

Herndon Historical Society News

November 2010

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Two Special Events for November

Saturday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.

ArtSpace Opening for Keith Rocco Exhibition

The Historical Society is sponsoring the opening reception for Virginia-based historical artist Keith Rocco's exhibition at ArtSpace. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event, meet the artist, and enjoy a glass of wine and some light refreshments as you view his work. As the sponsoring organization for this event we need to have a good turnout, so we do hope you will make a point to come. This event is open to the public, so please also feel free to bring a guest.

The reception will go until about 8:30, when Mr. Rocco will present a detailed slide show about the genre of historical art and the methods used to create these works. The event is expected to run until about 9:30. If you are not available for the full two hours, we hope you can attend the reception.

Wednesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

November Meeting: The Art of Keith Rocco

We will meet at ArtSpace for our November meeting, when Richard Downer will present a slide show featuring the work of Keith Rocco.

As we noted in our September newsletter, Keith Rocco, is one of the most important historical artists working today. His paintings have been displayed in special exhibits across the country, including the 1992 Birth of a Nation exhibition in Washington, D.C., and a one-man show entitled "On Campaign" at Gettysburg National Park in 1994. This is a special opportunity to learn even more about this talented artist.

Again, please note that we will meet at ArtSpace—750 Center Street—not at the Depot. Also note that, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the meeting is one week earlier than usual.

Saturday & Sunday, December 11-12 Holiday Train Show

The fifth annual Herndon Holiday Model Train Show will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Historical Society cosponsors this event along with the Herndon Chamber of Commerce and ArtSpace Herndon.

The model train displays, which will be located at ArtSpace, will be provided and hosted by Northern Virginia N-Track (N Gauge trains) and Potomac Modular Crew (HO Gauge trains). The cabooses will be open on Saturday and will be hosted by members of the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club.

Volunteers Needed for December 11

The Depot also will be open on Saturday during the train show, and we need your help. We need volunteers to staff two shifts in the museum:

Shift 1: 10:00-1:30

Shift 2: 1:30-5:00

We need at least three people per shift.

Please send me an email (carolbrcom@aol.com) or give me a call (703-437-7289) to volunteer.

– Carol Bruce

Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting
Wednesday, 22 September, 2010
Herndon Depot, Herndon Virginia

Carol Bruce, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. There were 12 persons in attendance including the guest speakers.

I. Approval of Minutes from the 26 May 2010 Meeting:

Minutes approved unanimously on a motion made by Virginia Clarity with a second by Chuck Mauro.

II. Treasurer's Report: Richard Downer presented the Treasurer's report. As of this date, Total Assets are \$9,311.10. This includes \$4,486.25 in the Society's checking/savings account, \$3,708.75 in the Northern Virginia Community Foundation-HHS fund, and \$30 in petty cash. Richard pointed out a net income of -\$674.18 He explained that the insurance bill of \$639 had come due. This bill reflected an additional \$25 for coverage of the ship model in the Depot Museum. There is \$3,304.53 on hand in the Herndon Homes Tour account. Repairs to the Caboose had been paid for out of the Society's General Fund. Richard explained that these repairs were funded by the Post grant but the bill for the Caboose repairs were paid out of the General Fund so as not to draw down the balance in the Northern Virginia Community Foundation-HHS fund below the prescribed limit. [Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request.]

III. Old Business: Carol Bruce reported that the Historical Society's website is currently a work-in-progress. The work is being done by Steve Sensabaugh and Phillip Meyers, the webmaster. Carol also mentioned that she recently received a call from a person seeking information on the Rosslyn W&OD station who praised the HHS website.

Barbara Glakas suggested adding to the Historical Society's existing website vintage photos of Herndon and pairing them with the contemporary view.

Carol also mentioned that Connie Hutchinson had pointed out that the Depot sign was damaged. Carol opined that Clete Wood might be able to quickly make the needed repairs.

Barbara Glakas advised that the Turf Fund program at Herndon High School was engaged in fund raising for the new Astroturf installed on one of the school's athletic fields. The fund raising consisted of the purchase of a brick that could be personal-

ized for \$100 per brick. Richard Downer advised that he'd been informed by Arthur Nachman that there was no deadline for the purchase of the bricks.

Carol Bruce advised the members that ArtSpace would hold a reception on Saturday 6 November for opening of renown military artist Keith Rocco's works. This show would run during the month of November. She advised that Keith Rocco was one of the nation's premier military artists and those persons not familiar with Rocco's work should visit his website at www.keithrocco.com. Among Rocco's subjects were soldiers in battlefield settings. Rocco's book, *The Soldier's View* would be available for purchase at the ArtSpace event.

Carol Bruce pointed out that the next meeting would be held on 17 November at ArtSpace.

IV. New Business: Richard Downer shared with the members a copy of a playbill for Herndon's Little Theatre's production of "Sweeny Todd," circa 1948. He pointed out one of the usherettes was Virginia [Hagler] Clarity and that this theatre group must have been a community theatre as opposed to being associated with the high school as many of the cast were out of school at the time of the play.

V. Announcements: Carol Bruce noted that there would be a fund raising event, called "Voices of the Past," at Frying Pan Park from 1:00 to 2:30 on 25 September. She pointed out that during archeological work at the Frying Pan Church historic site it was discovered that there are more graves at the site than were originally inventoried. Proceeds from this fund raising event would be used to help pay for maintenance of the graveyard.

Richard Downer asked if anyone was aware of the identity of a cemetery behind Herndon Middle School. Carol Bruce advised that it was a family cemetery. Chuck Mauro said it possibly was associated with the Coleman family.

Carol Bruce advised the membership that there was a new online news service, called the Herndon Patch, due to go online in the next few days. The Herndon Patch would feature a history column that would appear every other Sunday, beginning 3 October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Barbara Glakas and a second by Chuck Mauro, after which the members enjoyed an enlightening presentation by Chuck Mauro and Don Hakenson on the making of their movie documentary on Col. John S. Mosby.

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