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Dear Madam Chairman and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Once again it is a pleasure for the Fairfax County History Commission to be able to present its Annual Report.

What an exciting year this has been and I will touch on a few of our accomplishments.

Publications Committee chaired by Dr. Donald Senese: Two books have been published and a third will be available soon. The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, authored by well known historians Ross and Nan Netherton details the development and preservation of history in our county during the past three or more decades and serves as a model for other communities. The Battle of Chantilly (Ox-Hill): Monumental Storm, by Charles Mauro tells the story of this important Civil War battle fought during a rain storm near the present site of the Fair Oaks Mall. This publication includes over 70 illustrations including maps and photographs making it possible to relate the events to present day locations. Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills, by Paula Elsey, available soon, details the fascinating story of a settlement in the western part of Fairfax County, which though it never became a town, played an important role in the county's history. We have decided to dedicate it to the late Elizabeth (Liz) David who retired from the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Historic Marker Committee chaired by Jack Hiller: The History Commission erected three new markers at Benvenue, Odrick's Corner

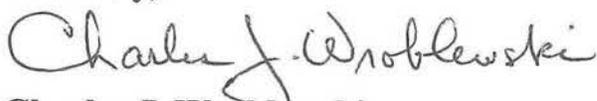
and the Cross Farmhouse and approved one for Carrolltown in the Franconia area that will soon be in place. These markers are educational and inform people of a significant event that occurred at that site.

The Commission provided funds to other groups involved in preserving history this past year such as the creation of a Pimmit Run Map by Steve Dryden, as well as supporting History Day in Fairfax County and the Clifton Centennial Celebration.

The History Commission's Website maintained by Paula Elsey, a volunteer, was updated to include recent marker dedications, book information, member contact information and the Annual Report. It serves as an easy, up to date, and readily available tool for anyone interested in our county's history.

The members of the Commission, all volunteers, are honored that you have appointed us to promote public interest in our Fairfax County's history. We are committed to ensure that present and future generations are aware of our rich history. Thank you for your support and funding. We are especially proud that the sale of our historical publications create additional revenue for the county which can be used to further preserve our history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J. Wroblewski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles J. Wroblewski
Chairperson

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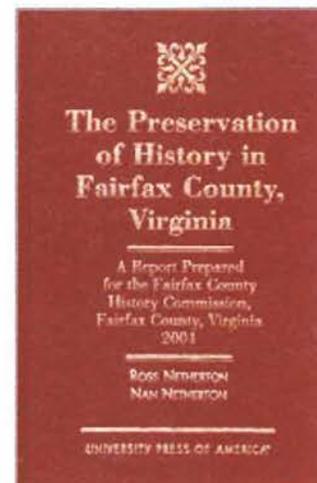
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PUBLICATIONS

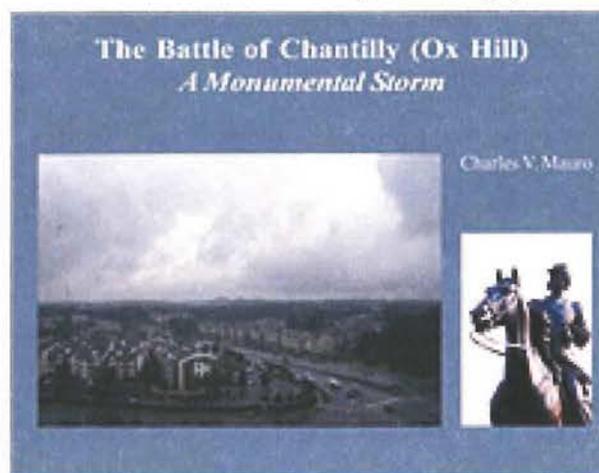
The Fairfax County History Commission's Publication Committee has had a very successful year.

We had published a lecture by Dr. Donald Sweig, former historian for Fairfax County, on the 200th anniversary of the Fairfax County Courthouse, "Courts Were Appointed in Convenient Places." The lecture was delivered April 8, 2000 and published in April 2001 in partnership with the Stewardship Initiatives Program of the Fairfax County Park Authority. The publication still remains popular and is being distributed through the Maps and Publications Division.

Three other major publications came out in 2002. Taking over ten years to research and produce, Ross and Nan Netherton's *The Preservation of History in Fairfax County, Virginia* was published by the University Press of America. The work, produced by two well known writers with over 40 publications to their credit on Northern Virginia history, details almost 40 years of historic preservation in Fairfax County, a study paralleling the founding and growth of the Fairfax County History Commission. The book contains a narrative, charts, maps, a copy of the then most recent Fairfax County Commission's Annual Report and a thorough index of names of individuals who played major roles over those years. The book serves not only to document the historic preservation effort but also as a model for other communities undertaking the challenges of growth and historic preservation.



A second work produced was Charles V. Mauro's *The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill): A Monumental Storm*, which provides a complete narrative with eight maps and numerous photographs detailing the only major Civil War battle fought in Fairfax County, Virginia. Mr. Mauro won the Nan Netherton Heritage Award in 1999 for his work and the Commission decided shortly afterward to publish the book. The book also features an update through 2001 of monuments erected and commemorative services held at Ox Hill Battlefield Park on West Ox Road and Monument Drive in Chantilly.



A third publication emerged with a focus on western Fairfax County, editor Paula Eelsey's *Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills*, the study of a region long settled in the county but which never quite coalesced into a viable community. The book

consolidates chapters written by four authors, describing the early colonial years, social and economic developments, the effect of the Civil War, the origins of the soapstone industry and changes carrying the neighborhood into the 20th century. It contains over four dozen photographs, an index and an expanded bibliography that encourages further subject matter reading and research.

