



Network News
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Welcome to spring. Many museums are planning fundraising events, musters, open houses and summer camps. Let us know and we can help to get the word out. And congratulations to Friendship Fire Company celebrating a milestone anniversary.

**Friendship & Firefighting in Alexandria
Celebrating 250 Years
of Friendship Fire Company**

Join us Saturday, May 18 in front of Friendship Firehouse
Museum, 107 S. Alfred St.
for a muster of over
15 ANTIQUE FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The event is **FREE**

*Sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association
and the Office of Historic Alexandria*
Alexandriava.gov/Historic

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact jim.holloway@alexandriava.gov or 703.748.4994, Virginia Relay 711

DO NOT OVERLOOK PLANNED GIVING!

BY Bill Hall

Every fire museum (any non-profit) should always include planned giving, also known as estate planning, in all donor contacts and publications. A short appeal on a regular basis keeps the topic in mind, especially as our donor base ages. It may just appeal to a donor doing estate planning. Who of us wouldn't be thrilled to be notified that our museum is a recipient of a donors' interest in our mission and their generosity? Keep the message out there in your on-going fund-raising efforts.

We received the following request for information. If you wish to help this gentleman, the contact information is included:

Dear Fire Museum Network,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to formally request information regarding the history of the Firefighting Museum for my research.

I am Mohammad Mohajjel Vala , a student specializing in Architecture, conducting research in the field of cultural history and museum studies. The aim of my research is to examine and analyze the history of the Firefighting Museum and its role in preserving the history and culture of the community.

Please provide details about the establishment, development, and any historical or cultural aspects that may be relevant to my study. Additionally, include any in-text sources or appropriate references that could be beneficial for my research. If there are specific points or additional recommendations regarding this research, I would appreciate your insights.

Thank you for your cooperation and the time you allocate for this request.

Best regards,

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We want to help you get the word out about your museum. Send your news for inclusion in this newsletter, and we will gladly send it in the monthly mailing.

The Board is considering a short survey to better provide networking information to our members. If there is something you would like to see included, send your request to <mailto:denverfireman@hotmail.com>

Meet the Board

Your Network is governed by a board of nine volunteers, each elected for a three-year term. You can contact them through the email contact form on the website, or directly at their email addresses. We are always looking for new enthusiastic volunteers. As you can see we come from all levels of experience and backgrounds.

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This newsletter is intended for our membership, and for all who are interested in preserving and interpreting the history of the fire service. Please forward to your membership, your board members and anyone else who may benefit.