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Right Worshipful David N. Silver, Master of Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #120, tonight presented Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper with the Lodge's 2005 Community Builder Award. With the award, Ms. Pepper was given a check for the charity of her choice, which was the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum's Endowment Fund. Museum Board President Henry A. Hart gratefully received the gift, stating, "It is just this type of generosity and appreciation of history that makes Alexandria such a wonderful city."

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is one of Alexandria, Virginia's most important, yet least known historic sites. The Apothecary Shop's history encompasses four wars, rampaging epidemics and the remarkable history of its founder, Quaker and abolitionist Edward Stabler. The Shop functioned as a community pharmacy...serving such notable patrons as the George Washington family, James Monroe and Robert E. Lee; a wholesale druggist...providing raw materials and finished products to apothecaries, physicians and dealers; and a manufacturer...preparing finished medicines for patients, customers, other apothecaries and pharmacies. The Apothecary Shop was established in 1792 and operated continuously under the auspices of the Stabler-Leadbeater family until it closed in 1933.

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The Apothecary Shop's one hundred and forty one years of operating history are completed documented...day and prescription books, ledgers and formula books, diaries, recipe and minute books, orders, invoices, stock certificates and labels. Said the State of Virginia, "the collection appears to be one of the most impressive and continuous archives...extant."

The Stabler-Leadbeater Museum is the only Alexandria Museum with an original collection in its original location. Mason Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick, one of General Washington's last attending physicians, purchased phials, corks, paper pill boxes, cream of tartar and other medicines from Edward Stabler's Apothecary Shop. Benefits accrued to young and old alike.

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is located in two partially-restored Federal-style buildings at 105-107 S. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria. Most of the buildings' architectural features are original, dating from Stabler's purchases (1829 and 1805 respectively). The Museum's initial restoration effort began in 1939 and its first Historic Structures Report was completed in May 2000. The Apothecary Museum has been designated as Historic Landmarks by both the State of Virginia and the National Register of Historic Places.

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum has been closed since February 2004 for interior restoration. Among the Museum's restoration objectives, an increase in load capacity thereby improving its potential for admissions-paying visitors, school tours, and classroom activity. Program opportunities include collections management, public education (such as Black history) and children's science education.

To date the privately owned, 501c3 Apothecary Museum has raised more than \$200,000 for the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is restricted to museum operations. Contributions to the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum are tax deductible.

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is Alexandria's only historical science museum. In early summer, two pear-shaped show globes [circa 1850] will be returned to the windows once again inviting visitors to enter and learn.

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