



70th Annual
**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Saturday, March 15, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Central Rappahannock Regional Library
Fredericksburg Branch Theater
1201 Caroline Street

2025 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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Where We're Going 2025

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Mission Statement

The mission of Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc., is to preserve, protect, and revitalize the distinctive historic environment and cultural resources of the Fredericksburg area. Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc., accomplishes this mission through education, advocacy, and financial support.

Exciting News for 2025

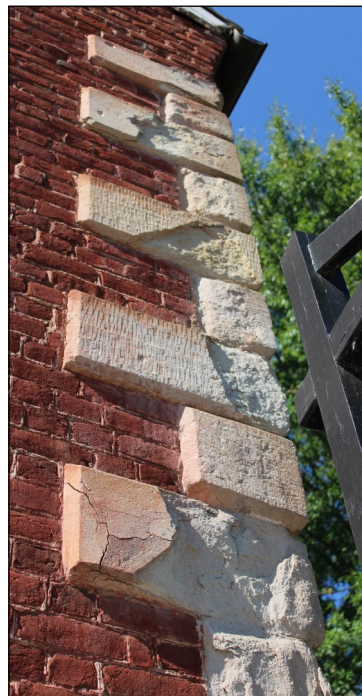
HFFI Receives VA250 Preservation Grant!

HFFI is thrilled to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's Revolution and the unparalleled cultural inheritance left by its leaders to Fredericksburg. We are pleased to announce that HFFI will receive \$118,000 from the state's VA250 Preservation Fund to restore the exterior envelope of the 1749 mercantile store of a local Revolutionary War proponent and arms supplier, Fielding Lewis.



Gifted to HFFI nearly 30 years ago by Robert and Mary Ellen Wheeler and carefully restored from 2000 to 2007, the Lewis Store is an early and unique example of Georgian-style commercial retail architecture in America. It also serves as a revolutionary icon in Fredericksburg.

This grant will help us conserve and repair some of the deteriorating brickwork and decorative sandstone features, and replace the oak-shingle roof that has reached the end of its functional life.



We could use a little help from our friends! HFFI needs to match a portion of this sizable VA250 grant with cash, volunteer hours, and educational programming, AND to fill the gap between requested and awarded funds. We will continue to apply for grants to raise **another \$75,000** to carry out the much-needed work to preserve the Lewis Store for another generation of residents and visitors.

**Donations of your time, skill, and resources
are greatly appreciated.**

*Thank you for your continued support of HFFI and the preservation
of Fredericksburg's cultural historic resources!*

Prioritizing Preservation Makes \$ense

Preservation isn't the sole solution for pressing local issues, but we can't solve them without it. We can't build our way out of the housing crisis or bulldoze our way out of climate change. We need every tool we have and to recognize the real value of inherited infrastructure.

Economic: Repairing, reusing, and renovating historic places keeps money in the local economy, spending more on local labor than materials compared with new construction. Greater economic benefits are also extended to property owners because rehabbed older buildings provide a marketing edge—with buyers paying a premium for unique features and histories.

Health & Well-Being: Older places support our emotional and psychological health in many ways. We form strong emotional bonds with places that helped shape us and serve as the backdrop for our daily lives. We derive comfort from their familiarity. Older places remind us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves, connecting us to our past and also to each other, fostering a sense of belonging and pride in our community.

Affordability: Most of the country's existing affordable rental housing is unsubsidized, privately owned, and at risk. New construction can't keep up with demand, and the vast majority of it isn't affordable for low- and middle-income residents. Rehabilitating our existing housing stock keeps these buildings safe and maintains greater affordability at a fraction of the cost.

Blight Reduction: Reviving vacant and underused buildings, maintaining older multifamily housing, and adding compatible new construction in older neighborhoods can add density and vitality to a community while retaining what makes it unique.

Environmental: Reusing buildings and making them more energy efficient plays an essential role in meeting our community's goals for sustainability, resilience, and climate action. Modernizing existing buildings reduces greenhouse gases and keeps tons of material out of landfills. New construction generates far greater carbon emissions than conservation and reuse.

HFFI Advocacy 2024-2025

Being a leader in Historic Preservation and stewarding our city's cultural inheritance requires a strong and resilient preservation program.