The Fairfax County History Commission started a number of initiatives to promote these publications and expand the knowledge of their contents to wider audiences. The Commission engaged the services of Fairfax County resident Stella Harrison, President and CEO of Stellar Strategies, to prepare promotional material, send out press releases and review copies and assist in speaking engagements for the authors. The decision proved overwhelmingly successful marked by widespread coverage in the media of the publications, numerous speaking engagements for the authors and book reviews. Some of the highlights of the activities include:

- A major presentation of the Publications before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Monday, May 6, 2002, led by FCHC Chairman Charles Wroblewski. A reception following honored the authors as well as the two longest serving members of the Commission, Mayo Stuntz and Edith Sprouse. Presentations by the authors as part of the Fairfax County Public Library programs: John Marshall Library, September 19 (Netherton); Kingstowne Library, October 17 (Mauro) and Centreville Library, October 22 (Elsy).
- Participation by the authors in the FallfortheBook Festival at George Mason University (October 5) and the Northern Virginia Association of History, Inc. Book Fair (November 2).
- Interviews with the authors and public service announcements on the books, which appeared as part of the County Magazine and other features on the Fairfax County Government Channel 16. Mr. Mauro was featured on “Out of the Past” and taped a “Photographers of Northern Virginia” show, both on the Fairfax County Public Access Channel 10.
- Participation by the author Charles Mauro in Memorial Day services at the Ox Hill Battlefield Part and at the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the town of Clifton. Commission member Lynne Garvey Hodge, who chaired the 100th Anniversary celebration, arranged the latter appearance.
- Agreement to make a docudrama out of Mr. Mauro’s book on the Battle of Chantilly for broadcast on public access television and other stations sometime in 2003. Mr. Bert Morgan, producer of a program on Fairfax County Public Access television, is arranging the program.
- Speaking engagements by the authors notably Mr. Mauro, who, through the end of November, spoke to eleven different groups with a total of nearly 250 people attending. The groups included the Capitol Hill Civil War Round Table, Friends of Fairfax Station, and the Historic Centreville Society. Dr. Senese addressed the Baileys Crossroads and Burke Rotary clubs on the History Commission’s publications program.

- Volunteer work by Paula Elsey, who designed and updated the Fairfax County web site with information on the History Commission and our local history publications.

Reviews of publications may take six months to a year or more after they are published. Ms. Harrison worked with the authors and Commission members to devise an aggressive campaign to mail out review copies to major publications and journals, in addition to contacting the media. The *Northern Virginia Journal* wrote a major editorial on preservation in the county focusing on the Nethertons' preservation study. Other review appeared in *The Courier* (newsletter of the Northern Virginia Association of History), "Virginia Books" (a column in the Virginia Libraries, the quarterly journal of the Virginia Library Association), the *Journal of Social, Economic and Political Studies*, the *Mount Vernon Voice* and the *South County Chronicle*. Articles featuring Mr. Mauro appeared in *The Herndon Observer*, Times community newspapers, *Civil War News*, and the *CentreView* newspaper.

The speaking engagements of the authors Ross and Nan Netherton, Charles Mauro and Paula Elsey, combined with the work of Stella Harrison, the active participation of the Commission members and cooperation from county agencies has resulted in publicizing these works on local history, involving more individuals in our historical work, and bringing in thousands of dollars of revenue to Fairfax County from the sales of these publications.

Other activities have included an editorial on the George Mason Monument on the Mall by the Northern Virginia Journal including an interview with Dr. Don Senese, who served as author/editor of *George Mason and the Legacy of Constitutional Liberty: An Examination of the Influence of George Mason on the American Bill of Rights*, an earlier publication of the Commission and the Fairfax Commission on the Bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution. The FCHC has also worked to promote the work of local author Don Hakenson who wrote *This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia*. The Publications Committee is also interested in securing funds necessary for a reprint of the book Beth Mitchell's *Beginning At A White Oak*, and the pamphlet "George Mason and the Bill of Rights," as well as moving forward with the production of a video on the 20th century developments in Fairfax County, to complement two previous ones produced on the colonial period and the Civil War.

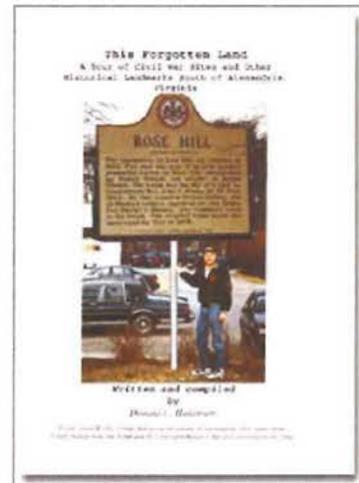
The Publications Committee is committed to promoting the researching, writing, and publication of quality works on Fairfax County.

The publications have made possible by the diligent work of the Publications Committee including Chairman, Donald J. Senese, Ph.D. along with Mayo Stuntz, Edith Sprouse, Lynne Garvey Hodge, Elise Murray, Carol Friedman and Karen Washburn.

AWARDS PROGRAMS

The Fairfax County History Commission has established several awards programs to honor achievements in Fairfax County history and historic preservation. These programs include the Distinguished Service Awards, which are typically awarded during Historic Preservation Week in May of each year to individuals, developers, corporations, or groups that have contributed to preserving history in Fairfax County.

