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Infuse Alexandria's rich and complex history into the fabric of the community.

Historic Sites



African American Heritage Park



Union Station



Lloyd House



Murray-Dick-Fawcett House



Watson Reading Room



Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery



Collections Storage Facility

Museums



Alexandria Black History Museum



Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site



Freedom House Museum



Gadsby's Tavern Museum



Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum



Alexandria Archaeology Museum



Friendship Firehouse



Alexandria's History Museum at The Lyceum



Alexandria Archaeology Museum

Open Tuesday-Sunday

Alexandria Archaeology Museum visitors learn how the City's archaeologists, volunteers and students work with residents and developers to study and manage archaeological resources important to the community's past.



Alexandria Black History Museum

Open Thursday-Sunday

Alexandria Black History Museum enriches the lives of Alexandria's residents and visitors, fosters tolerance and understanding among all cultures, and



Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum

Open Thursday-Sunday

The Lyceum, itself a witness to nearly two centuries of local history, today serves as a gateway for Alexandria's visitors.



Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site

Open Thursday-Sunday

Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site is the best preserved of the system of Union forts and batteries built to protect Washington, DC during the American Civil War (1861-1865).



Freedom House Museum

Open Thursday-Monday

The Freedom House Museum offers three new exhibitions. The keystone exhibition centers the narrative on the stories of those who were brought from the Chesapeake Bay area, moved through 1315 Duke Street, and forced to slave markets in the deep South.



Friendship Firehouse Museum

Open Saturdays, September 16, October 14, November 11, December 2 and 30.

Friendship Firehouse Museum, the oldest standing firehouse open as a museum in Alexandria, was originally home to the first volunteer fire company in town. Today, the exhibits of historic equipment and vehic



Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Open Thursday-Sunday (Fall-Winter)

Gadsby's Tavern Museum consists of the ca. 1785 tavern and 1792 City Hotel. Named for John Gadsby who operated them from 1796 to 1808, explore these buildings where Washington, Jefferson and ordinary travelers came to eat, drink, sleep and influence history.

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

Open Wednesday-Sunday (Fall-Winter)

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, one of the oldest pharmacies in the nation, sold everything from medicines to household goods from 1792 to 1933. Visitors can tour the historic shop and manufacturing room and view original products left behind.

Focus on Digital and Virtual Programming



Educational Resources in Historic Alexandria

Alexandria's history offers a local lens to explore events that have changed the nation. Learners of all ages can explore Alexandria's history through online and on-site offerings designed by Museum Educators and Curators. Historic Alexandria offers educators the opportunity to reinforce their teaching with hands-on experiences, field trips, kits, and online resources.

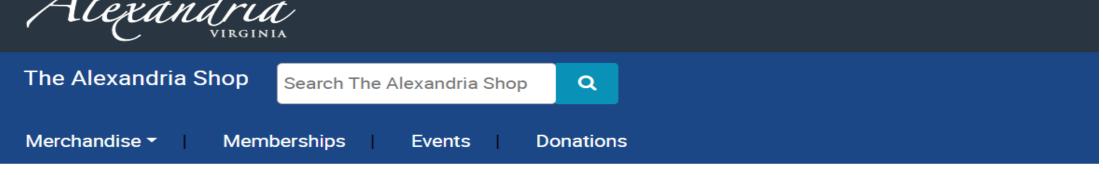
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Upcoming Events

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Alexandria Cider Festival for 11/18/2023

Celebrate Virginia Cider Week with a special tasting event on the grounds of historic Lloyd House in Old Town Alexandria. Event ticket includes cider tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and a little history too! Tickets \$55 in advance, \$25 for designated drivers. Online sales end at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 18. After that, tickets can be purchased at the door for \$65. Dress for the weather - the event is outdoors! Festival open 1 to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the Cider Festival will benefit the Historic Alexandria Museums.

Please note: You do not need to print tickets. Your name will be on the registration list for this event.

Minimum Age: 21

Please choose the session you wish to attend and enter ticket quantities.

Start Time

1:00PM



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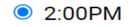
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Alexandria Sisters City - Scotland v. Norway for 11/19/2023

Join Alexandria's Sisters City Committee on November 19, 2023 from 2–5 pm at Daniel O'Connell's (112 King Street) in Old Town Alexandria to watch Scotland and Norway battle for glory on the pitch in a UEFA Euro 2024 soccer showdown. Delicious food and a wide selection of beverages will be available in O'Connell's Fitzgerald Room for this No Host, cash bar event. Space is limited, so book your reservation early! Please note: You do not need to print tickets. Your name will be on the registration list for this event.

Please choose the session you wish to attend and enter ticket quantities.

Start Time



- Friendship Firehouse Museum OPEN (Free for residents)
- Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m. 5 p.m.

Holiday Magic Show, Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum (Free but space limited, register ahead)

• Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Kwanzaa Workshop, Alexandria Black History Museum (\$3)

• Saturday, December 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Christmas in Camp, Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site (Free but suggested donation of \$2)

• Saturday, December 9, Noon – 4 p.m.

Colonial Handbell Ringers, Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum (Free, seating first-come-first-served)

• Sunday, December 10, performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Old Town Gingerbread Decorating, Gadsby's Tavern Museum

\$25 a kit (for up to four people)

• Sunday, December 17, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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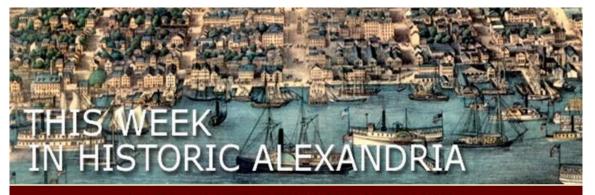
Gingerbread House Baking

• We need 50. One batch makes 5. We provide the recipe and template for cutting.



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