



## WHAT'S NEW IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA



### **Alexandria Cider Festival on November 17**

*The Lloyd House*

*2-6 p.m.*

Celebrate Virginia Cider Week (November 9 – 18) in Alexandria with a special tasting festival at historic Lloyd House on Saturday, November 17 between 2 and 6 p.m. Hosted by the Office of Historic Alexandria in partnership with the Virginia Association of Cider Makers, this event includes cider tastings, live music, a tasting glass, and a little history too! While enjoying a selection of Virginia ciders, learn more about the growing Virginia cider industry and its connection to Alexandria history. The festival features samples from Albemarle Cider Works, Blue Bee Cider, Bold Rock Cider, Bryant's Cider, Buskey Cider, Castle Hill Cider, Courthouse Creek Cider, Foggy Ridge Cider, Old Hill Cider, and Potter's Craft Cider.

Cider was a popular beverage in 18th and early 19th century Alexandria and offered at area taverns, including Gadsby's Tavern. Virginia Cider Week was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2012 to recognize this growing segment of Virginia's economy.

Tickets are \$45 per person (advance pricing) and may be purchased by calling 703.746.4994 or through [alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://alexandriava.gov/Shop). Check in at The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street. Food trucks will be available on-site. Walk-in ticket pricing is \$55 per person with special tasting talks offered for \$5 per person. For additional information, please visit [Alexandriava.gov/historic](http://Alexandriava.gov/historic).

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA HISTORY

On November 13, 1873, the Alexandria City Council granted permission to the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company, created in 1845 by inventor Samuel Morse, to run its lines through Alexandria providing instant communication for the first time from New York all the way to Richmond. Morse was a well-respected American painter who, in 1825, was commissioned to do a portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette in Washington, D.C. Halfway through completing the artwork he received word that his wife was seriously ill at their home in New Haven, Connecticut. He left for New England at once, only to find her dead and buried upon his arrival. Thereafter he decided to commit his endeavors to creating convey important communication instantaneously, without reliance on the daily mail. After witnessing a series of electro-magnetic experiments, he later developed the concept of the single-wire telegraph and the Morse code system of telegraphy.

## ON SALE NOW



### **November 15 Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Beaujolais Nouveau**

*The Lloyd House*

*7:30-10 p.m.*

Please join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee and the Office of 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 2018 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. While guests enjoy the new flavor of the 2018 Beaujolais Nouveau and tasty treats, guest speaker Jessica Outer of Uncork'd Events will explain the significance of Beaujolais and the current release. \$40 per person supports ACSCC programs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **November 13 Lecture-The Glorious Undying Spirit of Pluck**

*Alexandria Women in World War I France Series*

*Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum*

*7-9 p.m.*

The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee invites you to the latest lecture on Alexandria Women in World War I. Alexandria women were among the estimated 100,000 Virginians who served in World War I where the Western Front sliced through important industrial regions in France.

Alexandria resident Elizabeth Foxwell, editor of "In Their Own Words: American Women in World War I," will discuss some of their roles in the war, coinciding with the centenary of the end of the war.

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### **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](http://alexandriava.gov/shop) or by calling 703.746.3852.

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### **November 17 Portside History: Archaeology Walking Tour**

*Base of King Street*

*11 a.m.*

As part of the Portside History series of activities at the Old Town waterfront, join an expert-led tour to learn more about new discoveries, significant finds, and the hidden history that has been revealed through historical documentary data and excavation. Each waterfront block's history will be told through photos, maps, and artifacts.

The walking tour will start at the foot of King Street at the site of Interim King Street Park. Tickets are \$20 per person with proceeds from the tour going to the Save our Ship fund. Pre-registration is required through [Alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://Alexandriava.gov/Shop). Advance registration is required for all programs as space is limited.

The November tour ends at one of the new Robinson Landing townhomes.

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### **November 17 Kids Krafts**

*Friendship Firehouse Museum*

*10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

Come create and take-home craft projects inspired by early firefighting history. They will be great gifts for the holidays, or any time of year! For ages 4-8 and their caregivers. Children and caregivers work on crafts and visit the historic firehouse together. \$5 per child, \$2 for adults. Purchase tickets online at [Alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://Alexandriava.gov/Shop).

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### **November 17 and 18 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](#).

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### **November 24 and 25 Freedom House Museum Open**

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### **November 24 Under The Same Roof: Enslaved And Free Servants At The Lee-Fendall House**

*Lee-Fendall House*

*2 p.m.*

Explore the Lee-Fendall House from the perspectives of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived and worked in the home as domestic servants, both before and after the Civil War. This tour will include parts of the house that are normally closed to the public. Space is limited so advance tickets are recommended. [Tickets](#) are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Members of Lee-Fendall House are FREE.

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### **November 25 Museum Shop Sunday in Historic Alexandria!**

Give the gift of history to your friends and family. Stop by your favorite Alexandria museums and enjoy special activities and discounts at their museum shops. Participating Museums include: The Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Apothecary Museum, Friendship Firehouse, Alexandria Black History Museum, Fort Ward Museum, and Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Hours vary by site. See [HistoricAlexandria.org](http://HistoricAlexandria.org) for museum hours.

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### **December 1 Scottish Walk Open House**

*Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum*

*Free admission 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

Special guests The Schod Family Apothecary are demonstrating 19th century apothecary products making.

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### **December 8 How to Celebrate Kwanzaa Workshop**

*Alexandria Black History Museum*

*11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.*

Cost: \$2.00, no pre-registration required

Description: Have you ever wanted to celebrate Kwanzaa, but are not sure how to begin? Join the staff of the ABHM and Marilyn Patterson, CEO of Joyous Events, for an informative morning that includes the history of Kwanzaa, and hints on easy to make crafts, games, gifts, recipes and holiday decorating. For more information, call 703.746.4356. Tickets available at [Alexandriava.gov/Shop](http://Alexandriava.gov/Shop).

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### **December 8 Civil War Christmas in Camp**

*Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site*

*12 – 4 p.m.*

Learn about Christmas traditions during the Civil War. Program features a patriotic Union Santa Claus, soldiers and civilians celebrating the holiday in winter camps, the decorated Officers' Hut, a Victorian tree, fort tours, kids activities. Suggested donation: \$2/person; \$5/families. Program is weather dependent.

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### **December 8 Candlelight Tours**

Ongoing tours 4 – 9 p.m.

\$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65 and older) + active military, and \$5 for children (ages 5-12).

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, Lee-Fendall House, and Alexandria Black History Museum enjoying seasonal decorations, entertainment, and light refreshments. For tickets, please visit [here](#).

## UPCOMING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

### **November 12 HARC Subcommittee Meeting**

*Misha's Coffee House*

*5:30-7:30 p.m.*

### **November 13 Historic Alexandria Resources Commission Meeting**

*Rescheduled Meeting*

*American Legion Post 24 Ballroom*

*7-9 p.m.*

### **November 14 Alexandria Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission**

*The Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington*

*8-10 a.m.*

### **November 14 Alexandria Archaeology Commission**

*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 19<sup>th</sup>-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](http://www.fortward.org).

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### **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. 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](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

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**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.

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**Our Community in Miniature: The African American Dollhouses of Sharon Frazier and Linwood Smith.**

*Through December 30<sup>th</sup>*

*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.

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**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. Exhibit is free with museum admission.

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