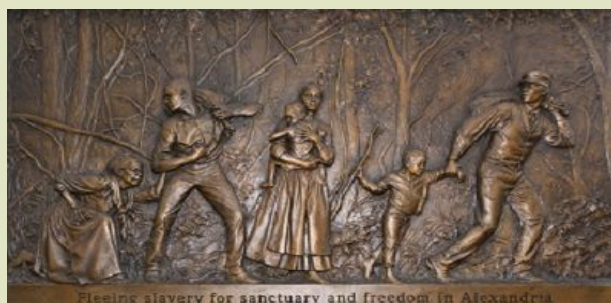




WHAT'S NEW IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA



Freedmen Cemetery 5th Anniversary on September 14

Participate in the 5th Anniversary of the Dedication of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial. The public is welcome to participate in a variety of free events as well as ticketed events for the 5th Anniversary of the Dedication of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial. First is a luncheon and program at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. Luncheon and Program, noon - 2 p.m. The keynote address will be given by [Terry E. Brown](#), National Park Service Superintendent of Fort Monroe National Monument. Enjoy a curated bus tour of Alexandria's African American heritage sites as part of the 5th Anniversary of the Freedmen Cemetery and Memorial Dedication. Sites to be visited include the Freedom House Museum, Fort Ward Museum, and the Virginia Theological

Seminary. The tour includes refreshments and opportunity to learn from site experts. The bus will leave from and return to the Lee Center. For tickets please visit alexandriava.gov/shop. For more information on all of the 5th Anniversary events, please visit [here](#).

For the latest Historic Alexandria related news and events, visit alexandriava.gov/Historic

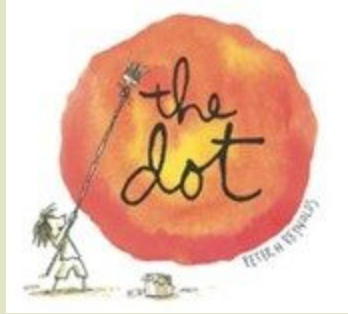
THIS WEEK IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HISTORY

On August 29, 1814, a British fleet under the command of Captain James Gordon finally anchored off Alexandria, with guns pointed directly at the defenseless city. At the request of Mayor Charles Simms the previous day, strict “Terms of Capitulation” were soon offered by Capt. Gordon.

“In consequences of a deputation yesterday received from the city of Alexandria, requesting favorable terms for the safety of the city, the under mentioned are the only conditions in my power to offer. The town of Alexandria, with the exception of public works, shall not be destroyed, unless hostilities are commenced on the part of the Americans, nor shall the inhabitants be molested in any manner whatever, or their dwelling houses entered, if the following articles are complied with . . .”

Captain Gordon offered terms which called for the removal of naval supplies, ships and agricultural commodities from the port. At the mercy of the British squadron, the town council acceded to the enemy's demands, and for the next five days the British confiscated the contents of stores and warehouses taking 16,000 barrels of flour, 1,000 hogsheads of tobacco, 150 bales of cotton and some \$5,000 worth of wine, sugar and other items. On September 2, the British weighed anchor, leaving Alexandria badly looted, but physically intact.

ON SALE NOW



September 7 Story Time for Little Historians

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$3

Bring your little learners to the Alexandria Black History Museum for cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. Story time will take place every first Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Explore the museum exhibits afterwards to learn about local black history. All ages are welcome, but most suitable for children 3-6 years old. Tickets are available [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays - Freedom House Museum-Reopened

Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St.

1-5 p.m.

\$5 per person

The Freedom House Museum has resumed operations. For more information, please visit [here](#).

September 1 Tours With Young Historians

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.

2-5 p.m.

Price included with regular admission

Meet the Junior Docents of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, grades 4th and up, who will be on hand to share highlights of the tavern and answer questions as guests journey through the museum. A perfect opportunity for families as

children connect with the history through their peer guides and for adults looking for some inspiration! These young historians will be at the museum every Sunday through Labor Day Weekend.

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19: Jane Austen Dance Classes

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$12 per person, \$30 for 3-class series

In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on September 21, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Those not familiar with this style of dancing should complete at least one full class to become accustomed to the figures and language for the ball. Reservations are recommended; purchase tickets at alexandriava.gov/shop.

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September 13 Alexandria After Work Concert Series

Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.

6-8 p.m.

Free, with suggested donation for musician

Join us in Old Town Alexandria each second Friday of the month for a concert sponsored by The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) and The Office of Historic Alexandria. This month's concert features Irish music by Emerald Rae.

September 14 Exhibit Opening: The Journey to be Free

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Included with regular admission

An exhibition highlighting the history of Alexandria's contraband population (escaped slaves) during the Civil War. This 2014 exhibit returns in honor of the 5th anniversary of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery and

Memorial dedication The exhibition runs through the end of December 2019.

