



JTHG eNewsletter | August 2007

August has been a busy month for the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership. This month, we are proud to announce new support for the JTHG National Heritage Area Act, the fall schedule of community planning sessions for the JTHG National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Planning process, two major grants, and a new partner: The City of Manassas. We have made, and continue to make, great strides!

As summer winds down and we begin to gear up for fall, the JTHG team is excited to share some fantastic events that we hope will tempt you to take --and taste--the Journey. Fall is a great time to visit the area's vineyards! Or, if you can't make time for a visit this month, get a taste at home with our [JTHG wine](#) and plan your next trip with our travel guide, [The Journey Through Hallowed Ground—The Official Guide to Where America Happened](#).

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 the JTHG website: www.hallowedground.org for additional information. We hope you will also encourage others to do the same.

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In the News

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Unanimously Supported the JTHG National Heritage Area Act--Senator Specter Cosponsors Bill

Last month, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources unanimously supported the JTHG National Heritage Area Act and ordered the bill to be reported to the full Senate for consideration. We are thrilled to announce that Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania has endorsed the bill and will join forces with lead sponsor, Senator Warner, and Senators Cardin, Casey, Mikulski, Rockefeller and Webb as a cosponsor.

We would like to thank Senator John Warner and his staff for their continued support and dedication--which have moved this bill along to a vote. We are also grateful for the remarkable work of our council at Akin Gump and all partners who have helped make this critical effort become a reality!

JTHG National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Planning – Community Input

Sessions

In September, the JTHG Partnership will host a series of community meetings to begin developing the corridor management plan for the JTHG National Scenic Byway. The future of Route 15/20/231 is on the agenda, and we want to hear from you! Join architects, farmers, landowners, elected officials, VDOT and PennDOT engineers, historians and other stakeholders in each section of the corridor, as the group develops a vision and management plan for the National Scenic Byway corridor.

You can help support your community by attending the meeting closest to you and bringing along others who would like to get involved.

Charlottesville - Monday, September 10 – Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, 201 E. Market Street, 5 – 7 p.m.

Culpeper - Monday, September 17 – Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 302 North Main Street, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Leesburg - Tuesday, September 18 – Thomas Balch Library, 208 W. Market Street, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Gettysburg - Wednesday, September 19 – Adams County Agricultural Building, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, 5 – 7 p.m.

For further information, contact Shelley Mastran at shellmast@comcast.net or 703-318-0276.



JTHG Receives Significant Support in Grants and Gifts

This month, the JTHG Partnership received overwhelming support for our efforts in the form of two grants. Mr. Robert H. Smith, whose generous contributions have single-handedly ensured the preservation of American history, has given a \$400,000 challenge grant to the JTHG Partnership. This generous offer invites all JTHG supporters to give a gift, of any amount, to aid our efforts to raise \$600,000. Your gift today will help us meet this challenge and support JTHG education and heritage tourism programs and core operations. Will you consider placing your name next to Mr. Smith's and help us reach our matching goals? [Make a donation today!](#)

In addition, the JTHG Partnership has just received notice from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission of a \$15,000 matching grant to further our research efforts on African American history along the JTHG corridor. If your interests are more specifically directed towards helping our efforts to advance the national recognition for the contributions of African Americans, please donate funds to [help us match this fantastic grant](#).

JTHG Board of Trustees would also like to express their profound gratitude for the enormously generous support recently received from Cornelia Keller, a member of our Advisory Council and a significant force behind our intellectual and programmatic success. Ms. Keller has generously provided financial support, for the third year in a row, to help ensure the continued success of the JTHG Partnership. Beyond any other advisor, Ms. Keller continuously instigates new thoughts among our team, suggests innovative programs and provides critical insight into the means to bring the JTHG Partnership's efforts to every citizen and visitor within the Corridor. We cannot be more grateful to Ms. Keller for the consistency of her stewardship.

The JTHG Partnership is likewise indebted to Betsey and Harry Brown for generously providing funding to support our core operations, for the third year in a row, and, as much, we wish to thank

them both for their continued insight and leadership.

Manassas City Council Unanimously Approves Resolution to participate in JTHG

We are thrilled to announce that the Manassas City Council recently approved a resolution to join the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership with a unanimous vote of approval during their July 23 meeting. We welcome their participation and look forward to supporting their efforts to raise awareness of the rich history of Manassas through JTHG Partnership's awareness and educational initiatives.

"The City of Manassas, Manassas Museum System, and Historic Manassas, Inc. look forward to working with JTHG in further developing our historic sites in the context of the Journey," said Roxana Adams, Acting Director of Manassas Museum System. "We have a rich foundation of history in Manassas; we are delighted to be able to extend our interpretation of this history beyond our city limits and into the framework of all American history. We hope that the public-private partnerships and heritage tourism generated by JTHG will help generate positive economic impact for the City," she added.

Dr. Deborah Lee to Present Paper on the Journey

On March 31, 2008, Dr. Deborah Lee will present a paper on the *Power of Place* project at the 2008 Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting in New York. Her paper, which details her wonderful--and fruitful--experience working on the *Power of Place* project, is entitled *Refreshing Our Collective Memory: Collaborative Public History in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground*.

Dr. Lee holds a PhD in history from George Mason University and has been honored with multiple fellowships and awards. Her distinguished publishing and teaching career focuses on African American history in Virginia, particularly in Loudoun County.

The project brought together black and white local lay historians, academic scholars, historical societies and heritage site staff. Their focus was not just on places, but on people and their stories as well. In some cases, local residents have preserved key knowledge; in others, academic historians recover stories forgotten locally.



