



WHAT'S NEW IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA

This is a special two-week edition of This Week due to the Christmas Holiday.



Looking for Something for That Special History Buff? Membership to the Historic Alexandria Museums makes a great gift!

Your gift recipients will receive 12 months of membership and enjoy benefits like:

- Free admission to the museum of your membership
- Invitations to special and other member-only events
- Discounts in our Museum Shops

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

Historic Alexandria Museum Store

Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum
201 S. Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
703.746.4760

Open during Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.
Sunday

Free parking available at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum while visiting the Museum and Store. For more information about the Office of Historic Alexandria, please visit <https://alexandriava.gov/Historic>.

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HISTORY

On December 17, 1983, the Braddock Road, King Street, and Eisenhower Avenue Metro stations opened on the Yellow Line. Passengers traveling from the new stations received free one-way trips for part of the day. At the King Street station, opening festivities included bagpipe music and ribbon cutting by Senators Chuck Robb and John Warner.

ON SALE NOW

January 5 Story Time for Little Historians

*Alexandria Black History Museum
11 a.m.-12 p.m.*

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 may be purchased [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturdays at 10 a.m., November through February—Extended Tour

*Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax Street
10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.*

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 Saturday morning extended tour and spend twice as long learning about the historic retail shop and laboratory of the old apothecary. Cost is \$10 per person and tour is recommended for adults only. Advance purchase is recommended due to limited space; pre-order tickets online at alexandriava.gov/shop or by calling 703.746.3852.

December 22 and 23 Freedom House Museum Open

*Freedom House Museum, 1315 Duke St.
1-5 p.m.
\$5 per person*

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](#).

December 30 Walking with Washington Tour

*Alexandria Visitor Center (Ramsay House), 221 King St.
2 – 4 p.m.*

Brought to you by the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history, with stops at Ramsay House, Market Square, the Carlyle House, Wise's Tavern, Duvall House/Tavern, Gadsby's Tavern, Washington's townhouse, The Lord Fairfax House, "Light-Horse" Harry Lee's house and Christ Church. No reservations required. Call 703-379-7460 or visit www.washingtonbirthday.com for further information. FREE. No reservation required.

December 31 First Night – Ship Biscuit Workshop

Alexandria Archaeology Museum

2 – 5 p.m.

An almost completely intact ship's biscuit from the 18th century was found last year in Alexandria. To commemorate the discovery, visitors are invited to make their own ship's biscuit. Each biscuit will be stamped with the year and then baked at home to track its preservation.

Free. No registration required. While supplies last. For more information, please call 703.746.4399.

January 3 Lecture-Hidden History of Alexandria, DC by Michael Lee Pope

The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street,

7:00 PM, \$15

This groundbreaking history uncovers a long-forgotten period in the 19th century when Alexandria left the Commonwealth of Virginia and became incorporated into the fledgling District of Columbia. It was an experiment that failed after half a century of neglect and growing animosity between North and South. However, it was a fascinating time when cannons were dragged onto city streets for political rallies, candidates plied their voters with liquor and devastating fires ravaged the city.

Tickets [here](#) or call 703-548-0035.

Schedule for Upcoming Geek Tours at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105 S. Fairfax Street

Tickets are now available for Sunday morning Geek Tours January-May 2019. They are a great gift for the geek in your life!

Find out more about each tour and purchase tickets in our online store,
<https://alexandriava.gov/shop>.

Pharmacy Nerds – January 13 and March 24

Outlandish Tour – January 27 and May 19

Magical Apothecary – February 3, March 31, and April 14

Behind the Scenes – February 24, April 1, April 7, May 5, May 26

American Sign Language – March 3

UPCOMING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

December 18 Historic Alexandria Resources Commission Meeting

Lloyd House

7-9 p.m.

December 19 Alexandria Archaeology Commission Meeting

Alexandria Archaeology Museum

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.

Our Community in Miniature: The African American Dollhouses of Sharon Frazier and Linwood Smith Through December 30th

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Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

The Alexandria Black History Museum is pleased to host the third exhibition of their very popular 2008 show of African American dollhouses by Sharon J. Frazier and Linwood M. Smith. Twenty-six beautiful miniature buildings with furnished rooms comprise the exhibition and remind the viewers of the forgotten businesses and people important to Alexandria's vitality and development. The exhibition also provides a look at African American culture and the important institutions that made African American families strong – family, church, and school.

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.
