



# M-Tides

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## April MG —SAME 'OLD' THING?

Not really, but it's another old thing, or rather a museum of antiquities.

On April 7th at 3:30, all interested Mensans will meet at the Hunter House Victorian Museum on 240 W. Freemason Street in Norfolk.

Never heard of it? Then let me enlighten you.

The Hunter House Victorian Museum was built in 1894 as the family home for Mr. James Wilson Hunter and his wife, Lizzie Ayer Barnes Hunter. As none of their three children married, they continued to live their adult lives in their family home. With no heirs, Eloise, as the last surviving member of the family, created the Hunter Foundation. According to her will, she required the foundation to operate her “residence at 240 Freemason Street ... with the furniture, decorations, paintings and curios ... as a museum and example of American Victorian Architecture.”

In 1988 the Hunter's family home opened to the public as the Hunter House Victorian Museum. The interior was refurbished with reproduction wall coverings, floor and drapery treatments and upholstery on the original furnishings. Lighting fixtures were refurbished as well with the inclusion of reproduction fixtures where needed. The original collection of furnishings and decorative arts has been complemented with the donation of several unique pieces.

If you were fortunate enough to join us at the Hermitage last year then you're gonna' LOVE this place!! There is NO CHARGE for Mensa members, guests and spouses will pay regular admission price. And afterwards, around 5, we will all meet at a local restaurant nearby-the Brick Anchor-just dripping with ambiance!

We will all meet at the entrance for the tour, but if you just want to dine you are welcome to join us at the restaurant afterwards. Either way we hope to see you there! More info is located on page 7.

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