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FOAA President Liz Kelley presents Suzanne Schaubel with the John S. Glaser Award at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party held in the Museum on November 10, 2012

CELEBRATING ARCHAEOLOGY IN ALEXANDRIA!

2012

ANNUAL REPORT

March 2012 - March 2013

Compiled for the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology

Annual Meeting with AAC

April 17, 2013

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Balance Sheet December 31, 2012

ASSETS

Cash in bank

General fund:	\$11,477.77	\$18,462.77
Friends of Historic Walk:	\$705.00	
Conservation Fund:	<u>\$6,610.00</u>	
	\$18,462.77	

Cash on hand: \$20.00

Inventory: Resale items	\$2203
Guidebooks	<u>\$290.50</u>
Total Assets	\$20,976.27

LIABILITIES

State Sales Tax -\$28.10

NET WORTH

\$20,948.17



FOAA Vice President Margarete Holubar presents a surprised Suzanne Schaubel with the John Glaser Award as City Archaeologist Pam Cressey, Museum Educator Ruth Reeder, and Alexandria Archaeological Commission Chair Vince LaPointe look on approvingly. Each year FOAA presents the award “for contributions to the appreciation and conservation of Alexandria Archaeology and its place in the continuity of the human experience.”



Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

Income	
Membership	\$3,000.00
Guidebooks	\$400.00
Resale items	\$400.00
Interest	\$20.00
Donations	\$600.00
Total	\$4,420.00
Expenses	
Gifts to Alex. Arch.	\$2,000.00
Newsletter	\$700.00
Public engagement	\$500.00
Technology/computer hardware	\$350.00
Volunteer Party	\$140.00
Postage	\$200.00
Support for A.A. Functions	\$160.00
State Registration Fees	\$55.00
P.O. Box	\$135.00
Misc. Office	\$100.00
State sales tax	\$35.00
Total	\$4,375.00



FOAA's Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) Representative Mary Jane Nugent, at right, sorts through recently excavated artifacts in the laboratory.

The History of FOAA

Early in 1986, a small group of Alexandria Archaeology volunteers met to discuss the possibility of creating a “Friends” group. The group sought ways in which to expand the volunteer opportunities at Alexandria Archaeology. Phil Erikson and Bill Arnold drafted goals, and Liz Dietrich and Lowell Kloch prepared ideas for implementation.

An ad hoc steering committee sponsored a contest that April to choose a name and logo for the organization, and the recruitment of members began. Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and public recruitment were discussed, and a volunteer Board of Directors was created.

The first annual meeting of the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) took place in March 1986, when the first elected Board of Directors was voted into office: Lowell Kloch, President; John Glaser, Vice President; Mary Jane Nugent, Secretary; and Liz Dietrich, Treasurer.

That same year, Alexandria Archaeology bestowed the “Volunteer of the Year” award upon Julie Carroll, Liz Dietrich, Lowell Kloch, and Gene Luckman for their achievement in organizing the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology.

In the years that have followed, FOAA succeeded in providing financial support, volunteer opportunities, and increased public awareness of archaeology through activities like Java Jolt lectures, Family Dig Days, Art Safari, and the famous George Washington Birthday Parade. FOAA's organizational framework now includes 100 members, and the newsletter, *Volunteer News*, reaches hundreds of readers.

Mission & Goals

Mission:

To develop a common movement for the appreciation and conservation of Alexandria Archaeology and its place in the continuity of the human experience.

Goals:

1. Expand Friends of Alexandria Archaeology organizational resources
2. Develop human and financial resources
3. Conduct an effective educational and community awareness program
4. Promote Friends of Alexandria Archaeology and archaeology
5. Serve as an advocate for archaeology in Alexandria and elsewhere



FOAA and AAC members, staff, volunteers, and friends march through Old Town in the annual George Washington Birthday Parade on February 18, 2013.

