



EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 15 – Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, Suite 327

Regular monthly meeting. Free! 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4399.

Thursday, November 16 – Sortie of the Beaujolais Nouveau

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

Please join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee and the Office of Historic Alexandria, as we participate in the world's largest wine party. Beaujolais Nouveau Day is marked in France



on the third Thursday in November, the earliest French law allows this year's wine to be served.

Parties are held throughout France to celebrate the first wine of the season, and nearly half of the Beaujolais's annual wine production, or 65 million bottles, will be consumed during Beaujolais Nouveau festivities. On this year's Beaujolais Nouveau Day, celebrate the first taste of the 2017 harvest in the company of fellow French enthusiasts and Sister City supporters. The fresh and fruity Beaujolais Nouveau wine is made using a quick fermentation process so that it is ready in time to celebrate the end of each harvest season. Taste this year's wine and learn more from Vanessa Moore, proprietor of UnWined. Erin Hablenko of MOMS will add tastings of cider! [Tickets](#) are priced at \$35 per person. 7:30 to 10 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4554

Saturday, November 18 – Kid’s Krafts at Friendship Firehouse Museum

Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 South Alfred Street

Come create and take home craft projects inspired by early firefighting history. They will make great gifts for the holidays, or any time of year! Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together. [Tickets](#) must be purchased in advance for both adults and children. \$5 per child includes a craft kit, and museum admission. \$2 for adults. Space is limited, pre-purchased timed tickets are required. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4994, or 703.746.3891.



Saturday, November 18 – From Slavery to Freedom Bus Tour

Tour begins at Mount Vernon Estate, George Washington Memorial Parkway

This special African American History tour begins at Mount Vernon with a viewing of their new exhibition, Lives Bound Together, on slavery at George Washington’s plantation. This tour will be conducted by the exhibit curators. Afterwards, visitors will walk to Mount Vernon’s Slave Cemetery for a site talk by archeologists. Following lunch, guests will board a bus to visit Gum Springs, a historic African American community, and then on to Alexandria’s Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, the burial ground for over 1,700 contrabands (escaped slaves). The tour will conclude at Mount Vernon at 4 p.m. The tour will go rain or shine and has extended periods of walking over uneven terrain. Shuttle transport around Mount Vernon is available for those with mobility concerns. Box lunch and bus transport is included in the ticket price. Additional details will be emailed to participants closer to the event date. [Tickets](#) are priced at \$50 per person. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4554

Saturday, November 18 – The Story of Pie

Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco Street

Pie is an American tradition and the history of pie is rich in flavor! Pies of all kinds have been around for thousands of years and adapted to every culture. Debbie Waugh of Green Springs Garden shows the story of pie from medieval times to today. Pie and coffee reception to follow. Admission \$15, free for members. Tickets are available for sale through [Eventbrite](#). 2 p.m. For more information, please call 703.548.1789.

Saturday, November 18 – Virginia Cider Festival

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

Enjoy a selection of ciders from more than 12 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes 8 tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and fun fall activities. Food trucks available. Additional tasting tickets and special tasting lectures available for purchase onsite. Dress for the weather – this event is outdoors! [Tickets](#) are priced at \$45 per person, and advance reservations are recommended. 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4554.

Sunday, November 19 – Recital: Evolution

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street

Selections by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Enesco and Heggie, performed by Laura Kaufman, flute and Steven Schwarz, piano. Doors at 7 p.m., recital begins at 7:30 p.m. A Freewill Offering of \$20 is suggested. For more information, please call 703.746.4994.

Monday, November 20 – Alexandria Sister Cities Committee

Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Sister Cities Room 1101

Regular monthly meeting. Free. 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4554.

Monday, November 20 – Public Records Advisory Commission

Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Sister Cities Room 1102

Regular monthly meeting. Free. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4753..

Tuesday, November 21 – Historic Alexandria Resources Commission

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

Regular monthly meeting. Free. 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4554.

Tuesday, November 26 – Museum Shop Sunday in Historic Alexandria

See details below for locations

Give the gift of history to your friends and family this holiday season. Stop by your favorite Alexandria museums and enjoy special activities and discounts at their museum shops. For example, check out these promotional packages at The Lyceum and the Historic Alexandria Museum Store at the Old Town Hilton:

1. Hamilton Lover's Package
2. Junior Historian Package – Historic Alexandria Activity Book, Quill Pen set, Build your own boat kit, tri-cornered hat
3. Alexandria's African American Heritage Package – 3 excellent Alexandria specific books, packaged in a Samuel W. Tucker Tote
4. Historic Alexandria's "Foodie Lover's" Package.