Maintaining a progressive and proactive historic preservation program is critical to the economic success and vibrancy of Fredericksburg and the surrounding area. HFFI's efforts to support best practices are to be commended, but we need a steadier pace of progress and broader commitment to saving what makes us unique, distinct, and authentically historic. HFFI's work must be complemented by the efforts and financial support of local government. We cannot simply pay lip service to our preservation planning goals, but rather truly invest in the cultural assets we have inherited.

A lot has changed since the city's first Comprehensive Plan in 1970. While the city has adopted a Preservation Plan, an archaeology ordinance, and hiring a single Preservation Planner, a stronger commitment of time and resources is critical for success.

Recent actions by local leaders shift away from our preservation goals in favor of over-sized development and high density downtown, threatening smaller more affordable properties and throwing our charming older neighborhoods to the wolves. Have we forgotten the bounty of economic, environmental, and social benefits inherent in preserving our historic assets?

Will we allow Fredericksburg to be Fairfax-ed? Lowering development standards and reducing our preservation goals is not a path forward. So what is HFFI doing?

Proposed new infill at 400 Princess Anne Street in the historic district close to the train station.



1. Refocus city leaders on longstanding Preservation goals

In honor of Historic Preservation month in May 2024, HFFI wrote a letter to City Council addressing several important and unfilled goals for preservation. In a 2012 agreement with the city, HFFI offered assistance and support for tasks such as expanding financial incentives for preservation, establishing a Preservation Advisory Committee, commissioning a historic preservation economic impact study, and collaborating to achieve mutually beneficial goals to prevent blight and demolition by neglect. We had hoped that by raising awareness of the preservation goals set by city staff based on public input, expert studies, and various planning efforts that city leadership would work to achieve these goals by May 2025. While it is unlikely that any of these goals will be met by that deadline, HFFI continues to facilitate communitywide discussions on these matters by engaging with city leaders, staff, interested civic groups, and organizations.

2. Preserving the Renwick Complex and other local landmarks

HFFI continues to work in support of the Renwick Working Group's recommendations for preserving and rehabilitating the courthouse complex using a public/private partnership agreement while keeping the courthouse available for public use. The FY2025 budget set aside more than \$550,000 to support staff's Renwick action plan, and City Council allocated more than \$600,000 to stabilize the courthouse tower last summer. At this time, limited repairs have been made to the courthouse building. Progress on action plan goals has been regrettably slow, but HFFI remains engaged, notifying staff about emergency maintenance needs and offering technical assistance.

3. Getting the word out about Historic Preservation

In the last year, HFFI worked to connect with a broader audience on important preservation issues. We have attended an array of public meetings, listening to local residents and engaging in community dialog.



HFFI has also worked to connect routinely with area press outlets to educate and inform the general public about preservation issues and local advocacy efforts. More information is being shared through HFFI's social media on preservation issues facing the city, including Architectural Review Board meetings, opportunities for public input, proposed projects, and revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, as well as calls to action in support of historic resources across the region. So please share the news about our work as it comes across your screen—sharing is caring!

HFFI Advocacy 2024-2025, Continued

4. Finding new partners and promoting shared interests

HFFI is also working to partner with organizations that have a shared interest in the goals of historic preservation. Such partnerships help amplify the lesser known benefits of conserving Fredericksburg's historic fabric and character. This past year, we have:

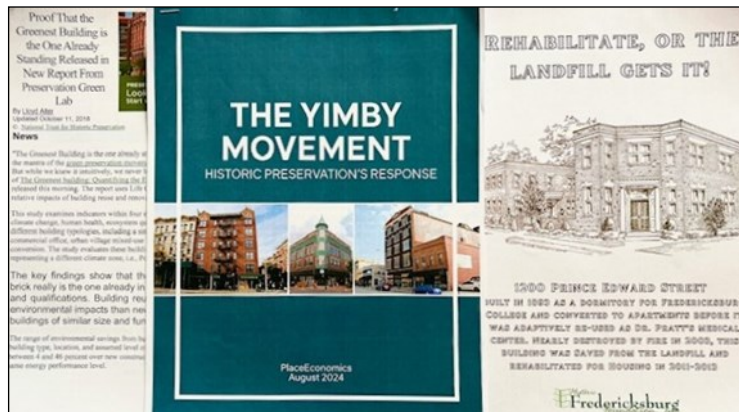
- Sponsored a booth at this year's Regional Housing Summit to showcase the ways in which preservation and rehabilitation support affordability, and opportunities to help fund such work.