September 14 Freedmen Cemetery 5th Anniversary: Public Luncheon

Nanny J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St.

12-2 p.m.

The public is welcome to participate in a variety of free events as well as ticketed events for the 5th Anniversary of the Dedication of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial. Attend the special buffet luncheon to honor descendant families with a keynote address by National Park Service Superintendent of Fort Monroe National Monument, Terry E. Brown. The program includes additional presentations about the site and Alexandria's African American history. Tickets are available [here](#). A separate ticket to the afternoon curated bus tour of Alexandria's African American heritage sites can be purchased on this [site](#).

September 14 Freedmen Cemetery 5th Anniversary: Public Bus Tour

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2:30 p.m.

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September 15 Geek Tour – Behind the Scenes

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

105 S. Fairfax Street

11am-12pm

\$15

If the regular 30 minute tour of the Apothecary Museum just isn't enough, this is the tour for you! Spend more time touring the museum with an expert guide, including the rarely open basement and 3rd floor of the historic pharmacy. Recommended for adults. Advance purchase is recommended due to limited space; tickets can be purchased [here](#), or by calling 703.746.3852

UPCOMING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

September 9 Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee Meeting

City Hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101

7-9 p.m.

September 11 Alexandria Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission Meeting

Lloyd House

8-10 a.m.

September 16 Dundee Helsingborg Sister Cities Committee Meeting

City Hall, Sister Cities Conference Room 1101

7-9 p.m.

September 16 George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Meeting

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September 16 Public Records Advisory Commission Meeting

Archives and Record Center

7:30-9:30 p.m.

September 17 Historic Alexandria Resources Commission Meeting

Lloyd House

7-9 p.m.

September 18 Alexandria's EJI Steering Committee Meeting

Alexandria Black History Museum

7-9 p.m.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

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"John Rogers' Civil War Statuary" Exhibit at Fort Ward Museum

Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Rd.

John Rogers was noted for his popular plaster-cast statuary groups that adorned many middle-class Victorian parlors in 19th-century America. In an age when most sculptors continued to produce idealized figures in the classical tradition commissioned by wealthy patrons, the honest realism of Rogers' style and his

goal to create modestly priced art that average people could afford earned him the title, “Artist of the Common People.” The exhibit features fine examples of Rogers Groups from Fort Ward Museum’s collection, with some additions on loan from a private collection. Free! Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

Alexandrians Fight the Great War

The Lyceum, Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 South Washington St.

This exhibition traces the experiences of local people during the first World War. The homes, hospitals, factories, and shipyards of wartime Alexandria come back to life through the use of rare images, archival and modern-day video clips, quotes from participants, original objects including weapons, period music, and scale models. The exhibition also includes a completed frame of poppies created by the Alexandria community to commemorate the centennial of WWI. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call 703.746.4994, or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Before the Spirits are Swept Away: African American Historic Site Paintings

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

This exhibition, featuring Sherry Sanabria’s African American historic site paintings, is made possible by the Sanabria family, who generously donated her paintings to the Alexandria Black History Museum. These paintings are part of Sanabria’s “Sites of Conscience” series, which focus on African American heritage, prisons, concentration camps, and mental hospitals. The Sites of Conscience series takes viewers to places of horror, places of pain and suffering, places we want to forget, but never should.

Robert Sanabria, Sherry’s husband, feels this series “... *demonstrates the widespread practice of bondage in the American South and the determination of the enslaved to survive and maintain their connection with their creator. It is especially fortuitous to have these works together where they will be valued and available for the appreciation of generations to come....*”

Tuesday to Saturday: 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Sunday and Monday: Closed. Free, but donations are appreciated. For more information, please call 703.746.4356.

John L. Lewis: Public Figure, Private Man

Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St.

This exhibit examines the life and legacy of John L. Lewis, one of America’s most powerful, innovative, and controversial labor leaders and the long-serving president of the United Mine Workers of America. Lewis lived in the Lee-Fendall House from 1937 until 1969, during the height of his career in the labor movement. The exhibit is free with museum admission.

Souvenir

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 Royal St.

Souvenirs have been part of the experience of travel for hundreds of years. Gadsby's Tavern Museum's new exhibit highlights shared experience with items from its own collection. From a teacup to a postcard, guests will consider the question – what souvenir holds personal meaning to them? The small exhibit is included with regular museum admission of \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12.

The New Woman: Life in Progressive Era Alexandria, 1890-1920

Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St.

The Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden presents its newest exhibit, "The New Woman: Life in Progressive Era Alexandria, 1890-1920." This exhibition reveals the lives of the women who called Lee-Fendall House home during this time of momentous change and how their stories reflected larger events that are still relevant today.