Other featured items include stemless wine glasses at the Apothecary Museum, a cookbook collection at the Black History Museum, wines at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, and a limited edition Historic Alexandria plate at all Historic Alexandria Museum Stores.

Participating Museums: Historic Alexandria Museum Store at the Old Town Alexandria Hilton, The Lyceum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Apothecary Museum, Friendship Firehouse, Alexandria Black History Museum, Fort Ward Museum, and Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Free! Hours vary by site. For more information and museum hours, please visit www.HistoricAlexandria.org.

Tuesday, November 28 – Alexandria Alley Meeting

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Now on Exhibit through January 7 – *The Artist's Process / The Washington Society of Landscape Painters*

The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street

Featuring sketches and studies created by members of the Washington Society of Landscape Painters, this exhibition focuses on the process of painting in the field and trying to capture the essence and important aspects of what might be included in the final work. Created relatively quickly, the sketches and studies serve as shorthand that informs the creation of the final pieces, which in a number of cases will be exhibited alongside. Open Thursday through Sunday, 12 Noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703.548.0035.

Now on Exhibit – *Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union*

Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road

This new exhibition that features objects, photographs and documents from the Fort Ward Museum collection related to the Defenses of Washington. The exhibition covers both the formidable task of building the defense system, which made the Federal capital one of the most protected cities in the world, and some of the men who were assigned to duty in the Washington area. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders, including a profile of Francis E. Brainerd, a soldier in the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery who was stationed at Fort O'Rourke, not far from the present-day site of the Huntington Metro Station. Items related to how the forts protected Washington's vital transportation resources are also featured, such as a ship's lantern, rail section from the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and colored lithograph of Soldier's Rest in Alexandria. Several original drawings of forts by soldiers stationed at those sites are on view, and a construction report dated February 1865 details work projects such as completion of new officers' quarters at Fort Ward. Other unique items featured are a sketch showing where President Lincoln came under fire during the Battle of Fort Stevens, a field desk belonging to an officer in the 107th New York Infantry, and an 1862 map of the Defenses of Washington published by the engineer E.G. Arnold. The exhibition will continue through 2017. Free! Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 703.746.4848 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

Now on Exhibit – Alexandrians Fight the Great War

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 South Washington Street

This new 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. 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.

Now on Exhibit – Before the Spirits are Swept Away: African American Historic Site Paintings

Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street

This exhibition, featuring 20 of Sherry Sanabria's African American historic site paintings, is made possible by the Sanabria family, who generously donated 23 of her paintings to the Alexandria Black History Museum. Sherry, who had a studio at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, passed away in 2014. Her family has made it their mission to find homes for her paintings where they will be appreciated and preserved. This incredible donation permits museum staff to use the paintings to explore slavery, interpretation, and preservation of African American sites in Virginia. These paintings are part of Sanabria's "Sites of Conscience" series, which has as its focus 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 am to 4 p.m., Sunday and Monday: Closed. Free, but donations are appreciated. For more information, please call 703.746.4356.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA

On November 20, 1818, the Alexandria Common Council authorized space in the new City Hall and Market House for an Alexandria Museum. The space, located on the second floor corner of the building overlooking Cameron and North Royal Streets, was operated by the local Masonic Lodge and was the site of many important public receptions over the years, including one for the Marquis de Lafayette who visited Alexandria for a month in 1824. When the building was destroyed by fire in 1871, many objects perished, but those that could be salvaged were re-installed in the 1872 City Hall in a new, fire-proof room just above the Cameron Street entrance in



the new City Hall, marked on the exterior by Masonic symbols. When the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was finished in 1932, the museum relics were moved to that location.

ON SALE NOW

The most joyous season of the year is now upon us! On Saturday, December 9 from 4 to 9 p.m., take a break from the fast pace of the season and enjoy the unique charm and history of Old Town at Alexandria's most popular holiday event. Tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House, and Lee-Fendall House, enjoying seasonal decorations, entertainment, and light refreshments. This year Lloyd House joins the tour, hosting members of Beth El Hebrew Congregation, the oldest Jewish congregation in Northern Virginia, as they share the traditions of Hanukkah. Tickets are priced at the following categories: Adults \$25; Seniors (65 years and older) and Active Military \$20; Children (ages 6-17) \$5, and are now available online.