- **Collaborated with the Central Virginia Housing Coalition** in a pilot project to update and preserve affordable housing in our community. HFFI will support the rehabilitation of 2410 Caroline Street, built circa 1900 for mill workers.



2410 Caroline Street—Working to preserve the city's older housing stock while meeting the city's housing affordability needs.

- Maintained a booth at the city's Earth Day festival and an information table at the Environmental Groups Open House to show how preservation reduces our carbon footprint and toxic materials in landfills, supporting greater sustainability.



*Preservation is more than just saving old stuff for its own sake!
Rehabilitation of existing older housing stock helps preserve affordable housing and reduces landfill waste.*

5. Showing support for our preservation friends and colleagues

Over the past year, HFFI has been meeting informally with local preservation professionals and organizations to discuss mutual goals and share insights, hopes, and concerns about historic preservation in our area. An important goal of HFFI is to connect with colleagues at the National Park Service and University of Mary Washington, government officials, area battlefield groups, and historic organizations with a stake in preservation. We are planning more **frequent engagements with our preservation partners** in the coming year to collaborate and support one another's efforts to protect Fredericksburg's greatest historic assets.

HFFI has also partnered with the supporters and organizers of the **"Bringing Eliza Home" project**. This effort seeks to return the remains of Eliza Monroe Hay from the American section of Pere Lachaise Cemetery, Paris, France, to the Monroe family plot in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Happy 250th America! HFFI is pleased to be celebrating the work our organization and our colleagues are doing to preserve Fredericksburg's Revolutionary history in 2025. In collaboration with national, state, and local partners, HFFI will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, hosting events and sharing news about exciting activities, exhibits, and fun learning opportunities.



Were you actively involved with HFFI's efforts to restore Fredericksburg's 18th-century buildings? We'd love to hear all about it! Call to set up an appointment or pop by the Lewis Store for a chat!

5. Another challenging year ahead

Many of us moved here to enjoy Fredericksburg's unique historic smalltown character. **Over the years, our entire community has enjoyed and benefited from HFFI's efforts—past and present—to** bring local history to life through tours, speakers, reenactments, and, of course, the annual Candlelight Tour.

The next few years will determine whether Fredericksburg will continue to focus on its unique character and history. We will need your help to ensure that Fredericksburg remains "America's Most Historic City."



Candlelight Tour 2024

The return of HFFI's Candlelight Tour in 2024 gave guests a full tour of eight historic houses:

- 1200 Princess Anne
- 1213 Winchester
- 1204 Princess Anne
- 615 Fauquier
- 1205 Charles
- 504 Fauquier
- 1203 Prince Edward
- 407 Fauquier

And an exterior tour of 1202 Prince Edward

VIP Saturday Tour and Cocktail Hour:

- 1202 Prince Edward
- Ironclad Inn





The 54th annual Candlelight Tour marked a highly successful return, drawing nearly 1,000 visitors to experience the historic charm of Fredericksburg.

This beloved holiday tradition showcased nine carefully selected homes, each offering a glimpse into the city's rich architectural heritage.

The Candlelight Tour underscored the HFFI's dedication to preserving and celebrating the city's historical heritage. The event's success was largely attributed to the extensive volunteer support, which ensured smooth operations. Furthermore, the tour facilitated community engagement and fostered a shared enjoyment of the holiday season in Fredericksburg.

The Candlelight Tour committee is already at work on the 2025 Candlelight Tour.

A Special Thanks to our 2024 Candlelight Committee

Our sincere appreciation for your dedication and hard work to help HFFI bring back this treasured community event!

