



JTHG eNewsletter | December, 2006

Welcome to the December, 2006 Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership newsletter. What a year it's been- in this newsletter, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been accomplished, thanks to your support. Enjoy it, because in 2007, we begin anew. The New Year is upon us, and we are filled with resolution!

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Our goal is to encourage everyone to **Take the Journey™** and to experience *Where America Happened™* – and continues to happen every day. Please remember to check our website: <http://www.hallowedground.org/> for additional information. We hope you will also encourage others to do the same.

In the News

The Year In Review

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our supporters for your amazing efforts throughout the year. By way of an example, just last week we saw an outpouring of support to our Congressional leaders on behalf of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act legislation. We are so proud to have so many dedicated supporters and active partners. Your calls and emails made a lasting and positive impression on the House leadership. It is this grass roots support that allows us to effectively manage out many different outreach initiatives. To give you a snapshot of activity here at the JTHG, in the past week we held our annual all-day Board of Trustees meeting, a half-day meeting of the Summer Scholars Committee at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, VA, to work on our nation wide essay contest, and a half-day meeting of the Destination Marketing Committee, which made of of tourism professionals who discuss ways of providing a seamlessly positive and educational experience for visitors.

Due to the length and nature of the Lame Duck Session, there was not a vote on the JTHG National Heritage Area Act in the closing hours of the 109th Congress. We have been assured by Congressman Frank Wolf, our sponsor in the House, that this bill will be re-introduced in January, and in the coming year we will redouble our efforts to gain the historic recognition that this region so richly deserves. We're counting on your continued support in 2007 to make this designation happen!

Working together, we have accomplished so much. At the end of the year, we reflect on our Top Ten List of Accomplishments:

1. Created and published *The Journey Through Hallowed Ground: The Official Guide to Where American Happened*, written by David Lillard, with a forward by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks. This book not only features our partners, but is being provided to them as a means to raise funds for their operation.
2. Presented the JTHG to over **100 organizations** (the Partnership has been joined by 12 counties, 16 towns and cities, 12 business organizations and 17 heritage organizations) resulting in over 76 resolutions being adopted in support of The Journey.
3. Launched **college certificate course** on JTHG at the Northern Virginia Community College (now fully enrolled in its second year).
4. Created and underwrote The Journey Through Hallowed Ground *Extreme* two-week **summer camp** with Albemarle County public schools.
5. Hosted **African American Heritage Summit** (with 75 participants and scholars from 5 states), to increase research on and

awareness of the African American Heritage within the JTHG, as part of a grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

6. Hosted **Education Summit** with educators and deans from 5 states, and four meetings since of the standing committees formed to create field trips to historic sites for students of every age, and teaching materials to increase civic engagement and leadership experiences.
7. Featured in over **100 news articles**, including: National Geographic Traveler, Smithsonian and Albemarle magazines, full page articles in the Washington Post, the Times Mirror newspapers, in addition to national and regional radio features.
8. Secured sponsor for the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act in the House (**Congressman Wolf**) along with 20 co-sponsors and a sponsor in the Senate (Senator Allen) along with 2 co-sponsors for the JTHG National Heritage Area Act, being re-introduced in 2007. Created and independently funded a Feasibility Study, at no cost to the tax payer.
9. Worked with towns and counties along Rt. 15 in Virginia (Loudoun, Culpeper, and Orange counties and the towns of Leesburg, Warrenton, Culpeper, Orange and Gordonsville) who requested that their sections of the JTHG be named a **State Scenic Byway**, a step towards becoming a National Scenic Byway
10. With Visitor and Convention Bureau partners, created and printed **100,000 JTHG Visitor tear-off maps**, displayed in every partner visitor center from Gettysburg to Monticello. These maps highlight the fantastic cultural and historic attractions for visitors taking The Journey.

And that's just the beginning. Want to see what else we've been up to? Go to our website to see a full [Year In Review](#).