2013 Income Statement

Income	Proposed	Actual
Membership	\$3,000.00	\$780.00
Guidebooks	\$400.00	\$350.00
Resale items	\$400.00	\$212.00
Interest	\$50.00	\$10.66
Donations	\$200.00	\$4013.75
Fundraising	\$200.00	\$0
Lectures/Field trips	\$50.00	\$0
Total	\$4,300.00	\$5366.41

Expenses	Proposed	Actual
Resale Items	\$500.00	\$0
Gifts to Alex. Arch.	\$2,500.00	\$9410*
Newsletter	\$700.00	\$0
Membership Brochure	\$500.00	\$0
Volunteer Party	\$140.00	\$0
Postage	\$200.00	\$0
Lectures/Field trips	\$100.00	\$0
Advertising/PR	\$100.00	\$0
Support for A.A. Functions	\$160.00	\$40.64
Summer camp scholarships	\$800.00	\$800.00
Donations	\$200.00	\$0
State Registration Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00
P.O. Box	\$90.00	\$135.00
Misc. Office	\$100.00	\$161.12
Fundraising	\$50.00	\$0
State sales tax	\$35.00	\$37.47
Total	\$6,200.00	\$10,609.23

*\$3610 Freedmen's Cemetery support, \$2000 Annual Gift, \$1800 Daniel G. Roberts Award for Excellence in Public Historical Archaeology, \$2000 excavation internship supervision support



•On December 8, the first meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Committee of FOAA was held, attended by Fran Bromberg, Liz Kelley, and Joan Amico. Their goal is to photograph, record, and preserve the headstones in all of the City's cemeteries.

•December 31, Alexandria's First Night celebration, brought another 600 visitors into the Museum, many of them drawn by the ornament decorating activity. So, our ornament-decorating workshop attracted at least 1200 people! We hope that more FOAA members will come out in November 2013 and help create this enticing activity.

2013

•To jump start FOAA's new year, Jeanne Springmann came in to further reorganize and digitize FOAA's data base, including (and especially) the membership list. Jeanne also worked in October and December last year to bring our stats up to speed. All in all, she has donated many hours to this huge task.

•As one of its first activities, on January 19 the Cemetery Preservation Committee went on a driving tour of Alexandria cemeteries, to size up the job ahead of them. This committee will welcome any new participants in this endeavor to preserve our City's history.

•On a beautifully sunny winter's day, February 18, FOAA volunteers, plus dogs and babies, once again marched with staff members Fran Bromberg, Ruth Reeder, and Jen Barker, in the annual George Washington's Birthday Parade. A great time was had by all, both on the well-filled streets and at the Museum, where marchers shared pizzas donated once again by Bugsy's, along with cherry cobbler from the owners of the Creamery. FOAA's treasury underwrote the drinks. This was FOAA's 18th time marching in the Parade.

•In March FOAA will hold its annual meeting to nominate this year's Board. Since Margarete Holubar is retiring as VP, this office will need to be filled. A month later we will elect the Board just before our annual combined meeting with Alexandria Archaeological Commission on April 17.



From the President

2012 was an exceptionally busy year for the Museum and for FOAA, which managed to schedule volunteers for many events, while staff worked intensively on the Museum accreditation. FOAA Secretary Katie Wagenblass spent months researching, reviewing, and updating FOAA's tax-exempt status and completed and submitted all the required forms resulting in FOAA's good standing as a non-profit. Hoosey Hughes continued to produce the FOAA quarterly news with the help of Ruth Reeder, Joan Amico, and Marya Fitzgerald. Joan was also kept busy maintaining FOAA membership and its mailing list database. She was helped hugely in the revamp of the database by the heroic efforts of Jeanne Springman. In addition, Joan managed the Museum three days a week, with Anna Lynch covering on Saturdays and Marya Fitzgerald on Wednesdays. As needed, Anna, Marya, Hoosey, and Margarete Holubar taught the Adventure Lessons to school, Scout, family, and senior groups.

•On March 10, FOAA held its Directors' Meeting at the Museum. At this meeting the board is elected and the treasurer's report approved, and the meeting closed. Thereafter, the FOAA Annual Meeting is opened, wherein the budget for the coming year is reviewed and the new officers are elected by the board.

•On March 27 FOAA organized a 90th birthday celebration for long-time lab volunteer and FOAA member Montie Kust, pictured above, with a special cake and many celebrants, at the Museum at noon.

•On March 28 FOAA board members attended a lecture at the Lyceum given by Fairfax archaeologist Mike Johnson, an authority on early Native American points and tools. (He was the authority who recognized the Museum's Clovis point when it was dug up at Freedmen's Cemetery.) FOAA members met at La Madeleine for dinner first, before going over to the Lyceum.

