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FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRIA
ARCHAEOLOGY



CELEBRATING ARCHAEOLOGY
IN ALEXANDRIA!

2019-2020
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 Klock, and Gene Luckman for their achievement in organizing the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology.

In the years that have followed, FOAA has succeeded in providing financial support, volunteer opportunities, and increased public awareness of the importance of archaeology in the City of Alexandria through activities including lectures, family programming, and community events. FOAA has also provided scholarships to the Alexandria Archaeology Summer Camp to allow young people who otherwise would not be able to do so to experience archaeology first-hand.

FOAA maintains a website, Facebook page, and mailing list, and sends news of activities through the City of Alexandria. FOAA also posts to Instagram and Twitter accounts and sends out a quarterly e-newsletter to its membership and other interested individuals.

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

Approved by the FOAA membership at its annual meeting on July 31, 2019, FOAA is now operating on a July 1 to July 1 calendar year, which matches the City of Alexandria calendar year. This has allowed for better coordination of activities between FOAA and the Archaeology Program of the City of Alexandria.

Over this period, FOAA began an active year that was unfortunately curtailed in the last quarter due to COVID-19.

Despite this setback, FOAA members volunteered for Alexandria Archaeology throughout the year, helping with research, serving as the museum docents and helpers, participating in field and lab work, and supporting public events featuring Alexandria archaeology and history. These events included a new Archaeology After Dark lecture series during the spring of 2019, and a new 2019 summer workshop series at the City's storage facility where colonial era ships remains have been stored, cataloged and maintained prior to conservation: Dive into Archaeology for children, and Afternoon with Archaeologists for adults.

FOAA also continued its financial support of Alexandria Archaeology with a \$2,000 donation at the Annual Alexandria Archaeology Volunteer Party in January to fund two rugs for the museum's new tile floor, and a new hands-on education corner table to take the place of a de-installed diorama exhibit.

FOAA highlights of 2019-2020 include the following:*

**January 2019 through June 30 events are in italics. These events were not included in last year's Annual Review spanning January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019 but would otherwise be left out of this year's annual review due to the approved shift to the July fiscal year calendar.*

February 18: Participation in the George Washington Birthday Parade

March 28: Archaeology After Dark: Char Bah and Freedmen's Cemetery

April 5 – 6: Fire and Water, Spring2ACTion fundraising participation

May 9: Archaeology After Dark: Fort Delaware and the Alexandria VCP

June 13: Archaeology After Dark: Cartography of a Port City

June 29: Dive into Archaeology and Afternoon with Archaeologists Workshops

July 13: Tour/lecture at Freedman's Cemetery

July 15 – 19: Alexandria Archaeology Summer Camp

July 27: Dive into Archaeology and Afternoon with Archaeologists Workshops

July 31: Annual meeting

August 10: Dive into Archaeology and Afternoon with Archaeologists Workshops

August 21: Joint meeting/briefing on Fort Ward with Alexandria Archaeological Commission

September 13-14: Participation in 5th anniversary of re-dedication of Freedman’s Cemetery

September 21: Dive into Archaeology and Afternoon with Archaeologists Workshops

September 28: FOAA Board Meeting

October 10: Day of Archaeology and Exhibit Opening: “Preserving Alexandria’s Maritime History”

December 1: Deadline for FOAA Essay Contest

December 6: FOAA Board Meeting

December 12: Ship Biscuit Making – Scottish Walk

December 31: Ship Biscuit Making – First Night

January 17: Annual Volunteer Party

February 19: Participation in Office of Historic Alexandria Trivia Night

February 29: FOAA Board meeting

Planned events for the remainder of the year included a lecture series, continued support of the Alexandria Archaeology Summer Camp, and a new trivia night. All were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Financial Information 2019-20

BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020*

Assets

Cash in Bank as of January 1, 2019	\$13,638.68
Income	\$3,021.00
Expenditures	\$4,804.58
Total as of June 30, 2020	\$11,850.10

Assets consist of

Cash in Bank	\$11,850.10
Inventory (Laptop, etc.) **	\$450.00
Total Assets	\$12,300.10
NET Worth	\$12,300.10

* This reports covers the period
January 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020 to
reflect the change in fiscal year
adopted by the FOAA Board. **
Value after 2.5 years of deprecation

January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Proposed Budget

Income & Expenditures

Income

Membership	\$3,000.00
Interest	\$10.00
Donations	\$1,000.00
Total	\$4,010.00

Expenditures

Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$4,000.00
Public Engagement	\$200.00
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$200.00
State Taxes and Fees	\$100.00
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400.00
Ship Conservation	\$0
Misc. Equip/Supplies/Postage	\$100.00
Website	\$200.00
Total	\$5,200.00

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Proposed & Actual Budgets

Income & Expenditures

	Proposed	Actual
Income		
Membership	\$3,000.00	\$2,020.00
Interest	\$10.00	\$7.10
Donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,001.00
Total	\$4,010.00	\$3,034.10
Expenditures		
Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$4000.00	\$4,000.00
Public Engagement	\$200.00	\$261.45
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$200.00	\$189.16
State Taxes & Fees	\$100.00	\$155.00
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400.00	\$0
Ship Conservation	\$0	\$0
Website	\$200.00	\$198.97
Equip/Supplies/Postage	\$100.00	\$20.00
Total	\$5,200.00	\$4,824.58

Proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

<i>Income</i>	
Membership	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$10.00
Donations	\$1,000.00
Total	\$3,010.00
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Gifts to Alexandria Archaeology	\$2,000.00
Public Engagement	\$100.00
Volunteer Party	\$100.00
Support for Alexandria Archaeology Functions	\$100.00
State Taxes & Fees	\$50.00
Postage & Supplies & Equip	\$25.00
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$0
Ship Conservation	\$0
Website	\$200.00
Total	\$3,250.00

Cash in Bank as of 7/1/20 \$11,850.10

**FOAA Board of Directors
2019 – 2020**

Executive Committee (elected December 15, 2018)

President	Paula Whitacre
Vice President	Christine Hines
Secretary	Charlotte Spinner
Treasurer	Richard Owens

Board Members

Cindy Adams

Sean Denniston

Hal Hardaway

Jill Heitzmann

Elizabeth Kelley

Linda Lovell

Mary Ray

Charlotte Spinner

Ad Hoc

Alyssa Barilotti

Lori Arbuckle

Cashel McGloin

FOAA AAC Representative: Richard Owens

Ex officio: Emma Richardson