The Fairfax Heritage Awards are designed to encourage and reward original research in Fairfax County history. The highest award is the Nan Netherton Award, which includes a \$1,000 prize. On April 16, 2002, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), Kate Hanley, and members of the Fairfax County History Commission honored local historians Timothy Davis and Don Hakenson for their award winning works. The 2000 Nan Netherton Heritage Award was awarded retroactively to Timothy Davis for an essay on the development of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, *Mount Vernon Memorial Highway: Changing Conceptions of an American Commemorative Landscape*. Tim Davis, an historian for the Historic American Engineering Record, a division of the National Park Service that focuses on documenting America's engineering and industrial heritage, received his Ph.D. from the American Civilization Program at the University of Texas at Austin, where he wrote his dissertation on the evolution of the American parkway, with a special focus on the development of George Washington Memorial Parkway. The prize-winning essay is a synopsis of this larger work. The 2001 Nan Netherton Award was presented to Donald C. Hakenson for *This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia*. Mr. Hakenson, a Franconia resident who conducts Mosby tours for the Stuart/Mosby Historical Society, upon discovering that nothing had been written on the subject of what had happened in the southeastern part of Fairfax County during the Civil War, pulled together bits and pieces of information from official records, regimental histories, maps, cemeteries and interviews to create a driving tour with directions and maps covering a loop between Fort Lyon and Mason Neck, Beulah Street and Franconia Road. Armchair historians, thanks to colorful anecdotes and plentiful illustrations, may as easily enjoy the tour. Published in 2002, it has 154 pages. (For purchasing information, please contact the author at dhakenson@cox.net.)



The Mary Fahringer Memorial Award is a very special award recognizing outstanding achievement in education, concentrating in areas of history and architecture. The award in the amount of \$1,000 is not an annual one, but is reserved for truly unique and meritorious contributions.

The members of the Awards Committee are Bob Beach, chair, Jack Hiller, Carol Drake Friedman and Lynne Garvey Hodge.

ETHNIC COMMITTEE

This committee was formed in the fall of 1997 in response to the increasing demographic diversity of Fairfax County's population. The one hundred languages spoken within schools show the diversity of the population. It has been estimated that in fifty years the County's white population will drop below 50 percent. The committee set as an aim to explore the ways in which more ethnic segments might be encouraged to record their experiences and community history since their arrival in Northern Virginia. Presentations have been received from representatives of the African-American community, the Latino culture, from an earlier Swedish assimilation, and from the prospective of a Vietnamese war bride. A study of land ownership by Afro-Americans in Fairfax County during the Civil War was conducted with a resulting map being published. The map has been distributed throughout the county and has been received with enthusiastic response.

The members of the Ethnic committee are Lynne Garvey Hodge, Charles Wroblewski and Chairperson, Esther W. McCullough. They have attended conventions and workshops to gather ways to effectively identify, document, record, and preserve the history of all citizen groups in Fairfax County in a factual and interesting manner. Esther and Lynne attended the National Trust for the Preservation Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and Esther attended a workshop on The Under Ground Railroad at Oatlands Plantation in Loudoun County. The committee looks forward to presentations in the county that will enlighten the community on its rich and varied history.

HISTORIC MARKERS

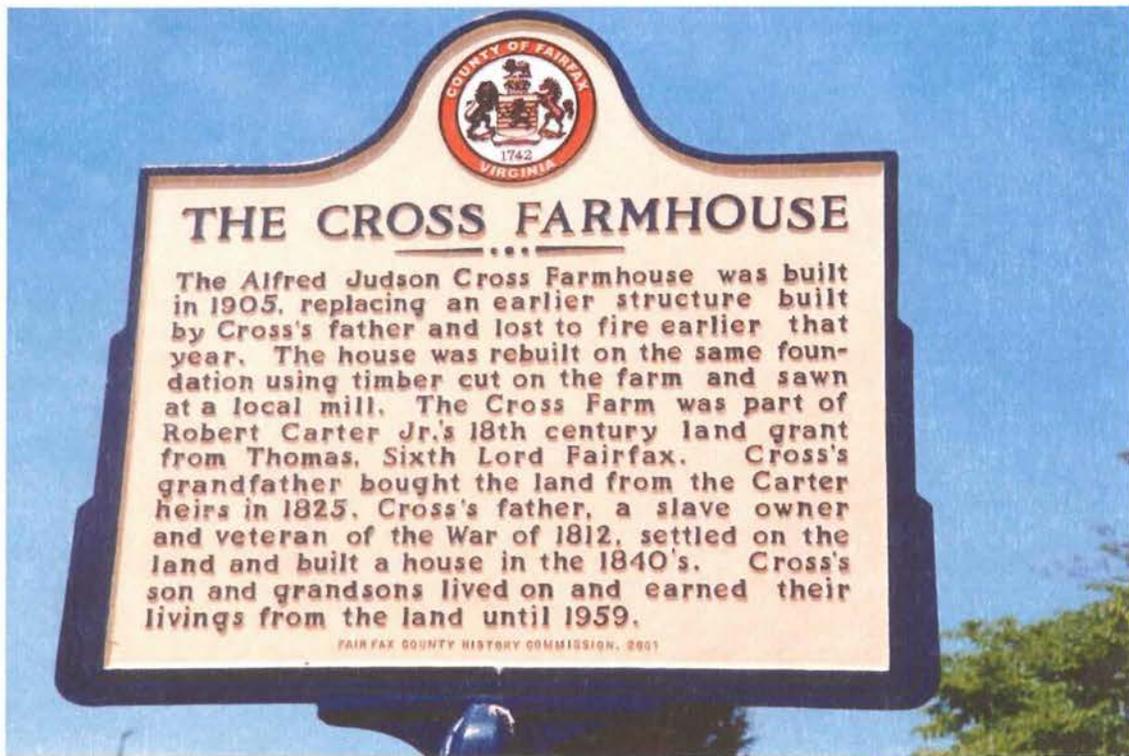
Fairfax County's Historical Marker Program began in January 1998 when the History Commission approved a design and agreed to fund a distinctive marker for Fairfax County. With colors derived from George Washington's uniform, these buff and blue roadside markers emblazoned with the Fairfax County seal, stand ten feet from ground level. To date eleven have been installed at sites that are unique to Fairfax County history. These include:

