

Lucy Burns Museum 91 Years of Prison History at Lorton

A New Museum to Open SOON at the Workhouse Arts Center

Volunteer Docents Urgently Needed

Did You Know?

- Over 70 women were illegally imprisoned in 1917 at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton? Their crime? Picketing the White House demanding women's right to vote.
- The prison located for nearly 100 years just off Ox Road in Lorton, Virginia, was for District of Columbia prisoners only? Seven separate prisons were scattered over a 3,000 acre site. The prison closed in 2001.
- One of the largest missile sites in the United States was for nearly 20 years during the Cold War located on the prison grounds. Unknown to many local residents, nuclear-tipped NIKE Hercules missiles were poised to attack Soviet bombers flying over this area.

The new **Lucy Burns Museum** will be opening at the Workhouse Arts Center in early 2020. The museum tells two stories—the 91 year history of the D.C. Department of Corrections prison at Lorton and the dramatic recounting of the experiences of the imprisoned suffragists.

Volunteers Needed

If you have an inquiring mind, are a history buff, or simply enjoy meeting people from all over the world, you'd make an excellent docent.

To learn more about the new museum, drop by the present Workhouse Prison Museum. The museum is open noon to 3 pm, Wednesday through Friday and noon to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Workhouse Prison Museum, Building 9
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