It's been a year worth celebrating! We've built incredible momentum, but nothing is more critical to the continued progress of our initiative than your support. If you have not already done so, we want you to join the Partnership, add your voice to the discussion and help create our future. Please consider becoming a volunteer, or making a small [contribution](#) to the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership. Every dollar will go toward honoring our heritage, conserving our natural and cultural resources, supporting our rural working landscape and Main Street communities, and sharing the story of *Where America Happened* with every student and visitor to this amazing place. Join us!

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JTHG Gallery Show Coming to Frederick, MD

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground and the **Downtown Frederick Partnership** invite you to join us for an exhibit of photographs from *Hallowed Ground: Preserving America's Heritage* on Saturday, January 6. The show, which is being held at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, will be part of Frederick's First Saturday event, during which visitors can enjoy exhibit openings, guest artists and live entertainment designed to showcase the best of downtown Frederick. You can also enjoy extended shopping hours at many of their fine specialty stores. The event will be catered by Firestone's Market, and wine will be provided courtesy of the Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery in Orange, VA. National geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett is planning on being on hand to sign limited edition prints from the show.

Where: The Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD

When: 6 - 9 pm

On a Personal Note...

On December 10th, a member of the JTHG team, 22 year old Jaime McClung, was driving home in the evening with her mother, Maureen Ready, when a deer ran across the road and forced Jaime to swerve and crash into a tree. While Jaime was treated for cuts and bruises, Maureen had to be medi-vacked to Fairfax INOVA Hospital, where she remains in critical condition in their intensive care unit.

Maureen, a mother of six children and their principle provider, works as a Realtor and at a local restaurant. Jaime, who joined The Journey full-time five weeks ago, is now looking after her siblings and has taken charge of her mother's medical care. The family is a member of the Purcellville Baptist Church, who as a community have rallied to provide gifts and holiday preparations for the family, while friends have set up a Christmas tree in their home. Maureen is facing additional surgeries and a difficult recovery, and in this season of appreciation for home and family, we here at the Journey join Maureen's friends in asking that you consider making a small donation to help defray the enormous medical expenses this hardworking family is facing. Middleburg Bank has set up a special account to accept donations at any one of their branches. Please make checks out to the McClung/Ready Family Fund, and either bring them to Middleburg Bank or mail checks to the **McClung/Ready Family Fund, P.O. Box 43, Waterford, VA, 20197.**

All of us here on The Journey Team thank you for your kindness and send our warmest hopes for safe travels this holiday season

Join the Partnership

Want to know how you can get involved? Visit our website, www.hallowedground.org or call our main offices (540.882.4929) to find out how to become a volunteer, underwrite a project, or become a Partner. You can also make a [contribution](#) through our website.

Enjoy The Journey! Get out and have some fun!

Upcoming Spotlight Events

Adams County, PA

Civil War Ball

A fancy dress ball with dance instruction prior to the ball. This is relaxed and fun for anyone who ever wanted to attend a Civil War ball! Sponsored by the Bed and Breakfasts Inside Gettysburg.

January 27

The Gettysburg Hotel Grand Ballroom

For More Information:
The James Getty Hotel
Tel: (717) 337- 1334

www.gettysburg.travel

Wine Appreciation Classes with Adams County Winery

Education, samples, light meal and fun! Tours available at the winery. Please RSVP.

January 13 & 14, 27 & 28

Jan. 13&14: The Winery, 251 Peach Tree Road in Orrtanna
Jan. 27&28: Tasting Shop, 25 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg, PA

For more Information, and to RSVP:
Tel: (717) 334-4631

www.adamscountywinery.com

Frederick County, MD

Model Railroad Open House

Operating model railroad in C&O Railroad car.

December 7, 14, 21 & 28
1 - 4 pm

Behind 423 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD

For more information, contact:

Tel: (301) 668-6371

www.fcsme.com/

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The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership is a 501-c3 public-private partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the heritage and cultural resources along the US Route 15 corridor, often referred to as the Old Carolina Road, from Gettysburg, PA to Monticello, VA. This 175-mile historic corridor is 'Where America Happened'- a corridor that holds more American history than any other swath of land in the United States.