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OCTOBER MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 26

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia

SPEAKER: Author and Historian Ted Pulliam

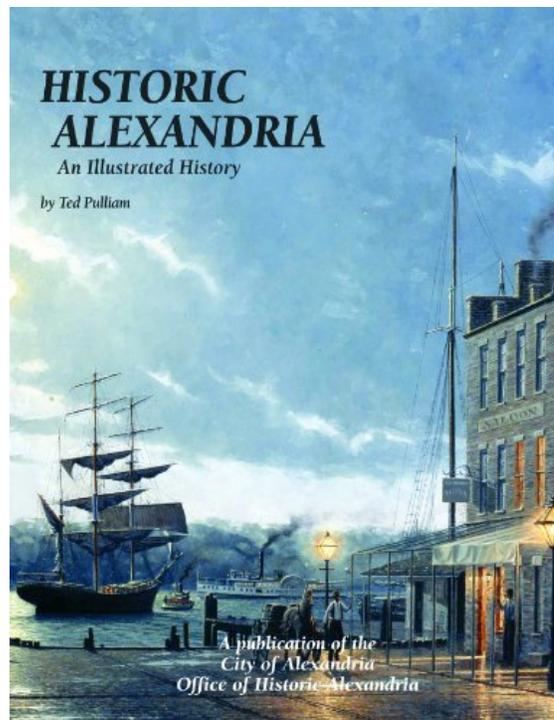
“Stories of Alexandria”

In his lecture, Ted Pulliam, author of the recently published book *Historic Alexandria: An Illustrated History*, will explore the events and people that make up the Alexandria story. Copies of the 96-page hardback book will be available for signing after his lecture.

Ted is a frequent contributor to the *Washington Post*, *American History* magazine, *WWII History* magazine, the *Alexandria Gazette-Packet*, *The Alexandria Chronicle*, and other publications. His articles have explored historical subjects ranging from the first European to live on the Potomac River to a history of the U.S. Cavalry between World Wars I and II.

A native of North Carolina, Ted graduated from Davidson College and Columbia University Law School. In addition to serving as the AHS board secretary, Ted is on the Alexandria Archaeological Commission and the board of directors of the Friends of Local History.

This lecture is free and open to all, so why not invite a friend to join you as Ted shares some of the most compelling stories from Alexandria’s past!



Message from the AHS President

Dear AHS Member,

Under the leadership of Audrey Davis, the 2010-2011 Alexandria Historical Society (AHS) year proved to be a great one with excellent lectures and, as always, fascinating and well-crafted monographs about historical Alexandria appearing in *The Alexandria Chronicle*.

Our website (www.alexandriahistorical.org) is visited often and not only by Society members and Alexandrians, but by visitors from around the world. This is more evidence that Alexandria's long and fascinating history makes our City a wonderful community of which to be a part and in which to live.

Based on a thorough financial audit, I'm pleased to announce that all our finances are properly accounted for, our spending remains prudent, and that Anne Paul has again agreed to be our Treasurer.

Peggy Gross, our Vice President and Program Chair, arranged for Don Hakenson, a local Civil War historian, to launch the 2011-2012 lecture series. Ted Pulliam, who serves on the Society's board as Secretary and who authored the recently released *Historic Alexandria: An Illustrated History*, will be our October speaker. Amy Bertsch continues her excellent editing of the *AHS Newsletter* you are now reading.

The Society's new board began the 2011-2012 year by welcoming new members Adrienne Washington and David Cavanaugh. We also began the process of reexamining the Society's mission, constitution and bylaws. In short, is AHS doing all it can to support the preservation and commemoration of Alexandria's history relative to what other institutions are doing? Realizing we have an exceptionally rich website that makes available past issues of the *Chronicle*, *Newsletter* and other Alexandria history publications, we will reexamine our postal mailing practices to ascertain whether members prefer receiving AHS materials electronically or as hard copy. We will continue to provide hard copies to those members who request it.

Your ideas for future lecture speakers are always appreciated. We would like to continue the Civil War commemoration theme, but now need to think about speakers with expertise on Alexandria from the colonial period to the War of 1812 and later.

Under the able editorship of Linda Greenberg, *The Alexandria Chronicle* continues to be a publication of professional quality containing articles written by local historians on subjects relating to Alexandria. If you would like to see your research published, contact Linda.

It is an honor to serve as your new President and to work with a very competent Board of Directors. Together we look forward to an exciting 2011-2012. I look forward as well to hearing your ideas on how we can strengthen the Society and grow our membership. You can reach me at 703.370.3089 or bill.c.dickinson@gmail.com.

Bill Dickinson

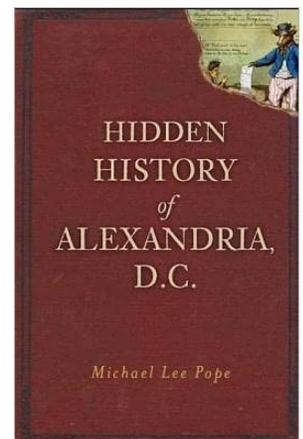
From the Treasurer

Statement of Revenue and Expense July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	
I. Checking Account	
Balance July 1, 2010	\$ 1,391.83
Total Deposits	7,130.00
Total Expenses	5,045.26
Total Deposits less Expenses	2,084.74
Bank Balance June 30, 2011	3,476.57
II. Savings Account	
Balance July 1, 2010	\$ 7,172.37
Total Deposits – Interest (12 months)	14.35
Total Expenses	None
Bank Balance June 30, 2011	7,186.72
III. Endowment Fund	
Balance July 1, 2010	\$ 8,552.06
Total Deposits – Interest (12 months)	17.11
Total Expenses	None
Bank Balance June 30, 2011	\$ 8,569.17
IV. John Patten Abshire C. D.	
Balance on June 6, 2010	\$ 18,864.04
Total Deposits – Interest (12 months)	170.95
Total Expenses	None
Bank Balance June 6, 2011	\$ 19,028.99
V. Abshire Money Market Account	
Balance June 30, 2010	\$ 3,204.28
Total Deposits – Interest (12 months)	11.23
Total Expenses	None
Bank Balance June 30, 2011	\$ 3,215.51
Statement of Accounts 2011	
Checking	\$ 3,476.57
Savings Account	7,186.72
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New Book Explores History of Alexandria, D.C.

Journalist Michael Lee Pope has authored a new book, *Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C.* (History Press, 2011), which explores the political, social and economic impact of Alexandria's years as part of the District of Columbia and what ultimately led to its retrocession.

Pope, who recently held a discussion and signing at the Athenaeum, explained why he chose to write about this period in Alexandria history: "I've always found this bit of D.C. history fascinating and yet strangely overlooked. People seem to vaguely know that Arlington and Alexandria were once part of the District, but they don't know anything about why that was the case, what happened during those years and how it left. When I realized no book had ever been written about the subject, I knew I had something."



Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C. is available from local and online booksellers.

Dues Reminder

Notices for membership dues were mailed over the summer. If you have not already paid your dues, please take a moment to do so. Thank you for supporting Alexandria history!

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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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