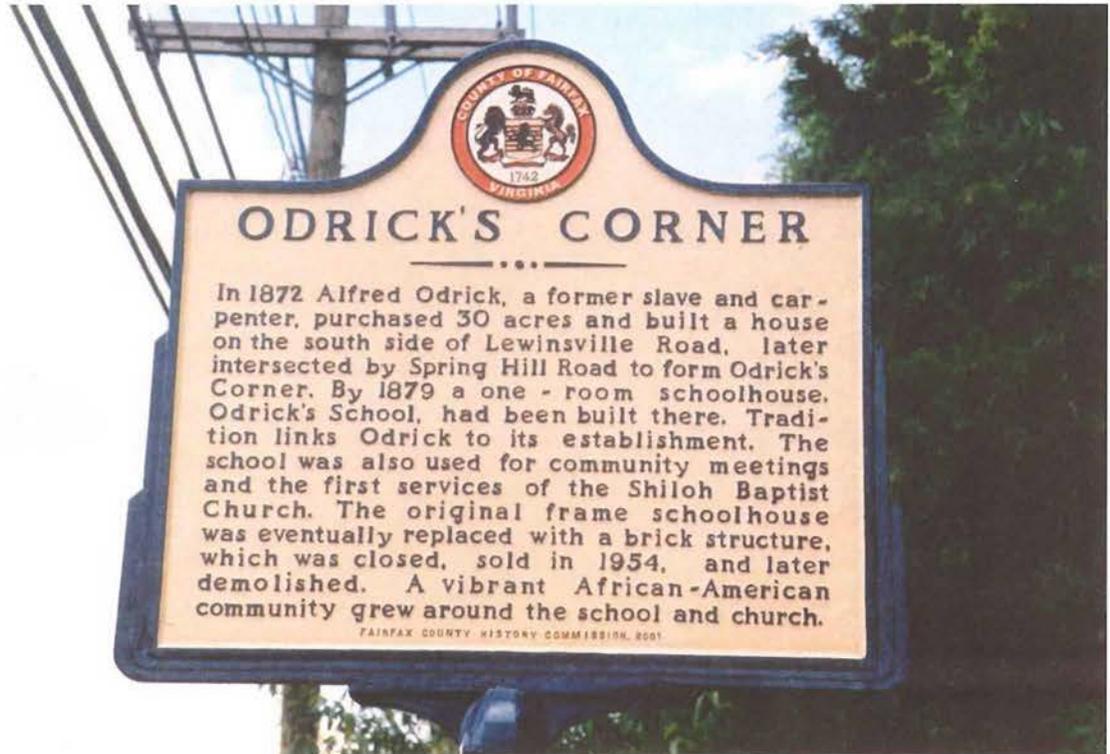
- Keene's Mill on Huntsman Boulevard in West Springfield
- Springfield Station at the Springfield VRE station on Hechinger Drive.
- Price's Ordinary at Backlick and Braddock Roads.
- Bailey's Crossroads at the Crossroads Shopping Center.
- Rose Hill on Rose Hill Drive near the John Marshall Library.
- Franconia at the Lee District Government Center on Franconia Road.

- Waple's Mill on Waple's Mill Road near the entrance to Waple's Glenn subdivision.
- Benvenue at 6800 Churchill Road in McLean.
- The Cross Farmhouse on Autumn Glory Way in the Wynmar subdivision near E.C. Lawrence Park.
- Odrick's Corner on Lewinsville Road near the intersection with Spring Hill Road.

In addition, a marker entitled "Carrolltown" was approved by the Commission for installation in the Franconia area. A marker describing the origins of McLean will soon be placed at the original railroad stop on Old Dominion Drive. Other county marker locations are currently being researched.

Shown below are the two most recent markers to have been installed:





Public interest in the program has increased since the first marker was put up. Private individuals, community groups or builder proffers, have funded the more recent installations. While individuals or groups who petition the Commission to have a marker put up are responsible for the research and recommended text, the marker committee reviews what is proposed and is responsible for submitting a historically accurate and readable text to the full History Commission. Members serving on the marker committee are: Dan Cragg, Elise Ruff Murray, Sue Patterson, Edith Sprouse and the Chairman, Jack L. Hiller.

INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES

One of the Fairfax County History Commission's mandates from the Board of Supervisors since its creation in 1969 is to maintain an inventory of historic sites in Fairfax County. We look forward to working with our new staff advisor, Linda Cornish Blank, who joined the Department of Planning and Zoning in September 2002, upon the retirement of Bruce Kriviskey whose vast experience and sage advice will be missed greatly.

WEB SITE

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(<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/visitors/history/histcomm>)

ARCHEOLOGY GRANTS

Since 2000, Vicki Monken has put in over 830 hours typing into the computer data from the reams of forms filled out by the County Archeology Program in the course of its operations since 1978. The Commission provides her a modest grant to do this tedious, yet invaluable work.

