



# LUCY BURNS MUSEUM

*91 years of prison history at Lorton*

Opening January 25, 2020

**Grand Opening Celebration, May 9, 2020**

Workhouse Prison Museum (current/temporary Museum) Closing December 14, 2019

## Workhouse Arts Center Volunteer Docents Needed

### Did You Know?

- 72 women were imprisoned in 1917 at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton? Their crime was picketing the Woodrow Wilson White House for women's right to vote.
- The prison, located for nearly 100 years in Lorton, Virginia, was for District of Columbia prisoners only? Seven separate prisons existed on the 3,200-acre site. The prison closed in 2001.
- One of the largest NIKE missile sites in the United States was located on the Lorton prison grounds for nearly 20 years during the Cold War. Nuclear-tipped NIKE Hercules missiles were poised to attack Soviet bombers should they have flown over the region or Washington, DC.

The new **Lucy Burns Museum** will be opening at the Workhouse Arts Center in January 2020. The museum tells two stories—the 91-year history of the D.C. Department of Corrections prison in Lorton and the dramatic recounting of the experiences of the imprisoned suffragists. We are excited about the completion of this remarkable project and are looking for volunteers/docents to help us activate the new facility.

## What do you need to be a great docent?

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. The position engages directly with the public and tells all or part of the story of the site to museum visitors. To learn more about being a docent contact us at the information shown below and/or drop by the current/temporary Workhouse Prison Museum in Building 9 (open noon to 3 pm, Wednesday through Friday and noon to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday).

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