



WHAT'S NEW IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA



Alexandria Commemorates the 75th Anniversary of D-Day *Large Event Planned at Waterfront Park on June 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

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This year marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day. On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops invaded Normandy, France and gained a significant foothold in continental Europe. While more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were lost during the invasion, it directly led to their decisive victory over Hitler and the Axis Powers.

This year's event will be held at the new Waterfront Park North [AB3] [KC4] at 1 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 1, 2019, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the French market and wine garden. Wine and Design will be hosting a paint-and-sip station at select times during the festivities, with advance ticket purchase available at <https://wineanddesign.com/calendars/alexandria>. There will be history booths, children's activities, live swing music and dancers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Preservation Month Events

Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.

Why Old Places Matter

*Lecture and Book Signing: by Tom Mayes, National Trust for Historic Preservation
Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street*

\$10. Register at [The Alexandria Shop](#)

Every Saturday in May, 10-11 a.m.

Peeling Back the Layers: Architecture and Preservation

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street

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Every Saturday in May, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Pillars to Pavers: Preservation in Alexandria

*Walking tours: explore spaces not normally open to the public at Carlyle House,
Lee-Fendall House, and two guest sites.*

Co-sponsored by Lee-Fendall House and Carlyle House.

Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco Street

Park, \$35. Register at [eventbrite.com](#).

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HISTORY

On May 20, 1809 the "Long Bridge", built just north of Alexandria opened, connecting Virginia with new capital city of Washington, D.C. across the Potomac River. During this time, Alexandria's 18th century isolation and dependence on waterways for regional travel was being reduced as new highways were extended from Alexandria's dead end street grid southward from Henry Street ac

Great Hunting Creek to Richmond, and northward from North Washington Street to Washington, along what is now Powhatan Street.

On Sale Now

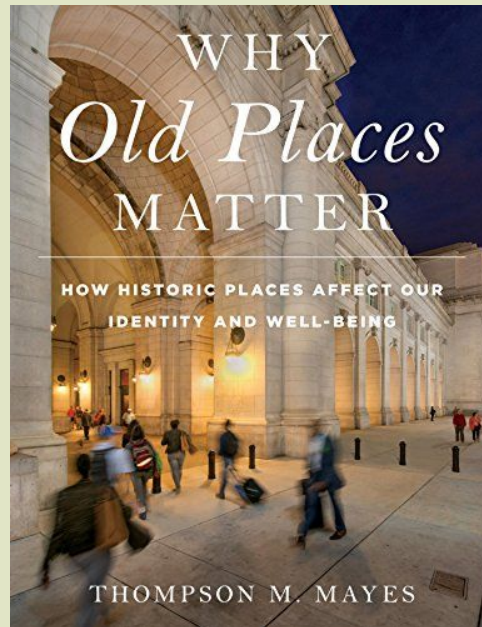
May 23 Lecture and Book Signing-Why Old Places Matter

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7-9 p.m.

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Books will be available for purchase on-site. Reception and book signing to follow the lecture. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available [here](#).

**Archaeological Commission Now Accepting
Nominations for Brenman Award**
*Archaeology Award Honors Legacy of Late Alexandria
Preservationist*

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) is now accepting nominations for the Bernard “Ben” Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The AAC established this award to celebrate the contributions of the late Ben Brenman, who devoted himself to finding, preserving and sharing Alexandria’s rich and diverse heritage. Brenman was a founding member of the AAC, a City of Alexandria commission that was the first of its kind established in the U.S., and served as its chair for 21 years.

The Brenman Award, established in 2007, is open to businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections, or conservation. Nomination forms are available at <http://alexandriava.gov/historic/archaeology/default.aspx?id=28180> or by calling the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703.746.4399. The deadline for nominations is Saturday, June 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays - Freedom House Museum Open

Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St.

1-5 p.m.

\$5 per person

Closed Friday, May 17 for staff training. Open as usual May 18, 24, and 25.

Experience a powerful exhibit in the basement of the building, which was once part of a larger complex used by the slave-trading firm Franklin and Armfield. Through first-person accounts of enslaved men and women and details from the business, encounter the harsh reality of the domestic slave trade and Alexandria's role. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Saturdays in May Specialty Tour at Gadsby’s: Peeling Back the Layers

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

10-11 a.m.

\$15

Explore the 18th century buildings, including spaces rarely opened to the public, and understand how the buildings have changed over time. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera! Advance purchase of tickets recommended; limited space available!

Tickets available [here](#).

Saturdays in May Pillars to Pavers: Preservation in Alexandria

Lee Fendall House Museum

10am and 2pm

\$35 per person

Since the 1960s, the City of Alexandria has seen its older buildings and spaces being restored, preserved, and reused in different ways. In honor of National Preservation Month, explore spaces not normally open to the public at Carlyle House, Lee-Fendall, as well as two guest sites. This walking tour will explore the streets of Alexandria with stops to look at how buildings have been preserved and reused for future generations to enjoy.

Both tours begin at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. This tour includes walking over many city blocks, stairs and access to confined spaces. Walking shoes required, bottled water suggested. Held rain or shine. Tickets can be purchased at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pillars-to-pavers-preservation-in-alexandria-tickets-56504535587?fbclid=IwAR0-mil4qhKcgy_JRobOnCBiVpGCNBGu4bd7A8WQTA93NSRLDZA_b6Q5VY8

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May 26 Apothecary Geek Tour: Behind the Scenes

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$15, this tour is intended for an adult audience

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 ages 18 and up. Tour is 11:00am-12:00pm. Please arrive between 10:45-11:00 a.m. as the museum is not open to

the public until 1:00pm and the doors will be locked when the tour begins at 11:00am. Ticket can be purchased [here](#).

May 29 Phrenologist Nelson Sizer: Courtship and Marriage

Alexandria's History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St.

7:30-9:30 p.m.

\$15. 21 and over

Experience a program like the ones Alexandrians enjoyed in the 1840s and 1850s! David Keltz, renowned for his portrayal of Edgar Allan Poe, returns to the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum to portray phrenologist Nelson Sizer. Phrenology, the 19th-century pseudoscience in which practitioners measured and felt the ridges and bumps on people's heads to determine their personality and prospects, was quite popular though also controversial in the 19th century. On May 29, 1841, Mr. Sizer and his partner P. L. Buell lectured at Lyceum Hall in Alexandria on "Courtship and Marriage" as part of a series of lectures and demonstrations presented in April and May of that year. The lectures included information about how to understand and apply the principals of phrenology along with readings of the heads of people in the audience. David Keltz as Mr. Sizer will present the principals of phrenology applicable to courtship and marriage based on 19th-century writings and will provide readings to willing participants. Tickets can be purchase [here](#).

June 1 75th Commemoration of D-Day

Waterfront Park, 1 King St

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June 1 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 crafts that introduce world history and folklore. Story time is every first Saturday of the month, with time to explore the museum afterwards. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 3-6 years old.

June 2 Apothecary Extended Tour

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$10

While the building is small, there's a lot more to see and learn than the regular 25-minute tour can cover. Purchase tickets for a Sunday morning extended tour and spend twice as long learning about the historic retail shop and laboratory of the old apothecary. Space is limited! Extended tour offered every Sunday through July 28. Tickets can be purchase [here](#).

UPCOMING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

May 20 Dundee-Helsingborg Sister Cities Committee Meeting

City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101

7-9 p.m.

May 20 Public Records Advisory Commission

Archives and Records Center, 801 Payne St.

7:30-9:30 p.m.

May 21 HARC Meeting

Lloyd House

7-9 p.m.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

Now on Exhibit – “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.