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**DATE:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
**PLACE:** The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria  
**TIME:** 7:30 PM  
**SPEAKER:** Erica Nuckles, Director of History & Collections, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier PA

## FREE LECTURE

### “The Life and Times of Charlotte Browne: Gender and Rank during the Seven Years’ War

Please join historian Erica Nuckles as she relates the journey of Charlotte Browne, a British widow and mother who left her children in London to serve as matron of the British Army in North America during the Seven Years’ War. A woman of middling rank, Browne kept a journal of her experience that provides a unique, female perspective on the war. While the motivations and expectations she exhibited were typical of a middling British woman during the mid-eighteenth century, the context in which she lived her life was anything but.



A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Erica Nuckles is the new Director of History & Collections at Fort Ligonier in Ligonier, PA. She is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Albany, SUNY, working toward completion of her dissertation, “‘The Dutch had a very bad opinion of me’: Anglo-Dutch Relations in Albany during the Seven Years’ War.” Ms. Nuckles is an alumna of the 2013 Yale Public History Institute and has previously worked at Crailo State Historic Site: The Museum of the Colonial Dutch in the Hudson River Valley in Rensselaer, NY, the Carlyle House Historic Park in Alexandria, VA, the DAR Museum in Washington, DC and the Bushy Run Battlefield in Jeannette, PA.



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## AHS Spring Lecture Schedule

**May 20:** **“What a Place I Have Found: Julia Wilbur in Civil War Alexandria.** Paula Tarnapol Whitacre, former Foreign Service Officer, freelance writer and editor in Alexandria and board member of Friends of Alexandria Archaeology, will discuss the experience of a very intriguing woman. Julia Wilbur came to Alexandria in 1862 as a relief worker on behalf of the Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society and initially had no clear idea of what she would do or where she would live. What compelled her to travel alone so far during the Civil War and what did she hope to accomplish? How do we know her story? *Free*

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## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Alexandria History Awards

**April 22:** On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Alexandria Historical Society will present awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to the understanding and appreciation of local history. Each year, AHS honors authors, researchers and exceptional history students from Bishop Ireton, St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes, Episcopal and T.C. Williams high schools. Jennifer Griffin, one of our speakers, is a national security correspondent for FOX News Channel (FNC) and student award winner from St. Agnes School in 1987, and will represent our student winners. Yvonne Carignan, Head of Special Collections and Archives Department at George Mason University, will speak on behalf of our adult history award recipient. The award ceremony will take place at 7:30 PM at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street in Alexandria.

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## Accepting Nominations for AHS Board Members

There are three board member positions and one officer position (Secretary) open for the next year (beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>). If you would either like to nominate someone for a position or become a board member, please contact the President, Debbie Ackerman ([alexandriahistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriahistoricalociety@gmail.com)) or Vice President, Audrey Davis ([audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov](mailto:audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov)).

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## Spring Lecture Series at The Lyceum

**April 30:** **“The Meaning of Freedom in the Aftermath of Slavery, 1865-1867”** (Leslie Rowland, University of Maryland); **May 21:** **“The Art of Memorializing the Civil War”** (Susan Cumbey, Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site); **June 11:** **“Remembering the Civil War”** (Caroline Janney, Purdue University). Each lecture will be held at 7:30 PM at 201 South Washington Street in Alexandria for \$5. Please call 703.746.4994 or go to <https://shop.alexandria.gov> for more information.

## Carlyle House Event

**March 28: Braddock Day.** In the spring of 1755, Carlyle House served as the headquarters for British military operations in North America and was the temporary residence of Major General Edward Braddock. Meet General Braddock on Saturday, March 28 (10 AM – 4 PM) to step back in time and learn more about this historic visit as well as the sights and sounds of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Costumed interpreters will be on site to answer your questions. *Free (\$1 suggested donation).*

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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.

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