Founded in 1986

FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY



CELEBRATING ARCHAEOLOGY IN ALEXANDRIA!

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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History: Friends of Alexandria Archaeology

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 Klock 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 Klock, 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 increase public awareness of archaeology through activities like lectures, family programming and events, and participation in the George Washington Birthday Parade. FOAA has also provided scholarships to Archaeology Summer Camp to allow young people to experience archaeology first-hand who otherwise would not be able to.

FOAA maintains a website, Facebook page, and mailing list, and sends news of activities through the City of Alexandria. This year, FOAA started Instagram and Twitter accounts, as well as began a quarterly emailed newsletter that is sent out to their mailing list.

Mission and Goals

Mission:

To develop a common movement for the appreciation and conservation of Alexandria Archaeology (AA) and its place in the continuity of 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 Archeology and archaeology.
- 5. Serve as an advocate for archaeology in Alexandria and elsewhere.

Year in Review

FOAA had a productive and re-building year in 2018. In addition to the many activities listed below, we were able to strengthen our governance, communicate more regularly with members and other stakeholders, and launch or contribute to many new ideas to further the city's archaeology and history resources.

We maintained or exceeded compliance with all state and federal requirements. The president resigned in mid-2018, but the vice president assumed the position, and a new vice president was elected. The Board met quarterly, developed a communications and social media plan, and launched an e-newsletter. As Alexandria Archaeology became more involved in excavation and conservation related to the waterfront, we provided financial, volunteer, and community support.

During the 41st Annual Alexandria Archaeology Volunteer Party in January 2018, FOAA made a \$2,000 donation to Alexandria Archaeology, and then another \$2,000 donation during Spring2ACTion in April to fund the conservation of the Hotel Indigo Ship.

In the spring of 2018, three additional 18th and early 19th century ships were discovered at the Robinson Landing site, one block to the south of the Hotel Indigo site. Raising funds and awareness of these four ships has become the primary focus of FOAA's efforts over the course of the last year. During Spring2ACTion, FOAA partnered with the Office of Historic Alexandria to raise money for ship conservation, which resulted in donations of more than \$10,000 to Alexandria Archaeology for ship conservation.

While we have a healthy reserve, we also were mindful that FOAA expenses exceeded income. Efforts will be made in 2019 to increase membership and fundraising to further our mission.

FOAA members volunteered for Alexandria Archaeology throughout the year, helping with research, watching the museum, participating in field and lab work, and supporting events. These events included new Archaeology Workshops at Shuter's Hill to supplement the existing Family Dig Days, as well as a Portside History series in the fall.

FOAA highlights of 2018 include the following:

January 24: Supported Alexandria Archaeology's campaign for Alexandria's 18th-Century Merchant Ship, resulting in 2nd place in the Virginia Association of Museums Top 10 Endangered Artifacts competition and a \$4,000 prize

February 19: Participation in George Washington Parade

February 23: Participation in the Torpedo Factory Art Center's "Late Shift: Uncovering the Waterfront" event, in collaboration with Office of Historic Alexandria

March 28: FOAA Board Meeting

April 24: Spring2ACTion—fundraising, awareness, and "power hour" social in conjunction with other OHA groups

April 24: Java Jolt (Philip Smucker, *Riding with George*), Museum

May 5: Java Jolt (Erin Cagney, Reviving the Veatch Collection: An Analysis of One Woman's Work in the Potomac Creek Estuary), Museum

May 5: FOAA Board Meeting

June 2: Support for Shuter's Hill Open House with the George Washington University's Historical Archaeology Field Institute

June 16: Family Dig Day, Shuter's Hill

July 16-20: Summer Archaeology Camp (FOAA provided 1 scholarship)

July 21: Support for Day of Archaeology Festival at Dumbarton House

July 28: Archaeology Workshop: Landscape, Shuter's Hill

August 11: Family Dig Day, Shuter's Hill

September 1: FOAA Board Meeting

September 12: John Sprinkle Book Release, Saving Spaces: Historic Land Conservation in the United States, Lloyd House

September 22: Archaeology Workshop: Ceramics

October 4: Support of Virginia Association of Museums MeetUp and Happy Hour, Museum

October 6: Family Dig Day

October 13-14: Support of Portside History and Godspeed, Waterfront Park

October 20: Support of Portside History Archaeology Festival, Torpedo Factory Art Center promenade

November 10: Support of Portside History Waterfront Walking Tour

November 17: Support of Portside History Waterfront Walking Tour

December 1: Support of Ship Biscuit Workshop, Museum

December 15: FOAA Board Meeting

December 31: Support of First Night and Fun Hunt, Ship Biscuit Workshop,

Museum

Financial Information 2018

BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

Assets	
Cash in Bank as of January 1, 2018	\$17,760.31
Income	\$3,473.10
Expenditures	\$5,587.68
Total as of December 31, 2018	\$13,637.68
Grants Payable	
Annual Gift to Alex Archaeology *	\$2,000.00
Balance	\$11,637,68
Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$11,637.68
Inventory (Laptop, etc.)	\$800.24
Total Assets	\$12,437.92
NET Worth	\$12,437.92
*Gift made 1/19/19	

2018 Proposed Budget

Income & Expenditures

Income	
Membership	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$10.00
Donations	\$2,000
Total	\$4,010.00
Expenditures	
Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$2,000.00
Public Engagement	\$200.00
Volunteer Party	\$200.00
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$200.00
State Taxes and Fees	\$100.00
Bank Fees	\$10.00
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400.00
Ship Conservation	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$100.00
Website	\$200.00
Laptop, etc.	\$800.00

Total

\$6,210.00

2018 Actual Budget

Income & Expenditures

	Proposed	Actual
Income		
Membership	\$2000	\$1563
Interest	\$10	\$7.10
Donations	\$2000	\$1930
Total	\$4010	\$3473.10
Expenditures		
Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$2000	\$2000
Public Engagement	\$200	0
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$2000	\$96.44
State Taxes & Fees	\$100	0
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400	\$400
Ship Conservation	0	\$2,000
Website	\$200	\$96
Laptop, etc.	\$800	\$800.24
Total	\$6,000	\$5,587.68

Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Income	
Membership	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$10.00
Donations	\$2,000.00
Total	\$4,010.00
Expenditures	
Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$2,000.00
Public Engagement	\$400.00
Volunteer Party	\$100.00
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$200.00
State Taxes & Fees	\$155.00
Postage & Supplies	\$100.00
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400.00
Ship Conservation	\$2,000.00
Website	\$100.00
Total	\$5,455.00

Cash in Bank as of 1/19/19 \$13,638.68

FOAA Board of Directors 2018-2019

Executive Committee (elected December 15, 2018)

President	Paula Whitacre
Vice President	Christine Hines
Secretary	Katherine Rowe
Treasurer	Richard Owens

Board Members

Cindy Adams

Holly Beardow

Sean Denniston

Hal Hardaway

Jill Heitzmann

Elizabeth Kelley

Linda Lovell

Mary Ray

Charlotte Spinner

FOAA AAC Representative: Richard Owens

Ex officio: Emma Richardson