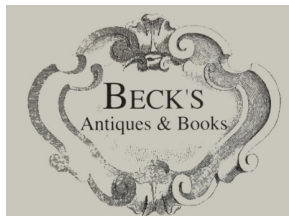
JoEllen Armstrong, Blake Bauer, Gayle Brown, Anita Dodd,
Linda Duvall, Andrea Giehl, David Fauth, Jenny Lloyd,
Karen Mittura, Dennis & Jean Olsen, Lucy Pintouri,
Leslie Pugh, Kelly Sherman, and Heather Short

2024 Candlelight Tour Decorators and Photographers



2024 Candlelight Tour

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Publications & Lectures

HFFI staff and volunteers contributed **seven** articles to **Front Porch** magazine in 2024, several of which also appear on our website. Topics included stories about Johnny P. Johnson's studio on Charles Street, sustainable living through preservation, what Lafayette saw in Fredericksburg, the history of Alum Spring Park and Brompton house, the Candlelight Tour, and the Bray School for enslaved children.

Articles highlighting the work of local architects and builders, and timely issues affecting local preservation were also posted on HFFI's blog.

RECENT POSTS TO THE HFFI BLOG	OUR HERITAGE
<i>HFFI comments to Planning Commission on Railroad Station Overlay (RSO)</i>	SUSTAINABLE LIVING THROUGH PRESERVATION BY ADRIANA T. MOSS
<i>Infill & Teardown Statistics in FXBG</i>	OUR HERITAGE
<i>Cecil L. Reid: Engineer of Hydro- Electric Plants, Pragmatic Houses, & City Council</i>	DATELINE: FREDERICKSBURG 1824 BY SCOTT WALKER
<i>"The Most Historic Park in America's Most Historic City"</i>	OUR HERITAGE
<i>A.C. Garrison: Builder of Wonderland</i>	2024 CANDLELIGHT TOUR BY BETH DALY

HFFI organized several lectures, free to the general public, in 2024. These included a talk by **HFFI board members Barbra Anderson and Scott Walker** in honor of Lafayette's visit to Fredericksburg in 1824 and a lecture from **Professor Michael Spencer** highlighting the historical development of the house known as Brompton occupied by University of Mary Washington President Troy Paino. Another lecture sponsored by **Dovetail Cultural Resource, a Mead & Hunt Company**, examined the daily lives of Civil War soldiers through the artifacts and archaeological evidence they left behind. HFFI also welcomed **local historian Erik Nelson** to speak about his new book on lesser known details of the Civil War battles of Fredericksburg and impacts on our cultural historic landscape.

Marker Committee Report

2024 Annual Report by Sue Stone, Marker Committee Chair

Marker Reports Completed in 2024:

822 Caroline Street—Jarrell Properties, Inc.

Researcher: Nancy Moore

Marker Text: 1823 Built for Samuel Chewning's Heirs as a Retail Establishment & Dwellings

901 Caroline Street—Jarrell Properties, Inc.

Researcher: Bill Shorter

Marker Text: 1808 Built for Benjamin Botts Named by Wm. B. Goolrick, Druggist

1002 Caroline Street—JFJ/Fredericksburg I, LLC/Jarrell Properties

Researcher: Roger Engels

Marker Text: 1883 Built for Merchants Hugh S. Doggett & William Scott

309 Pitt Street—Brian Carrico

Researchers: Nancy Moore and Lucas Anderson

Marker Text: 1927 Built for John Thomas Walker and Annie Maude Walker

211 Princess Anne Street—Hans Hasnay

Researcher: Susan Fennell

Marker Text: 1891 Built by Carpenter & Builder Alexander Mason Garner

806 Princess Anne Street—John Nere, Jr.

Researcher: Bill Shorter

Marker Text: 1922 Built as Law Office for William W. Butzner, Esq.

Marker Reports in Editing:

1004 Caroline Street—JFH - Fredericksburg III, LLC/Jarrell Properties, Inc.

Researcher: Roger Engels

1310 Prince Edward Street—Courtney O'Connell

Researcher: Nancy Moore

1304 Sophia Street—Cynthia Stubits

Researcher: Danae Peckler

1312 Winchester—Jay Hurst and Lisanne Anders

Researcher: Bill Shorter

HFFI Marker Committee, continued

Markers Purchased from Previous Years' Reports:

208 Caroline Street—Harry Jones

Researcher: Ben Raterman

Marker Text: 1903 Built for W.E. Price, Insurance Agent Thompson Family Home

1100 Dixon Street (Sligo)—Marcus and Lauren Tepaske

Researcher: Sue Stone

Marker Text: 1888 Sligo - Built for George T. Ferneyhough Replaced c. 1752 Dwelling that Burned