In November 2002 the Commission made a grant to Nancy Anthony, a contract archeologist, to complete the final report for the Wilson site in Lorton. The Wilson Site excavation was directed by Nancy Anthony and funded by KSI Development Co. for 12 months that ended in October 2002. The excavation has been completed, but it is estimated that it will take eight weeks to do the artifact analysis, graphic work and conclusion needed to finish the final report.

PIMMIT RUN MAP

Along with the McLean Citizen's Foundation, the History Commission supported the publication of a map entitled, "History and Ecology of a Northern Virginia Stream, Pimmit Run, Showing the Planned Pimmit Run Trail." The map, which was originated and researched by Steve Dryden of Fairfax Trails and Streams, was drawn by a professional artist, Ann Chenoweth Sader and published both as a print on heavy stock and as a folded trail map. Proceeds from sales of the maps will benefit Fairfax Trails and Streams, www.fairfaxtrails.org.

BUDGET

Fairfax County History Commission Income and Expenses FY 2002 and Estimated FY 2003

	FY 2002	Estimated FY 2003
Beginning Balance July 1	\$81,701	\$73,241
Revenues:		
Fairfax County	\$26,022	\$26,022
Funds from Park Authority	25,000	--
Interest Earned	318	--
Total, Revenues	<u>\$51,340</u>	<u>\$26,022</u>
Total Available	\$133,041	\$99,263
Operating Expenses	\$59,800	\$99,263
Ending Balance June 30	<u>\$73,241</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Major expenditures in FY 2002 included publications, the Pimmit Run map and archeology grants. The ending balance includes funds accrued for ongoing programs such as the historic marker, heritage awards and inventory of historic sites programs. Funds have also been set aside for the completion of publications projects.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Members of the Fairfax County History Commission continue to be active in speaking before various community, civic and historic groups.

Milburn Sanders spoke on "One Man's World War II," to the Joyce Kilmer Middle School, the McLean Historical Society and the Great Falls Cedars (a Great Falls United Methodist Church organization). He also spoke on "Our Postal System," to the Ayr Hill Lions Club and on the "History of The Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department," to the Great Falls Historical Society

Jack L. Hiller traveled approximately 163 miles and made nine slide/lecture presentations, totaling about 12 clock hours, from January through October 2002. His audiences range from elementary school to senior high school students to senior citizen groups, civic associations and the general public. Frequent topics of presentation are: an Introduction to Archaeology, Murder At The Mill, The Hidden History of Hidden

Pond Park, Fairfax County in the 17th and 18th centuries, Historical Markers in Fairfax County.

Mayo Stuntz spoke on Fairfax history to a Girl Scout Troup.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Fairfax County History Commission Members continue to be active in a variety of ways in the local community. This is not meant as a comprehensive list but merely a means to highlight the wide variety of activities of commission members.

Esther McCullough and Lynne Garvey Hodge attended the National Trust for the Preservation Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in October 2002. The conference provided a forum for collecting new ideas and initiating new projects for the History Commission. Of particular note was a trip to the Unionville Tavern in Madison, Ohio, home to leaders who quietly assisted in the Underground Railroad efforts. Other education at the conference focused on "Preserving Small Town Character" and a tour of Cleveland's suburban Cleveland Heights mansion area—via candlelight.

Esther W. McCullough represented the commission by attending a workshop on the Under Ground Railroad at Oatlands Plantation in Loudon County.

As a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Esther W. McCullough enjoys visiting the historic properties. She is an active volunteer in the county and enjoys preserving history of families through scrapbooking.

"**Celebration**" was the word of the year for the tiny, pastoral Town of Clifton, Virginia—population 225. Their July 4th Celebration was the culmination of a year in which they honored 100 years of incorporation. Over 75 volunteers, led by chairperson Lynne Garvey Hodge, made this two-day, event-packed celebration a huge success. In addition the History Commission provided a grant to assist with expenses.

The Fairfax County History Commission enjoyed its October 2nd meeting at the historic home of Lynne Garvey Hodge, The Canary Cottage—7153 Main St., Clifton, Virginia (c. 1884). Appetizers were served before the meeting and the Clifton's 100th History Display was on view in the dining room.

Lynne Garvey Hodge enjoys creating pen & ink, watercolor and calligraphy designs. Her work has been most recently used to illustrate the Clifton Community Women's Club 100th Anniversary cookbook, *May I Have that Recipe?* which also includes pages filled with short historical commentary about Clifton's past. Her work has also been commissioned and used by George Mason University, the National Capital Presbytery, Burke Presbyterian Church & the Northern Virginia Interfaith Coalition for their September 11th "A Day of Remembrance, an Interfaith Gathering for Peace."

Robert Beach served on the annual Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards Jury in 2001 and 2002.

Jack L. Hiller volunteers as a docent at Gunston Hall and participates in docent training at the home of George Mason.

Bob Heittman, Sue Patterson and Edith Sprouse established the Franconia Museum in March. While all three serve on the Board, Sue Patterson serves as the first President. The project continues to receive excellent support from the Lee District Supervisor and staff. The Museum is sponsoring "Story Swaps" about the Franconia area in the spring and fall to give the community an opportunity to talk about their history. They also sponsored a Franconia History Day in October. The History Commission provided a grant to assist with Franconia History Day expenses. The gatherings are resulting in community cohesiveness, outreach among the younger and elder generations and an excellent amalgam of the diverse heritage of the Franconia area. They also sponsored two Civil War tours in the Franconia area in June.

Sue Patterson has served for 15 years as a member of the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, 20 years as a member of the League of Women Voters (including past president of the Alexandria chapter), former Treasurer of the Fairfax Genealogical Society (and a member since 1989) and recently published "Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary 1849-1999." She has presented three historical sites for approval as historical markers by the History Commission in Lee District. She made several presentations to community groups about the history of Franconia.

