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Grown-up Field Trips dig into Alexandria's history

Grown-up Field Trips is a new monthly series that started in February to mark the 100th anniversary of Black History Month and the United States' 250th birthday.

Thanks to visitor surveys, including the Museum Social Impact Study, Office of Historic Alexandria staff have learned that visitors want to dig deeper into topics from Alexandria's history.

Visitors want opportunities to build connections with local history and one another. Grown-up Field Trips meet these needs by offering small group sizes that facilitate conversation and exploration through a rotating series of locations to learn more about local history.

Grown-up Field Trips are modeled on existing school programs and offerings. These programs already encouraged curiosity and conversation as participants examined primary sources and objects.

These experiences and skills are valuable for all ages, not just students. Grown-up Field Trips make these experiences more accessible for

adults. The Office of Historic Alexandria plans to continue the monthly series past America 250.

The next three Grown-up Field Trips are:

"Moss Kendrix: Reframing the Black Image"

Aug. 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum

Elizabeth Keaney, the Office of Historic Alexandria's youth and family program coordinator, said the August event will allow participants to see how "the Moss Kendrix ad campaigns changed how Black consumers were portrayed."

"A goal of the program is for students to be able to spot stereotypes and harmful biases," Keaney said.

"Black History in Alexandria's Archives"

Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Alexandria Archives and Records Center

"Come join the Alexandria Archives to learn more about the ways Black stories can be told using the city's historical



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records," City Archivist Sean Ferguson said. "Don't miss this chance to get up close and personal with papers from over 100 years ago alongside city staff."

"The Sugar Trade"

Oct. 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum

Learn how archaeologists identify different ceramic types, both local and imported, before doing their own analysis of artifacts from the sugar houses to determine what each vessel was used for.

"Adult field trippers will get a chance to try their hand at identifying local and imported 18th and 19th century ceramics before putting those skills to the test with artifacts

from two sugar houses that operated in Alexandria," Emma Richardson, Alexandria Archaeology education coordinator, said.

Alexandria Archaeology Museum staff encourage visitors to stick around to explore the Torpedo Factory Art Center during its late-night second Friday hours for free activities, live music, art workshops and open artist studios.

Tickets are \$15 per person and \$12 for Office of Historic Alexandria members and volunteers. To purchase tickets to the Grown-up Field Trips, visit alexandriava.gov/shop.

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