

Herndon Historical Society News

January 2012

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 at the Depot A Few Mosby Men: Broken Hearts, Severed Limbs, and 3 Millionaires

Although she was known as "Mother Richmond," I think of her as the hussy who broke my favorite Ranger's heart.

The fight at Ewell's Chapel resulted in the loss of this Ranger's leg. Undaunted, he ended the war wearing the artificial leg of a Union Colonel.

Arriving in Montana with a single silver dollar between them, these two brothers became millionaires.

These are just a few details from the war and post-war lives of men who rode with Mosby's Rangers, and this will be the topic at our January meeting. Our speaker, Eric Buckland, is the author of three books about the men who rode with the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry, better known as Mosby's Rangers.

Mosby's Keydet Rangers is a collection of newspaper articles, passages from books, magazine articles, personal letters and accounts, memorials, obituaries, and information from descendants—much of it never before published—about the lives of the 58 VMI matriculants who rode with Mosby. Buckland's other books, *Mosby Men* and *Mosby Men II* focus on the compelling post-Ranger lives of other men whose stories are filled with equal amounts of adventure, danger, and accomplishment.

Mark your calendar now; you won't want to miss this fascinating program!

Concert at the Caboose

On November 14, several dozen members of the sixth grade chorus at Waples Mill Elementary School performed a rousing version of "Rock Island Line" at the caboose. The performance was videotaped in preparation for the students' participation in The World's Largest Concert, sponsored by The National Association for Music Education and held during March 2012. March is Music in Our Schools Month.

Please Be Sure To Vote Your Ballot Is Enclosed

It's time to elect the Society's officers and board members. Each of the three board member serves a three-year term, as does the treasurer. The president, vice president, and secretary serve one-year terms.

NOTE: Because there are two candidates for president this year, we will observe a more formal process for counting the ballots. That process will be managed by Society member Barbara Glakas.

It's Time to Pay Dues

It's also time for those of you who are not life members to pay your dues. Please make your check payable to Herndon Historical Society and enclose it with your ballot. *NOTE: If you joined within the past 5 months you do **not** need to pay dues again.*

HHH 100th Anniversary Concert

The Herndon High School Band Tag Day



Concert on November 5 celebrated the school's

100th anniversary. The band, which is 65 years old, is the oldest in the county. There was a band history table and a display of band uniforms from the past. We were pleased to loan the two hats from our museum collection for the display.

Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting
Wednesday, 28 September 2011
Herndon Depot, Herndon, Virginia

Carol Bruce, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. There were 10 persons in attendance including the speaker.

I. Approval of Minutes from the May 2011 Meeting. Minutes approved unanimously on a motion made by Barbara Glakas, with a second by Virginia Clarity.

II. Treasurer's Report. There was no Treasurer's Report as Richard Downer was out of town (Complete Treasurer's Report available upon request.)

III. Old Business.

Museum Sign. The Depot Museum sign has been painted with a base coat and needs to have the lettering added over this base. Elma Mankin volunteered to help with this project. Barbara Glakas noted that Tony DeBenedittis had painted the original sign and had advised Barbara that he'd volunteer to repaint the sign again. Tony verified that he would paint the lettering.

IV. New Business.

Annual Model Railroad Show. Carol Bruce reported that the Annual Model Railroad Show would be held on Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th of December 2011 at three locations. The times would be from 11:00 until 5:00 on Saturday and from 10:00 until 5:00 on Sunday. There would be one admission ticket that would be stamped at each of the three locations. She asked for volunteers to serve at the Depot on Saturday during the show. One shift would be from 10 until 1:30 and the second from 1:30 until 5:00.

Museum. Carol Bruce advised that Museum has been open on Sundays for the past several weeks and that more volunteer docents were needed to staff the Museum on Sundays from noon till three. Carol also noted the Sunday shift on 11 December was adequately covered.

Town Office Space. Carol Bruce advised that the Historical Society has, at the Town's request, sent a letter granting the Town the right to use the former Visitors' Center space as an office.

Herndon in the Media. Chuck Mauro advised that the Virginia Time Travel Show would be taping the next day and that the segment would be later broadcast on HCTV-23. This segment would also plug Chuck's books on Herndon and would focus on the history of Herndon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 on a motion by Charlie Waddell. This motion was seconded by Elma Mankin with a unanimous vote, after which the Society enjoyed a program by Laura Reasoner Jones, who gave a presentation about her book, *Herndon, Then and Now*. The presentation focused on over 100 locations in and about Herndon using period photographs and comparing them with contemporary photographs of the same scenes.

Herndon Historical Society
Post Office Box 99
Herndon, VA 20172
www.herndonhistoricalsociety.org



Officers

Carol Bruce, *President*

carolbrcom@aol.com

703-437-7289

Virginia Clarity, *Vice President*

Richard Downer, *Treasurer*

Charlie Waddell, *Secretary*

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.***