Marker Reports for 2024 Candlelight Tour:

1205 Charles Street—Kenneth and D.D. Lecky

Researchers: Bill Shorter, Donna Stanton, Sue Stone

Proposed Marker Text: 1898 Built for Sisters Mrs. Mollie Tankard & Miss Nellie Ford

407 Fauquier Street—Robert and Leah Courtnage

Researcher: Donna Stanton

Proposed Marker Text: 1925 Designed by Architect Philip N. Stern For Houston and Mary Sweetser

504 Fauquier Street—Kevin and Judith Cannon

Researcher: Janet Waltonen

Proposed Marker Text: 1909 Built as a Gift to Mary L. Junkin Former Missionary to Korea

615 Fauquier Street—David and Lisa Durham

Researcher: Donna Stanton

Updated marker report, plaque purchased in 2002

1202 Prince Edward Street—Marty Grenn

Researcher: Sue Stone

Proposed Marker Text: c. 1789 Built for John Chew, Jr. 1894 Addition for Fredericksburg College

1203 Prince Edward Street—Ryan and Sarah Schradin

Updated marker report, plaque purchased in 1989

1200 Princess Anne Street—King Family

Researcher: Sue Stone

Proposed Marker Text: 1823 Built for Rebecca Lomax Known as Kenmore Tavern in 20th Century

1204 Princess Anne Street—Thomas Hunter and Beth Mitchell

Researcher: Roger Engels

Proposed Marker Text: 1919 Built for Samuel Gordon Wallace Vice-President National Bank of Fredericksburg

1213 Winchester Street—Karen O'Brien

Updated marker report, plaque purchased in 2022

Marker Report Research for 2025:

107 Amelia Street—Chris Fines & Michael Hayes/Community
Property Group
Researcher: Karen Mittura

1305 Littlepage Street—Matt and Maureen Aylward
Researcher: Donna Stanton

230 Princess Anne Street—Andre Pineda & Carol Ann Kando-
Pineda
Researcher: Lucy Wayne

915 Sophia Street—JFH/Fredericksburg III, LLC/Jarrell Properties
Researcher: Sue Stone

809 Weedon Street—Kevin and Donna Leahy
Researcher: Danielle Arens

916 William Street—Patricia K. Paquette for BLC Rentals LLC
Researcher: Ann Lusher

Marker Report Wait List:

1309 Hanover Street—Cynthia and Matthew Kelly
302 Pitt Street—Raymond and Bobbie Worthington
914 Monument Avenue—Bonnie L. Akkerman-Crawford
1507 and 1509 Princess Anne Street—Steve Barron
1306 Winchester Street—Laurie Bendall and James Tharp
501 Caroline Street—Adam Johns
1001 Princess Anne Street—David Whitley
214 Princess Anne Street—Mary M. Deadman
1416 Stafford Avenue—Jill C. Andrews
706 Caroline Street—Alison Bourne for Jarrell Property
1518 College Avenue—Bret Schmidt and Heather Rigdon
1620 Caroline Street—Thomas Wright



Financial Report

2024 Profit and Loss

Income:	\$128,893.85
CLT Income:	\$38,233.06
Donations:	\$15,671.85
Events:	\$8,263.00
Investments:	\$39,600
Membership:	\$17,730.00
Marker Program:	\$6,130.00
Merchandise:	\$2,643.44
Other:	\$622.50
Expense:	\$138,545.96
*Building Expenses:	\$33,479.19
CLT Expenses:	\$15,958.12
Other:	\$14,793.23
Payroll:	\$69,420.17
Program Expenses:	\$4,895.25
Net Profit/Loss:	-\$9,652.11

*Building Expenses included a new furnace installed at the Lewis Store in December 2024.

Light Property

Expenses: \$37,772.60

Light Property Expenses are covered by a separate endowment fund created by Rebecca Campbell Light.

Investments

Investment Account Balance: \$2,314,826.34

Membership Report

In 2024, HFFI had 331 members and 11 Corporate members.

In 2024, we also saw an increase in donations from some of our long-time supporters. We cannot thank you enough for sticking with HFFI to support historic preservation in our area. Your help in these trying times means so much!

