

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Learn Virgin Islands History At Fort Christiansvaern On Thursday

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In commemoration of Virgin Islands History Month being observed in March, a lecture on the history of the Virgin Islands will be held in the Steeple Building of the Christiansted National Historic Site on Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the National Park Service (NPS) has announced.

The Eastern National bookstore, a cooperating association with NPS, will sponsor the event, which will feature lectures from three local authors who will share local themes in their work and how Virgin Islands' history is discussed in the community.

The authors include Richard Schrader, Poet Laureate of the Virgin Islands, whose appearance will be his second in two years. Schrader will read from his past and present works.

Dr. Karen Thurland, who recently published a book on the history of sugar production on St. Croix, will also present from her recent work. And her sister, Anne Thurland, will discuss Virgin Islands participation in the Second World War from her recent work on the 873rd Port Company's Virgin Islands Orchestra during that period.

The event is free and open to the public.

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