"By reconstructing together the history of the region, we are creating what Carter G. Woodson called for when he established Black History Week in 1926. 'What we need,' he declared, 'is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.' It is indeed bringing us all together," said Dr. Lee.

Partner News

Brandy Station Foundation Conducts Preservation Study at Graffiti House

This past July (20 - 24,) the Brandy Station Foundation conducted an "Investigation and Initial Paint Removal Study" at the Graffiti House. Kirsten Travers, a conservation technician working with the Foundation, made some significant--and exciting--[graffiti discoveries](#) during this exposure effort. This study was funded by a grant, supported by Senator Edd Houck and Delegate Ed Scott, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources. [Read more...](#)

National Park Service Awards Grant for Buckland Preservation Plan

The National Park Service recently announced that the American Battlefield Protection Program would award a grant of \$40,100 to the Buckland Preservation Society to develop a preservation plan for the Battle of Buckland Mills. The project goals include recognizing, preserving, rehabilitating, and protecting the battlefield, and promoting a heritage tourism/research center. The Battle of Buckland Mills was among the

Confederate cavalry's last victories of the Civil War.

What Others Are Saying...

See what others are saying about The Journey:

- [Prince Michel Offering Private Label Wine Collection](#), *The Culpeper Star Exponent*
- [Travel Bookshelf | Civil War byway worth saving](#), *Philly.com*
- [History Lesson Goes High Tech for Loudoun Students](#), *Leesburg Today*
- [Extreme Journey](#), *Orange County Review*
- From a parent letter sent to the Albemarle School Superintendent: *"This camp is a great experience and a wonderful opportunity for the students who have been fortunate enough to be involved. It combined history, technology, writing, research, physical activity and fun into a cohesive program with great final products. I just hope that there is a way to make this fantastic opportunity more accessible to additional children in the future."*
- [DINING REVIEW: Pomme](#), *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

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. You can also stay abreast of new developments with our [Action Alerts](#).

Enjoy the Journey! Get out and have some fun!

Upcoming Spotlight Events

Culpeper County, VA

Horse Shows in the Sun: Constitution Classic

The Constitution Classic is a part of a summer series of six horse shows at Commonwealth Park in Culpeper, Virginia. Horse Shows in the Sun Culpeper offers hunter, jumper and equitation competitions in six all-weather rings. Each event hosts approximately 900 to 1,300 horses. Shop in the Vendor Courtyard featuring 15 to 20 shops offering horse-themed gifts, clothes, art, antiques, and jewelry.

August 29 - Sept. 02
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Commonwealth Park
13246 Commonwealth Parkway
Culpeper, VA

Free Wednesday through Saturday.
Sunday admission is \$5 per person,
children under 12 free.

For More Information:
(540) 825-7469
www.hitsshows.com

Frederick County, MD

First Saturday Gallery Walk

Downtown Frederick is celebrating its recent win as a Great American Main Street! Come take part in the festivities and try

Sept. 1
5-9 p.m.
Frederick Main Street area
Patrick and Market Streets, Everedy

your hand at old-fashioned games throughout downtown. Enjoy hula hooping, watermelon seed spitting, searching for downtown treasure and more old-time activities. Look for exhibit openings, guest artists and live entertainment. More than 80 shops, galleries and restaurants are open until 9 p.m. or later.

Square and Shab Row
Frederick, MD

For More Information:
(301) 698-8118
www.downtownfrederick.org

2007 Maryland African American Heritage Preservation Conference

Join fellow preservationists, historians, neighbors, and friends at the three-day conference hosted by the Catoclin Center for Regional Studies. This year's theme, "Understanding the Roots of Building Historically Black Communities," will explore exciting developments in Maryland's African American preservation, history, and culture.

Sept. 27 -29
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Frederick Community College
7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick,
MD

For More Information:
(301) 251-2747
www.aapc-md.org

Loudoun County, VA

Twilight Tour at Ball's Bluff Battlefield

Join Bill Wilkin, veteran Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority volunteer and researcher, for a free twilight tour of Ball's Bluff. Learn about the only battle in which a serving US Senator died in combat. Tour will begin at the battlefield parking lot.

Sept. 2
Sun. 6 - 8 p.m.
Ball's Bluff Battlefield
Leesburg, VA

For More Information:
www.nvrpa.org

The Great Grape Wine Festival

Selected as "Best Pick" by the Washington Post in 2006. Celebrate the grape harvest with award winning wines, grape stomping competitions, craft and food vendors, kids' Grape Escape, u-pick apples, and wagonrides. Enjoy your favorite bottle of wine and live music at the Great Grape Bistro tent and make a day of it.

Sept. 22 - 23
Sat 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tarara Vineyard and Winery
13648 Tarara Ln.
Leesburg, VA

For More Information:
(703) 771-1000
www.tarara.com

Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit (Waterford Fair)

Experience the best three-day country weekend ever with a visit to the Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit, fondly known as the Waterford Fair. Carefully selected artisans - 160 from across the country - will demonstrate traditional craftsmanship. Five historic private homes will open their doors each day. Three floors of juried handcrafts are for sale in a restored brick mill. Vintage barns are transformed into galleries for paintings, photographs, and dried flowers. Civil War soldiers on horseback will reenact a past battle and there will be music everywhere!

Oct. 5 - 7
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily
Village of Waterford
all streets
Waterford, VA

\$13 per person in advance;
\$15 per person at the gate.
Children 12 and under are free.

For More Information:
(540) 882-3018
www.waterfordva.org

Do you have a special event you'd like to announce?
Please email us at jthg-office@jthg.org

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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.

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