Social Media: Facebook and Instagram

HFFI's social media strives to inform our overall audience of the happenings in local preservation, foster an appreciation of the tangible elements of Fredericksburg-area history, promote preservation-related events around town, and provide preservation-related education and updates on preservation-related movements that have the potential to affect us locally.

Our Facebook has 4,800 likes and 5,700 followers, while our Instagram has 1,192 followers. Our overall reach was 148,000 across all platforms with more than 15,000 visits!



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#localhistory
#preserveFXBG
#historicfredericksburg
#fxbgva
#loveFXBG

Upcoming Events in 2025

April: Reception with Michael Thomas Harvey, creator of Fredericksburg Perspectives Facebook page

April: 250 Years: Walking in George Washington's Fredericksburg

May: Demolition Tour Preservation Month every Saturday in May

Spring House Tour: Fredericksburg Country Club

June: Revolutionary Pub Tour: 250 Years of Ale

August 15: USO Dance at the USO Dorothy Hart Community Center

September: Historic Happy Hour

October: Cemetery Trolley Tour

November 1: Sylvania FMC Cellophane Plant Tour



HFFI Events from 2024



March 30: Architecture 101 Walking Tour— Tourgoers learned to identify architectural styles and elements using Fredericksburg as their classroom.

April 27: Tunnel Tours—Attendees toured the Hay Scale Alley building at 826 Caroline St and the tunnel underneath.



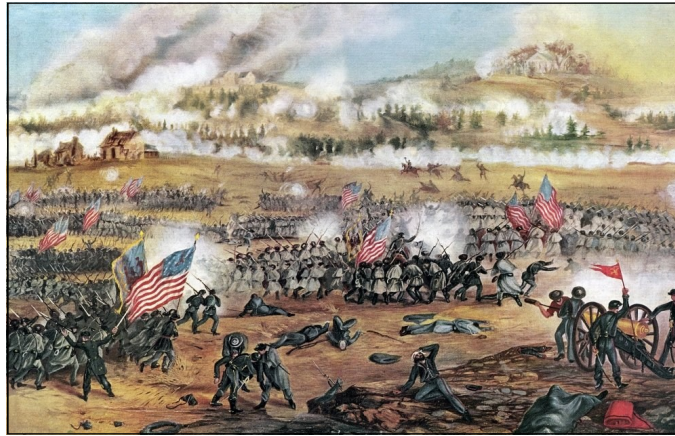
May 25: Rock around the Block— Attendees celebrated Mid Century style at Normandy Village with five interior home tours, live music, historic walking tour, classic cars, and multiple exhibits.

June 29: Dressing Women through History— Costumed reenactors demonstrated and discussed the evolution of women's fashions through four periods.



HFFI Events from 2024

July 20: Civil War Walking Tour From Fairground to Battleground to Burying Ground—Attendees explored the “bloody plain” of the Battle of Fredericksburg in the years before, during, and after the Civil War.



August 22: Historic Happy Hour at Spirits, 816 Caroline Street.

September 12: Mill District Powering Fredericksburg—This event included a tour of the Silk Mill and Woolen Mill, the grain elevator, and the Embrey Power Station followed by a cocktail party at the rooftop bar of the rehabilitated Woolen Mill.



HFFI Events from 2024

October 20: Walking Tour, The Other Side of the Tracks—Attendees explored the history and evolution of Darbytown's back streets.

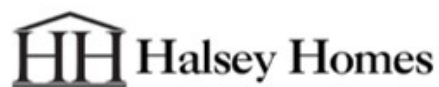
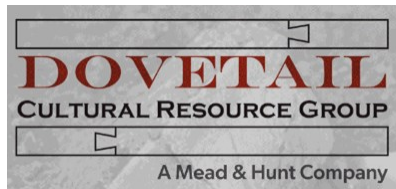


November 10: Trolley Tour Route One—Attendees took a ride down Historic Route One when it went right through downtown via Princess Anne Street, up Lafayette, and a loop around on the bypass while pointing out notable buildings along the way.



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Oral Histories



Mary Weber Stoner Taylor

Mary Weber Stoner Taylor is a Fredericksburg native who has lived in the area for nearly all 92 years of her life. In a series of recordings beginning in the fall, “Weber” details her experiences as a child during World War II, a student and life-long lover of the Performing Arts, a farmer, real-estate developer, and founding member of King George County’s Planning Commission.

