer on the artwork of Keith Rocco.

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