Milburn Sanders was named Great Falls Citizen of The Year, in January 2002, by the *Great Falls Times*.

Milburn Sanders prepared historical displays and was present to answer questions on the subject for the Great Falls Volunteer Department Open House, the Great Falls Women's Club Fund-Raising Gala for fire department benefit and for the Great Falls Old School Days and Grange Days. In addition, he furnished historical background data on structures shown on the Great Falls Historical Society Calendar.

Edith Sprouse served as liaison with Jenee Lindner of Supervisor Dana Kauffman's office on Lee District historic sites. In addition to providing regular information on the activities of the History Commission to the newsletter *Courier*, the publication of the Association of Northern Virginia Historians, she also writes a monthly column for *The Datum Point*, the newsletter of the archaeological society. She is one of the most active committee members serving on the Publications, Historic Markers and Ethnic Committees. Edith also spends many hours analyzing and cataloging historical archeological artifacts for the County Archeological Services on a volunteer basis, as well as for Gunston Hall.

Edith Sprouse instigated a public response to the elimination of the archeology program at Gunston Hall, where she serves as a volunteer in the laboratory.

Naomi Zeavin and Donald Senese are active members of the Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable. Ms. Zeavin also serves on its board of directors.

Naomi Zeavin has done research about the Bailey family of Bailey's Crossroads, which has led to an article and a historic marker. Her research was the basis for the Fairfax County historic marker for Bailey's Crossroads paid for by Field Entertainment,

the owners of Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey. The marker was dedicated on March 27, 2001 with a great amount of hoopla, including members of the Bailey family, politicians, school children, a ringmaster and clowns. The article, "The Bailey Family: From Menagerie to Crossroads," was published in the 2001-2002 issue of the *Yearbook of the Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia*.

As a further result of Naomi Zeavin's efforts three new state historic markers have been added to the Civil War Trail in the Bailey's Crossroads area. The markers for Fort Buffalo, Mason's Hill and Civil War Engagements at Bailey's Crossroads were dedicated on May 8, 2001 at the Mason District Government Center.

Elise Ruff Murray attended the Preservation Alliance of Virginia's 17th Annual Virginia Preservation Conference in Richmond, Virginia on September 22-24, 2002.

Mayo Stuntz is the official Town Historian for Vienna, in addition to his responsibilities as pro bono Chairman of the Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton for the last 44 years.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

A brief examination of the background of the Fairfax County History Commission reveals a wide variety and diverse background which members bring to their work.

Reverend Clinton Austin—He has resided in the Mount Vernon District since 1971. He has been active in community and civic affairs where he was instrumental in organizing the Gum Springs Historical Society and served as its first president. He has a B.S. in mathematics, a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from Florida A and M University, Wesley Theological Seminary and Howard University, respectively. He serves as Senior Minister of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. A member of the History Commission since 1986, he has served one term as chairman.

Robert E. Beach—He received an A.A.S. in Architectural Technology from Northern Virginia Community College in 1978 and a Bachelor of Architecture from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, in 1981. A member of the American Institute of Architects, he has been in private practice in Falls Church since 1991.

Irma A. Clifton—She was born and raised in Lorton and presently resides in a 90 year old farmhouse purchased by her parents in 1945. She has long been an advocate for preservation and adaptive reuse issues. From 1967-1993, she held a variety of positions related to management and security at the D.C. Department of Corrections correctional institution in Lorton, Virginia. In addition to her regular assigned duties she assembled and maintained a museum containing documents and items associated with the Department of Corrections and acted as Corrections historian regularly lecturing on this topic for new employee orientation. She studied historic preservation at Mary Washington College. After retiring in 1993, she volunteered for numerous charity and civic activities. She is the Vice President of Lorton Heritage Society, Inc. and a Life Member, Past President and Past Secretary of Historic Stafford, Inc. She also owns a home in the Falmouth Historic District that was constructed in 1780. She has served on numerous committees and task forces over the years to help develop a plan for use of the D.C. Prison at Lorton after it is closed.

Daniel J. Cragg—He stepped down from the Commission this fall. He is a native of Rochester, New York and is presently a resident of Springfield, Virginia. He earned a B.A. in English (Summa) from the University of Maryland and after a career with the U.S. Army he retired in 1980 as a Sergeant Major. He is the author of numerous books including *Inside the VC and the NVA* (with Michael Lee Lanning), a study of the Communist soldier in Vietnam and the *Starfist* science fiction series (with David Sherman). He is currently an analyst for the U.S. Defense Department and served as Vice Chairman of the Commission in 2002.

Carol Drake Friedman—She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has been a resident of Fairfax County since 1972. She is the founder of the Historic Centreville Society and the Fairfax County Adopt-A-Cemetery Program and served as a Board Member of the Friends of Turkey Run Farm, 1979-1981 and of the Historical society of Fairfax County, 1993-1996. She is editor and publisher of *The Millrace*, a quarterly publication featuring news and original articles on western Fairfax County history and has authored over 150 published articles on Fairfax County History and, in addition, serves as a historical consultant to various county and community organizations. She has been active in the preservation of historic sites in Centreville and Chantilly including Lane's Mill, the 1737 Boundary Stone, the Centreville Confederate Railroad bed, Mt. Gilead, the Mitchell/Weeks house and the Cross farmhouse. Currently on a leave of absence due to illness, she served as Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission in 1999.

