



Huntley Headlines

Friends of Historic Huntley

Spring 2010

Sunday, May 16— Make a Day of It!!

Spring Open House

2:00 to 4:00 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.**

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.

Plus: Additional Programs at Huntley Meadows Park

Wild Side Wagon Rides

12:30, 2:30, and 4:15 p.m.

Enjoy a 90-minute tractor ride with a park naturalist. Reservations and prepayment required, \$6,703.768.2525. Repeated on Sunday, May 23.

Art Show Opening

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meet accomplished wildlife artist B.J. Opfer while enjoying his watercolors and prints. Exhibition is open through June. ❖

Restoration News

The invitation for bid for restoration of Historic Huntley (officially entitled Huntley Historic Site—Rehabilitation of the Main Building and Restoration of the Historic Out Buildings) was advertised in February 2010. Thirteen bids were received on the bid opening date, March 3, 2010. Bids ranged from \$1,145,000 to \$2,100,000 and currently are being evaluated. Restoration is anticipated to commence this summer. Contractors have been contacted to provide a cost proposal for professional services to assist with review and inspection of historic materials during the construction phase. ❖

Section 106 Process

As part of the rehabilitation and restoration process, Friends of Historic Huntley has been invited by the National Park Service, along with a distinguished list of other organizations, to participate in the Section 106 process regarding the Save America's Treasures Grant for Historic Huntley. Consultation is ongoing with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office to develop a programmatic agreement on the property. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The historic preservation review process mandated by Section 106 is outlined in regulations issued by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. ❖

Fairfax County 2011 Budget

Help is needed to protect Fairfax County parks from 2011 Fairfax County budget cuts. To meet the deep budget deficits in part, proposed cuts include up to 15 percent to the Fairfax County Park Authority. This will have a severe effect on the county's stewardship and preservation of natural and cultural resources. The construction work at Huntley is grant funded so that is not affected. The budget that the county executive proposed largely spares Huntley Meadows Park (HMP), but that could change. Park maintenance support will be greatly impacted by the proposed budget. **What can you do?** Contact members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Send an email, make a phone call, or write a letter—let your voice be heard. Tell them you value the parks and museums within the parks for your enjoyment and to teach your children about the history of Fairfax County and the natural world. For more information on the budget, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget. Or you can call in your support for parks at the Budget Hotline at 703.324.9400. You will have two minutes to record your opinions. ❖

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:* _____

Internship Opportunity at Huntley

Friends of Historic Huntley have made funds available for a history/preservation internship at Huntley Meadows Park to study Historic Huntley. The intern will photograph the historic house to record existing conditions before construction begins and match findings with the Historic Structures Report and other studies of the house. They will also inventory and record architectural artifacts now in storage; conduct oral histories; perform library research; and assist with the development of interpretative signage for the site. The intern will work 40 hours a week for 11 weeks beginning around May 31, 2010, and receive a stipend of \$2,700. To apply send a resume and letter of intent to Huntley Meadows Park, Attn: Carolyn Gamble, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22306 or email carolyn.gamble@fairfaxcounty.gov. Call Huntley Meadows Park at 703.768.2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/ for more information. ❖

Save the Date: Airfields lecture

Lecture on local airfields—Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Our last talk on local airfields around Beacon Mall and Hybla Valley was a big hit. Save the date and join us in the fall. ❖

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HUNTLEY

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Alexandria, VA 22307-0241

Address correction requested

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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

Huntley Headlines is produced by Friends of Historic Huntley, a local citizens group formed to assist Fairfax County in the restoration, preservation and utilization of Huntley and to enhance the public's knowledge of this historic villa.

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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.