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The return of the Alexandria Forum

The Alexandria Forum makes a return to the Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum on October 20. First organized with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1959, the forum originally focused on architectural history. Now, 64 years later, the Forum has a slightly different focus, as it updates the 1983 title of *The Waterfront Forum: Birth and Rebirth, 1730-1983*, to *The Waterfront Revisited: Birth and Rebirth, 1730-2023*.

This year's keynote speaker, Abby Schreiber, Ph.D. will share her recent research while she conducted a comprehensive documentary study of the waterfront.

It is so appropriate the Alexandria Forum returns to the Lyceum, which was constructed in 1839 for the education of Alexandria's men, women and children. The first lecturer at the building was U.S. Postmaster Daniel Bryan. In the 20 years preceding the Civil War, the Lyceum building's use as both a lecture hall and the Alexandria Library made the building the intellectual and cultural center of Alexandria.

In 1958, the Alexandria Association organized a 12-member exploratory committee for a Forum on Historic House Restoration. That first



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An image from the 1983 *The Waterfront Forum*.

forum, which took place in October 1959, was a collaboration between the Alexandria Association and the National Trust. The first event's title was "Early Architecture of Alexandria and Northern Virginia."

While many of the early forums focused on either buildings or the decorative arts, the 1962 edition was titled *Potomac River Life in the 18th Century*. The June 3, 1983, edition focused on the aspects of waterfront history that will be up-

dated with the advantage of 40 years of research.

Additional research, presented by Molly Kerr, Audrey Davis, African American Heritage Trail Committee Members with Committee Chair Kryslyn Moon, Ph.D.; Blake Wilson; Garrett Fesler, Ph.D.; Ben Skolnik, Ph.D.; and Tatiana Niculescu, Ph.D. will supplement Schreiber's presentation, giving participants a snapshot on where historical research on the Alexandria Waterfront

stands today.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with a reception. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$40 for OHA members, volunteers and students. For the schedule, additional information and to register, please visit alexandriava.gov/historic-alexandria/the-alexandria-forum.

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