Robert J. Heittman—A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Bob retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1975. He served as an Air Intercept Controller, Radar and Electronics Counter-Countermeasures Specialist and Small Arms Instructor. He always held an avocation and private enterprise as a commercial artist and photographer. After his retirement from uniformed service, at the Pentagon, Bob was brought back into USAF Intelligence; he retired from Civil Service in 1999. He has served on the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission since its inception. He is an officer of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations and the Land Use and Transportation Committee. He resides in the Franconia area and has lived in Northern Virginia since the late 1960's. He is committed to ensuring dissemination of information, the validation of facts and continued protection and preservation of our rich and valuable history in Fairfax County. His involvement in community service is storied and includes National, State and local entities.

Jack Lewis Hiller— He lives in West Springfield and has been a member of the Fairfax County History Commission since 1981. Hiller holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of William and Mary ('53), a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia ('66) and a master's degree in history from Carnegie-Mellon University ('69). He taught history for 30 years at Groveton High School and West Potomac High School. He also taught history at Northern Virginia Community College. He was co-founder of the Fairfax County Public School's Summer Archaeology Program that operated between 1973 and 1988. He retired from teaching in 1988. He chaired the Commission in 1994-1995. He writes and speaks on topics about the Springfield area and is a volunteer archaeologist with the county Park Authority. He is also a volunteer docent at Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason. Hiller chairs the History Commission's Historical Marker Committee.

Lynne Garvey Hodge— She is a resident of Clifton. She has been the president of her own management consulting company for the past 17 years and has served in a variety of leadership positions within the community. She has a particular interest in historic preservation of the Town of Clifton, as a resident living in a historic home on Main Street, which is also Fairfax County's only Bed & Breakfast, the Canary Cottage. She coordinated (with the help of some 75 volunteers) Clifton, Virginia's 100th Anniversary Celebration this past July 4 & 5, 2002. Ms. Garvey Hodge received her BFA from the University of Colorado in 1975 and her MPA with a major in Human Resources from the University of Colorado in 1980. She is currently completing a Masters in Theological Studies from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. In addition to her consulting work, she enjoys creating pen & ink, watercolor and calligraphy designs. Her work has been most recently used to illustrate the Clifton Community Women's Club 100th Anniversary cookbook, *May I Have that Recipe?* Her work has also been commissioned and used by George Mason University, the National Capital Presbytery, Burke Presbyterian Church & the Northern Virginia Interfaith Coalition for their September 11th "A Day of Remembrance, an Interfaith Gathering for Peace." She sits on the Ethnic, the Publications and the Awards Committees of the Fairfax County History Commission. She also serves on the Communications Committee of the Executive Women's Roundtable in Northern Virginia.

Bud Mayo—He is new to the Commission this fall. He is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and currently serves as an administrator at Pimmit Hills Alternative H.S. in Falls Church. He holds a B.S. from the University of Tennessee/Knoxville and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. Bud has served as a school administrator on both the middle and high school level for the last sixteen years. He was nominated for "Assistant Principal of the Year" on both levels and has served two terms as President of the Northern Virginia Youth Services Coalition and the Northern Virginia Secondary School Administrators Association. He is currently a member of the Leadership Fairfax Class Of 2003. Bud's career in Fairfax County Public School has included time as U.S. and Virginia History teacher in both middle and high school and he has also served as a school probation counselor, football and lacrosse coach. He was instrumental in bringing the sport of Lacrosse to Fairfax County and been a long time promoter of the sport. He is the immediate past president of the U.S. Lacrosse/Potomac Chapter. He resides in the Dunleigh section of Burke, Virginia.

Esther W. McCullough— She grew up in Longview, Texas and received her Bachelor of Science in Clothing and Textiles from North Texas State University (presently The University of North Texas). After moving here in 1996, she could not find information on the history of African-Americans of the county. This led to the history research, design and the publishing of a brochure. The Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (she is a member) and the Fairfax County Economic Authority Association provided the funding. The brochure, "African-American Sites in Fairfax County Before 1900" was placed in 60 hotels and two visitor's centers in the county. It was distributed to schools and communities throughout the county. Esther presently serves as chairperson of the Ethnic Committee and she is doing research on the Under Ground Railroad. She was a Substitute Teacher in Texas and is now working part time as an Administrative/Executive Assistant and volunteers throughout Fairfax County.

Elise Ruff Murray—She lives in Reston and has been a member of the Commission since 1983. She earned a BA in history from the University of Virginia in 1979 and also took anthropology courses with an emphasis on archaeology. She is interested in both history and preservation. Her interests have led her to serve on many Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards Juries since 1991 and she has been the Commission's liaison with the Architectural Review Board since 1992. She works as an outside economic consultant, National Economic Research Associates, working on anti-trust and commercial litigation matters. She served as Chairman of the Commission in 1988 and 1989 and has worked on the Commission's finances and budget submissions since 1986. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Commission, a position she has held since 1990.

David L. Olin—He is Chief of Conservation at Olin Conservation, Inc. He has a B.A. and M.A. in the History of Art and Architecture from the University of Maryland. David is a Fellow of the American Institute for Conservation and currently serves as President of Great Falls Heritage, Inc., Vice President to the Great Falls Citizen's Association and is on the board of directors for the Washington Conservation Guild. He was appointed to serve on the McLean Great Falls Community Pilot Program for Jamestown's 400th Anniversary. He is a CAP assessor for the National Heritage Preservation, Inc. and Inter Museum Services. In addition to conservation and historical research in the history of art and architecture, he has pursued technical studies and scientific analysis of works of art in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He was awarded a Kress Foundation grant for the technical study of art and accepted the Noland award for excellence in preservation from the AIA, Va. Society. He has served as conservation consultant for the General Services Administration and has conducted numerous conservation projects for other federal, state and local organizations and museums including the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, the Architect of the Capital and DC Commission on the Arts.