•FOAA and the AAC held their joint annual meeting at 7 PM at the Museum on April 18. Copies of our annual budget and the president's report were distributed and discussed.

•April 21 brought a Java Jolt at Lee-Fendall House on the excavations of its garden, pictured at right. The presentation was made by Jason Shellenhaner, archaeologist from Louis Berger Group who con-



ducted the excavation in 2010; FOAA awarded him an “I Dig” t-shirt afterwards. The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) awarded the Lee-Fendall House a Ben Brenman Award in 2012 for Outstanding Community Research for the excavations and interpretations of 18th-century domestic and landscape customs, opening a new window to Alexandria’s dynamic past.

- On June 1, it was announced by the Library of Virginia: Archives of the Commonwealth that the conservation of the Gladwin Records was complete! FOAA was very excited to be a part of this very important project. Gladwin Records pictured at left prior to conservations, courtesy Yellow Dot Design.
- On June 2 the Museum’s first Dig Day of the year was held, with Margarete and Marya at the “gate” to check in participants.
- The early evening of June 13 was the time for a fascinating walkabout tour of the dig sites at Ft. Ward. Held just before the Ft. Ward Stakeholders’ monthly meeting, it was well attended by FOAA board and members, Museum interns, and interested members of the public. We learned a lot from Garrett Fesler and Pam Cressey!
- June 16 brought us a Java Jolt on the Civil War by Bill Connery, who was rewarded for his interesting presentation with a FOAA “I Dig” t-shirt presented by FOAA president Liz Kelley, pictured at right.



- In July FOAA sponsored two teenagers (one of whom is pictured at left) at the Museum’s Archaeology Camp, one at each camp session, by paying their full tuition (\$800 total). As a result, the Museum has now two life-time friends!

- After nearly two months’ hiatus (because of the museum accreditation process), Dig Days resumed on August 4, with Margarete once more checking in participating families. These very popular events took place also on August 11, September 8, and October 6 and 27. On these days Margarete Holubar

continued to represent FOAA by checking in participants and doling out water as necessary. (It was a hot summer!)

- Back on September 8, FOAA did double duty at the Arts Activated event at the Museum, where we were ably represented by Anna Lynch, who conducted a Potter’s Art lesson for the public.
- On September 24, the FOAA Board of Directors met and approved a new strategic plan for the future of FOAA. The strategic plan, drafted by the

Development Committee over the summer, calls for FOAA to create its own website and other methods to assist us in reaching out to our members and others interested in archaeology. The Board also approved the creation of an Activities Committee, and Membership Committee. The Executive Committee enacted its monthly meetings as well. The Board asks that any FOAA member who wishes to serve on a committee to please contact the Alexandria Archaeology Museum.

- On September 29 FOAA volunteer Anna Lynch covered our activities for the Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day.



- October 13 brought the TFAC Arts Safari, in which Anna Lynch supervised our young visitors in producing Potter’s Art with actual paint (instead of the customary blue magic markers). A wonderfully messy process, pictured at left!

- November 10 was the most special FOAA date of all: the annual Volunteer Party, put on by the entire staff as a thank-you for all the volunteers’ contributions during the year. At this marvelous shindig, the fabulous food is always prepared by Fran Bromberg, with help from the rest

of staff, and FOAA makes a presentation of its annual gift to Archaeology. For 2012 it was \$2000, to be used for the conservation of the Peace and Plenty pitcher for the War of 1812 exhibit, plus used for the Museum’s special needs. Also, volunteer Suzanne Schaubel was honored with the annual John Glaser Award for the most outstanding volunteer contributions to Archaeology. In addition, Anna Lynch was named Volunteer of the Year for contributing the most hours; no surprise



there, since Anna has been a versatile stalwart at the Museum for quite a while now.



- On November 6, 17, and 24 several FOAA members (including Marya and Margarete, pictured at left) constructed the dough ornaments for the Ornament Decorating Day coming up in Dec. In those three days, we rolled, cut, and baked over 300 of the Play-

Do style ornaments made in the shape of artifacts. It was well worth the effort, since on Ornament Workshop Day, December 1, the Museum welcomed over 600 visitors!