

## **Controversy/History | Too Damn High! Violence in Richmond & the Path to Safer Communities**

Join the Valentine tomorrow as we invite Richmonders to take stock of our city's most pressing issues and ask: why is the cost of thriving in Richmond so damn high? Each conversation provides a forum for exploring the challenges facing the Richmond community as we dive deep into historical context, quantitative data and solution-oriented thinking.

Controversy/History is free and open to the public. Enjoy refreshments from a cash bar and dive into the conversation! Registration is not required, but encouraged.

Women in the Wickham House

March 27, 2025 | 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Explore the fascinating stories of the women who occupied the Valentine's Wickham House on this 45-minute guided museum tour. During the 19th and 20th centuries, the women who inhabited this historic home navigated the social, cultural and economic limitations of their times.

On this tour, we'll discuss new research into the lives of the women who lived and worked in the home, and the stark contrasts between their lives as mothers, daughters and enslaved laborers.

Registration not required. The Valentine offers

free admission every Thursday.

Join the Valentine to celebrate our 2025 Richmond History Makers!

April 10, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Valentine's Richmond History Makers program which recognizes community leaders, advocates and organizations across five unique categories. In addition, this year we will also recognize a Young Richmond History Maker with an award specifically designed for students who are making history in their own way.

Join us at the Valentine to celebrate our honorees on Thursday, April 10th.

Apply to be a Teacher Fellow

Are you a Richmond region teacher looking to gain professional development experiences in a museum setting? The Valentine Teacher Fellowship program provides teachers with the opportunity to make a tangible impact on museum programming during the summer. Fellows work with the Education Department to develop resources for programs based on our collection, assess existing programs and support our summer teacher workshops.

Applications are due Friday, March 28th.

Women's History Month

Maggie L. Walker: Richmond History Maker

Maggie Lena Walker (1864-1934) was born enslaved in the Church Hill neighborhood in Richmond, Virginia. Throughout her life, she was devoted to abolishing racism, sexism, and economic oppression. She raised her two sons, Russell and Melvin, in Jackson Ward with her husband.

After the Civil War ended, 4 million enslaved African-Americans were emancipated and were finally able to experience the liberties they long deserved; however, Jim Crow policies stunted the progress that African-Americans were making. Walker pushed for racial and gender equality, education reform, job creation, and business ownership for African-Americans throughout the country.