Sue L. Patterson—She has been a member of the Commission since December of 1998 and represents Lee District. She received a B.A. in History and Sociology from Delta State University and a Masters in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. She has taken post-graduate courses at the University of Virginia, the University of South Carolina and Northern Virginia Community College as well as work at the National Institute for Genealogical Research at the National Archives and the Institute for Genealogical Research at Samford University. She is a systems engineer and had 28 years of experience working for the federal government; she is presently with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. She has spent over 20 years researching family history in the southeastern USA.

Milburn Sanders—He is a native of Great Falls, Virginia and has been a commission member since 1987 (with a 6-month break in service). He has taken courses at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and the American College of Surgeons. He served in the U.S. Navy (1942-1946) and was involved with the invasions of Saipan, Palau and Okinawa. He retired from 38 years of civilian service and has served as technical editor for four companies. He is active in the Fairfax Genealogy Society, Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department (since 1942), Great Falls Historical Society (founding president), serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the William Watters Foundation and has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Fairfax County History Commission. Named Great Falls Citizen of The Year, in January 2002, by the *Great Falls Times*.

Donald Senese—He received a Bachelors in history from Loyola University (Chicago) and a masters and doctorate in history from the University of South Carolina. He has worked on Capitol Hill and served in the U.S. Departments of Education, Labor and Interior. He taught history at the postsecondary level (Radford University) and teaches a course in Congressional Office Operations for the U.S. Department of Agricultural Graduate School. He is the author, co-author or editor of nine books and over fifty public policy articles including editing *George Mason and the Legacy of Constitutional Liberty* (published by the Fairfax County History Commission) and the pamphlet *George Mason and the Bill of Rights* published by Fairfax County. He represented the Commission on the Fairfax Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and served on the national speaker's bureau of the National Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. He is employed as a lobbyist and is active in professional groups dealing with U.S. history and foreign policy (specifically Asia). He became a member of the Commission in 1985 and is a former Chairman of the Commission.

David Shepherd—He is a resident of Dunn Loring. He received a B.A. in Government and a M.A. in international relations from the University of Oklahoma and training at the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served with the Headquarters U.S. Department of the Army Staff as a studies and plans officer, with the Agency for International Development (Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam) and three years advisory duty with the U.S. Army Reserve units. He has authored articles on the army planning system and Vietnam's national police.

Edith Sprouse—She has been a member of the History Commission since 1969. She received a B.A. in Geology from Wellesley College. She served as a photogrammetrist in the Army Map Service. She headed the Bicentennial Indexing Project of Fairfax County Court Records from 1973 to 1995 and her publications include numerous articles on Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland including *Mount Air* and *Colchester*. She served as co-editor of the Historical Society of Fairfax County *Yearbook* and serves as advisor to Friends of Historic Huntley as well as a Board Member of the Historical Society of Fairfax County. She received an ASSLH Commendation in 1976 and the 1997 Alexandria Historical Society Annual Award. She is a volunteer with Fairfax County Archeology Laboratory, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum in Alexandria and at Gunston Hall.

Mayo S. Stuntz—He was born in Vienna, Virginia and has been on the History Commission since 1969. He assisted in establishing the predecessor, the Landmarks Preservation Committee in 1965. He attended Cornell University and served in the U.S. Army for 7 years retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has taught local history in the area high school adult education program and at George Mason University. He and his wife have published three local history books: *This Was Vienna* (1988); *This Was Tysons Corner* (1990) and *This Was Virginia* (1998). He speaks to school and civic groups regularly, is the unofficial “historian” of the town of Vienna and has been president of the Flint Hill Cemetery Association in Oakton for 40 years.

Karen Washburn—She has been a member of the Commission since 1997. She is a graduate of Roanoke College where she majored in history and completed a one-year course in historical archeology. She has conducted research and preservation work for local history since 1972 including oral history interviews. She has served as President of the Great Falls Historical Society, as a Board member of Friends of Balch Library for Genealogy and History (Leesburg), as Chairman of the History Committee of the Fairfax County Millennium Committee, as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee of Great Falls Task force and as Representative for Virginia Department of Transportation, Traffic Calming Study, Georgetown Pike. On the Commission, she has served as the Chairman of the Commission as well as the Chairman of the Historic Easement Committee. She is currently the co-chair of the McLean Great Falls Community Pilot Program for Jamestown's 400th Anniversary.

Charles J. Wroblewski—He is a resident of Annandale. He received a B.A. degree in history (with a minor in Philosophy) from St. John's University in New York and a J.D. Degree from St. John's Law School. He served with the U.S. Army (Staff Judge Advocate) and with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1969-1993 where his duties included investigative and supervisory positions in various field offices and at FBI Headquarters and he was also responsible for processing of documents for release under the Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts. He is presently President of the Evergreen Heights Community Association. He is currently the Chairman of the History Commission, after serving as Vice Chairman for the last two years.

Naomi Zeavin—She is a resident of Falls Church. She was born in New Britain, Connecticut and majored in speech and drama at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. She is currently serving as a gubernatorial appointee for the Virginia Commission for People with Disabilities and as an appointee of the Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission for Virginia. She has served as a former presidential advisor on the arts during the administration of President Ronald Reagan. She is a Board member of the Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable and directed and produced the two Fairfax County history videos. She is president of U-R-Unique, a company of video productions.