

FCCPA Newsletter – October 24, 2001

President's Report

Changes Ahead

Dues will increase to \$20 a member and be collected as usual each January. New members who join after June 1 will be asked to pay \$10.

The increase is to assure that we can cover our fixed annual expenses of about \$800 a year. Membership forms will be sent via email to all our contacts. The form will provide an address for mailing in a check and information how to pay via Pay Pal through the website.

Future meetings will focus more on the work of our Association. See information about November 14 meeting below.

In addition to the Monday night meetings, each year we will plan for the public one **cemetery tour** and an **educational program**, for example "Finding Your Loved Ones."

We will also schedule at least two **cemetery surveys** each year.

For your calendar

Friday October 28, 6-9 pm. **Dying to Get In Art Show Reception**, Springfield Mall Community Room

Enter the mall at Entrance 1, left of JC Penny's parking garage. Take the escalator down to lower level. At the bottom of the escalator, continue straight ahead for a little ways. The community room will be to your left. The art work is in the community room and outside the room on the walls. The reception is in the community room.

Saturday November 5, 9 am – noon. **Community clean-up of Jermantown Cemetery** (community African American Cemetery in Fairfax City), Rt. 50, South of "Borders" Shopping Center

This NOT a heavy duty clean up. It involves raking, trimming, picking up trash and cleaning markers.

- What to wear: work clothes, heavy duty gloves, and sturdy shoes
- What to know: There is limited parking in the cemetery. So I plan on parking in front of the closed Borders. The only bathrooms would be in the shopping center.
- What to bring: rakes, trimmers for grass and bushes, lawn chairs to sit on while cleaning the markers --- save the back
- Supplies: Mary will supply the distilled water, sprayers, and brushes to clean the markers.

Fairfax City as yet does not have any one signed up. A few volunteers are coming from the Burke Historical Society. We could really use your help if only for an hour.

Monday November 14, 7 pm. **FCCPA working meeting**, City of Fairfax Regional Library, VIRGINIA ROOM

We will be researching and verifying Civil War veterans for our data base. Bring your laptops to make it easier entering data.

We will meet at the map table near the information desk. FYI The library closes at nine.

December. We will not meet in December. Next meeting will be January 2012.

UPDATES

We got approval to do a **guided tour of the Fairfax City Cemetery** in the fall. Fairfax City will help us publicize, but have asked us not to do it on their 2nd Sunday program.

For those who missed October's meeting, our plan for the tour is as follows: The tour will be on a Sunday afternoon to be chosen. Tour visitors will receive a map and "passport" identifying stations throughout the cemetery. FCCPA members and volunteers will serve as guides at these stations and provide about a five minute talk about the person(s) interred there. Visitors will walk from station to station as they choose and have their passports validated, after hearing each talk.

So be thinking:

1. Do you want to be a guide (choose one or two people to talk about) in the cemetery?
2. Do you have a preference? You already know that Mary wants to do Moss Love.
3. Which Sunday you would like to do this?

Scouts in progress - Cleanups at cemeteries:

Gooding Take 3, Haley, Turberville and Williams (Wolf Trap Rd)

CNN interview

You may see Mary Lipsey on CNN on Veteran's Day talking about Civil War veterans buried in our county. Mary was contacted to represent our Association and to show some examples.

She took the cameraman, who is producing this as a segment of a larger series, out to William Preston's and to Cain Duncan's gravesites. She also gave him a map and suggested several other cemeteries.

The interview lasted about 45 minutes. We'll see how much ends up on the cutting room floor. The neat thing is that even after it has aired, the video will permanently be on the CNN website, which we can link to. Mary also said we needed hundreds of volunteers.