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SPECIAL END OF YEAR ISSUE!



Highlights from 2018

The Alexandria Historical Society has had a busy year! We unveiled our beautiful new website this fall, published two issues of the *Alexandria Chronicle*, and welcomed a new president and several new board members. As always, we hosted several engaging speakers who shared their work with our members and the larger community. Here's a look back at a great year!



In March, **Dr. Nancy Davis**, curator emeritus at the National Museum of American History, discussed her work exploring 18th century business and material culture through the ledger books of Alexandria merchant William Ramsay. In April, the Alexandria Historical Society presented its **2018 Alexandria History Awards** at a special ceremony attended by **Mayor Allison Silberberg**. **J. Lance Mallamo**, former Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria, gave a presentation on his life as a public historian.



Jeffrey T. Sammons

In September, **Jeffrey T. Sammons**, author of *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War*, shared the highlights of his research on the African American 369th Infantry, who fought as part of the French Army during WWI. October featured both a tour of the **South Pitt Street** home owned by George Washington and **Bob Zeller's** unforgettable presentation of Civil War photography in 3D from the **Center for Civil War Photography**.

In May, **Dr. Andrew Friedman**, author of *Exploring the Covert Capital*, highlighted the many ways in which the CIA and other national security institutions shaped Northern Virginia and were shaped by it. In June, **Tim Winkle**, curator at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, and volunteer archivist, discussed the origins, history and collections of the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial**, leading a memorable tour to the top of the memorial.



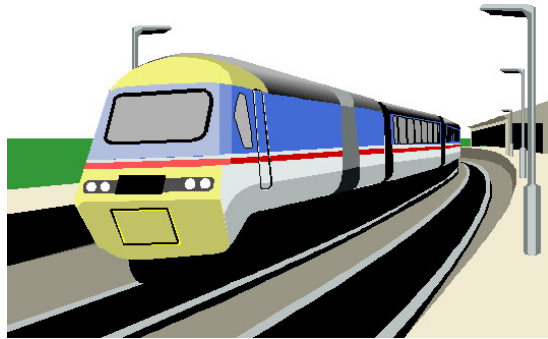
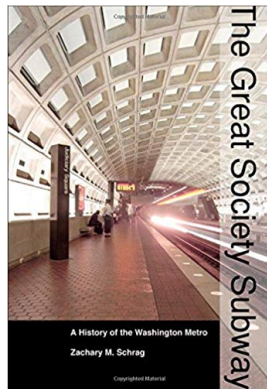
Tim Winkle



Bob Zeller sharing 3D photographs from the Civil War

Coming up in 2019

We have lots of exciting programming coming in 2019. Please join us at the following events:



Thinking Big: Lessons from the Washington Metro
Dr. Zachary Schrag, Professor and Director of MA Program in History
George Mason University
27 March 2019 • 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum

Zachary M. Schrag, professor of history at George Mason University, will share his insights about the history and future of the Washington Metro system. Dr. Schrag is the author of *The Great Society Subway: A History of the Washington Metro*, which explores the political, cultural, and logistical contexts of the project of creating a major subway system in a metropolitan area already dominated by the automobile. This talk is sure to be of interest to weary Alexandrian commuters!



Dr. Zachary M. Schrag

Alexandria Historical Society Awards Ceremony
24 April 2019 • 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum

“We Cannot be Tame Spectators”: Three Centuries of Virginia Women’s History

Dr. Cynthia Kierner, Professor of History

George Mason University

22 May 2019 • 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum

The Early History of Seaport Alexandria: New Archaeological Insights

Dr. Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

Office of Historic Alexandria

26 June 2019 • 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum

Society Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Alexandria Historical Society. We are dependent on your generous support and through your membership, donations, and endowment AHS seeks to engage our members and the community at-large in our history. Go to the website to renew alexandriahistorical.org.

End of Year Giving

Don’t forget to include the Alexandria Historical Society in your end of year giving! Your donations help us bring great programming to investigate and illuminate the history of Alexandria.

Donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to 201 South Washington Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3625. Checks should be made out to Alexandria Historical Society.

Happy holidays!



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The purpose of the Society shall be to promote an active interest in American history and particularly in the history of Alexandria and of Virginia.
The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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