The daughter of D. Letcher Stoner and Violet Mills Stoner, Weber has traversed the streets of Fredericksburg on foot, by bike, or on rollerskates for more than 50 years. You can still catch her walking along Prince Edward Street today, near the house her father had built in the early 1940s.

A staunch businesswoman, committed Christian, and no-nonsense Southern lady, Weber is as much a part of this community as the Riverside Theater she labored to establish, the historic properties she has stewarded, and the Rappahannock River she has worked diligently to protect.

Dr. John W. Willhide

Dr. John Willhide moved to Fredericksburg in the 1960s to establish a dental practice. He became involved with HFFI in late 1971 and was instantly chosen as President. He took the job seriously, connecting with leaders in the preservation movement. In 1972, He created HFFI’s Revolving Fund—an innovative financial concept at the time—enabling the rehabilitation and preservation of dozens of historic properties in downtown Fredericksburg.



HFFI began speaking with John about his preservation efforts last year to start our “Past Presidents” Oral History project. Sadly, Dr. Willhide passed away before an audio recording was created. HFFI is working to transcribe notes taken during preliminary meetings with John, but we welcome anyone to share memories and recollections his efforts for HFFI. Contact Danae or drop by the store!

Preservation Awards

Lillian D. Reed Volunteer Award

Presented to
Roger Engels

For devoted service to re-
searching the history of our
built environment as the
longest-serving member of
HFFI's Marker Committee



President's Exceptional Service Award



Presented to
Terrie James

For eight years of unfettered service
and selfless dedication to HFFI

Pillar of the Community Award

Presented to
Dr. John Willhide (1937-2025)

For notable contributions to HFFI and the City of
Fredericksburg as an important leader in
historic preservation

Dr. Willhide became involved with HFFI late in 1971 and was elected President the next year in 1972. John worked promptly to engage with major players in the burgeoning national preservation movement, securing a substantial loan from Lee Adler, a notable preservationist in Savannah, Georgia, and local donations from individuals, such as Ann Smoot to establish HFFI's Revolving Fund. This fund supported the purchase, rehabilitation, and preservation of dozens of historic buildings downtown.

Willhide garnered national attention to HFFI and preservation efforts in Fredericksburg, bringing leading advocates, architects, and planners to save Fredericksburg's authentic historic fabric and character. He served on the City's first Board of Historic Buildings, precursor to the Architectural Review Board, and supported the sensitive rehabilitation of countless historic properties across the city.



Above: Willhide speaking on the importance of preserving Fredericksburg's history and historic character at HFFI's 2024 Annual Meeting.

Preservation Awards

The Dr. Edward Alvey Jr. Preservation Education Award

Presented to
John Hennessy

For his dedication to
researching, writing, and
sharing local history and
the advancement of
historic preservation in the
Fredericksburg area



This award recognizes significant contributions made by individuals or organizations to the advancement of preservation-related education. It honors Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., former Dean and Professor of Education at Mary Washington College, and a past president and honorary director of HFFI.

John Hennessy served on HFFI's Board of Directors for many years and led the organization as president from 2007 to 2008. He retired in 2021 after 40 years of service with the National Park Service as Chief Historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. He authored several Civil War books, including *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*, and contributed to the blog, "Mysteries and Conundrums." John continues to advocate for historic preservation in Fredericksburg, co-authoring the city's 2021 Preservation Plan (Chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan) and maintaining his own website, "Fredericksburg Remembered."

Special Recognition Award

Presented to
Victoria Matthews

For her personal vision and perseverance in
establishing the Fredericksburg Civil Rights Trail

and Chris Williams

For his support and assistance establishing the
Fredericksburg Civil Rights Trail



Preservation Awards

Preservation Spark Award

Presented to
Trustees of Benjamin T. Pitts Trust,
Property Owners

&
Rappahannock Restoration, Contractor

For notable, sympathetic improvements to
103-105 Amelia Street



Preservation Spark Award

Presented to
Historic Smithfield-Brooke Foundation

For the organization's dedication to the preservation of the historic Smithfield mansion, local history, and support for historic preservation in our community.





Thank you for your
continued support
and membership



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FOR 2025**

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TOURS AND EVENTS
WINTER & SPRING 2025

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