

Founded in 1986

FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGY



Spring2Action Campaign for the Save Our Ship Fund

CELEBRATING ARCHAEOLOGY IN ALEXANDRIA!

2017 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 succeeded in providing financial support, volunteer opportunities, and increased public awareness of Alexandria archaeology through activities like Java Jolt lectures, Family Dig Days, Art Safari, and participation in the George Washington Birthday Parade. FOAA has also provided scholarships for the annual Archaeology Summer Camp to allow young people to experience archaeology first-hand who otherwise would not be able to.

FOAA now maintains a website, Facebook page and mailing list, and sends news of activities throughout the City of Alexandria.

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 transitional year in 2017. While many people, including FOAA members, volunteered for Alexandria Archaeology as individuals, the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) Board of Directors (Board) was not as active in the first part of the year. A co-president moved to the West Coast, the treasurer no longer could volunteer, and several people resigned from the Board because of health or other reasons. As a result, the FOAA President took on more responsibility as participation of other Board members decreased. In late August, the President resigned. Plans had already been under way for election of new officers and an expanded Board, and this occurred in December.

Despite this transitional phase, however, FOAA continued to support Alexandria Archeology and promote an understanding of the City's past.

A primary focus, as noted below, was to support the ship discovery by raising funds and awareness, and by helping prepare artifacts for transfer to Texas A&M for conservation. FOAA support for the conservation, preservation and eventual exhibition of the ship remains will be a long-term effort that will be undertaken in stages. In support of Alexandria Archaeology, and in coordination with the Alexandria Archaeological Commission and other organizations, FOAA is committing to providing funding support, volunteer time and efforts, and assistance in raising public awareness of the historical significance of the ship's find as it relates to Alexandria's maritime history within the overall context of Alexandria's place in American history from colonial times to present.

During the year FOAA volunteers also conducted classes, did research, staffed the museum, assisted in the field and during lab days, and supported special Alexandria Archaeology (AA) events. FOAA continued to support Java Jolts--the Saturday morning lecture series, and participated in evening public awareness and educational activities on the second Thursday of each month in partnership with the Torpedo Factory and other local organizations. FOAA also partnered with other non-profits and the divisions of the Office of Historic Alexandria in Spring2Action fund-raising activities, which resulted in donations of more than \$10,000 to Alexandria Archaeology for ship conservation.

FOAA highlights of 2017 include the following:

February 20: Participation in George Washington Parade

April 1: Support for lecture by Ben Skolnik on dendrochronology (study of where wood comes from and its age) report for ship timbers

April 5: Spring2Action—fundraising, awareness, and “power hour” social in conjunction with other OHA groups.

May 18: FOAA Happy Hour/Fund Raiser, Light Horse, Old Town

May 20: Support for Sidewalk Tour by City Archaeologist, Dr. Eleanor Breen, at the Robinson Terminal dig site

May 26: Java Jolt (Jay Roberts, *Lost Alexandria*) at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum in the Torpedo Factor Art Center

June 3: Support for Shuter's Hill Archaeological dig site Open House

June 12 to 16: Assistance in packing up the ship timbers for further restoration, including Bon Voyage event with the Mayor of Alexandria and other VIPs

July 7: Dig Day, Shuter's Hill

July 17-23: Summer Archaeology Camp (FOAA provided 2 scholarships)

August 5: Dig Day, Shuter's Hill

August 30: FOAA Happy Hour/Fund Raiser, O'Connells

September 9: Meeting to bring in new members, ideas for FOAA, Alexandria Archaeology Museum

September 14: Java Jolt (Paula Whitacre, *A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose*), Alexandria Archaeology Museum

September 22: Memorial for longtime FOAA volunteer Anna Lynch, Lyceum

September 23: Museum Day Live, Alexandria Museum

September 30: Supported Seaport Day, Alexandria Waterfront

October 21: Supported Art Safari, Torpedo Factory Art Center

October 22: Lecture (Philip Reid, historic ships) with FOAA discount, Lyceum-Alexandria History Museum

December 2: Ship Biscuit Ornament making, Alexandria Archaeology Museum

December 6: FOAA meeting, election of new officers, Alexandria Archaeology Museum

December 31: Ship Biscuit Ornament making, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, as part of the City of Alexandria's annual First Night Celebration

Financial Information

Balance Sheet

Friends of Alexandria Archaeology

December 31, 2017

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$17,745.88
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Inventory (Resale Items)	887.02
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Total Assets	\$18,632.90
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Expenditures/Donations

Annual Donation to Alexandria Archaeology	(\$2,000.00)*
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Summer Camp Scholarships	800.00
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Total Expenditures/Donations	\$2,800.00
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NET WORTH	\$15,832.90
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*Not included in 2017 actuals as payment did not occur until 2018.

Budget: Income and Expenditures 2017

Income	Proposed	Actual
Membership	\$2,000.00	\$620.00
Resale items	\$400.00	865.31
Interest	\$10.00	6.10
Donations	\$2,000.00	1,418.39
Restitution-2016-2017 Unauthorized Expenditures*	--	\$4,147.20
Total	\$4,410.00	\$7,057.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
	Proposed	Actual
Gifts to Alex. Arch.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Public engagement	\$400.00	28.40
Volunteer Party	\$150.00	0
Support for Alex.Arch. Functions	\$140.00	2,392.74
State Taxes & Fees	\$55.00	100.00
Misc. Office	\$160.00	
Summer Camp Scholarship	\$400.00	0
Ship Conservation	\$1,000.00	0
Merchandise	\$100.00	0
Website	\$200.00	?
Unauthorized Expenditures Jan-Aug 2017	--	\$3,807.20
Total	\$4605.00	\$8,328.34

*Full restitution for unauthorized expenditures from October 2016 through August 2017 made on October 6, 2017

Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

<u>Income</u>	
Membership	\$2000
Resale items	0
Interest	10
Donations	2000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$4010</i>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Gifts to Alex. Arch.	\$2000
Public engagement	200
Volunteer Party	200
Support for Alex.Arch. Functions	2000
State Taxes & Fees	100
Misc. Office/LapTop	800
Summer Camp Scholarship	400
Ship Conservation	2000
Merchandise	0
Website	200
Postage/Supplies	100
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>
<i>Cash in Bank 1/1/18</i>	<i>\$17,745.88</i>

FOAA Board of Directors
2017 – 2018

Executive Committee (elected December 6, 2017)

President	Catherine Sumner
Vice President	Paula Whitacre
Secretary	Katie Rowe
Treasurer	Richard Owens

Board members

Cindy Adams
Holly Beardow
Sean Denniston
Hal Hardaway
Christine Hines
Jill Heitzmann
Linda Lovell
Mary Ray
Charlotte Spinner

FOAA AAC Representative: Through August, Rebecca Siegel

Ex officio: Emma Richardson