

## JTHG eNewsletter | June/July 2007

Welcome to the June/July 2007 Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership newsletter. This month we received excellent news of support for the Journey and our partners, from grants to prestigious conference invitations. We also kicked off JTHG's National Scenic Byway corridor management process with a meeting in Leesburg of elected officials and community planners from Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. Be sure to read to the end of the newsletter for events sponsored by our partners -- summer is a great time to explore all that the Journey has to offer! Just ask the students participating in the *Extreme* JTHG Summer Camp!

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

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### In the News

#### Students Embark on Historic Adventure with The *Extreme* Journey Through Hallowed Ground Summer Camp

This summer, for two weeks, more than 50 students from Albemarle and Loudoun County, Virginia, public schools participated in an unforgettable—and *extreme*—journey as they hiked, biked, and canoed through the paths of history between Gettysburg and Monticello. Using state-of-the-art video iPods, video cameras, and digital cameras, students in The *Extreme* JTHG Summer Camp created video documentaries, or “vodcasts,” to journal their experience. This year, students also posted daily blog entries on the Loudoun Times Mirror’s newly launched website. [Read the interactive posts.](#)

In mid-July, the group of sixth through eighth grade students got a hands-on lesson in American heritage and leadership. Working with expert historians and National Park Service Rangers, students posed as spies to uncover the region’s rich history from the Revolutionary period through the Civil War.



C&O Park Ranger leads campers through the C&O Canal

Angela Stokes, former Albemarle County gifted and talented teacher and JTHG's new director of education programs, said "The rich American heritage found along the Journey has shaped our contemporary American experience. The *Extreme* JTHG Summer Camp is an exciting way to get students to understand that history is not just something from our distant past, but rather something that we live every day. Plus, it's just a lot of fun, too!"

As a testament to last summer's success, the program, co-sponsored by The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, has expanded from one session in 2006 to two sessions this summer: one offered by Albemarle Public Schools and one offered by Loudoun County Public Schools. JTHG hopes to raise additional funds to underwrite the 2008 *Extreme* Camp and encourage students from other counties to *Take the Journey™*. Support this fantastic effort and [donate today!](#)



A student creates his vodcast in the filmmaking lab

Visit the JTHG website for more information or to [watch the \*Extreme\* video](#).

### JTHG Wins Second Grant from the Virginia Foundation for Humanities



A reenactment at Gettysburg. Photo by Ken Garrett

We had no sooner filed our final report on the 2006-2007 research project, *The Power of Place: Understanding the African American Experience Along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground*, when we got the exciting call that we received a second grant to create a book detailing the 100 sites and personalities profiled in *The Power of Place*.

The book will contain in-depth information about the historical significance of each site and its place in American history. The final section will also include African American travel itineraries and a map of the different places mentioned to facilitate visitation and encourage heritage tourism.

The history of the sites highlighted provide a picture of the African American experience in the JTHG. They allow us to understand the story of African American leadership through slavery, the abolition movement, war and peace, the story of economic contribution, daily community life and the important role of religion.

By raising awareness about unknown and undocumented African American historic sites, this publication will help us rethink our current understanding of well-known historical sites. It will also provide National Parks and others with research on those historic sites and organizations and a model to integrate African American history into the interpretation available at their sites.

### Community Planning Begins for the Route 15 National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

On June 15, the town of Leesburg hosted a Leadership Council meeting with elected officials, planners and destination marketing professionals from jurisdictions along the Journey. The JTHG Partnership led a review of the corridor management process for Route 15, an essential first step in the JTHG Partnership's application for Route 15 to become a National Scenic Byway.

The JTHG Partnership has retained



Lardner/Klein, an Alexandria, VA, based landscape architecture firm, to lead the creation of a corridor management plan. As part of the corridor management plan, the Lardner/Klein team will conduct an engineering and traffic safety analysis of the corridor and provide Context Sensitive Solutions to enhance Route 15. In the coming months, the firm will conduct a series of community meetings along the Journey and will ask participants to consider:



Kai Hagen, Frederick County, MD Commissioner, Flo Ford, Administrator, Cumberland Township, PA and Richard Smoyer, Adams County, PA Director of Planning

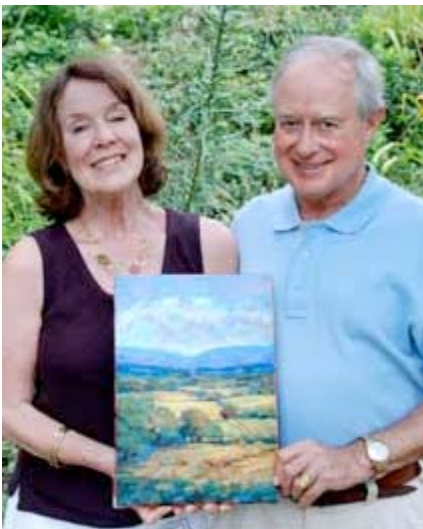
- the most important aspects of the current Route 15
- how the corridor and road right-of-way contribute to or detract from commerce, tourism or quality of life for the citizens in the region
- immediate and long-term improvements to the road corridor or right-of-way

"Each participant contributed significantly to outlining the goals and objectives of the corridor management process as we move forward," said Cate Magennis Wyatt. "The consensus was that the three states involved will take a collaborative approach and that safety improvements must be made, but that these improvements can be planned so that the cultural fabric of the region is respected."

"It never fails to amaze me how dedicated the Leadership Council is to achieving the goal of attaining the National Scenic Byway Designation for the JTHG corridor," said Flo Ford of the Cumberland Township. "There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the room as we all worked toward a common goal and it made me proud to be part of such a wonderful group of individuals."

The meeting in Leesburg was the first of many meetings planned along the Journey corridor in coming months. For more information, contact Shelley Mastran at shellmast@comcast.net.

### **Famed Loudoun County Artist, Antonia Walker Captures the Journey's Essence**



Antonia Walker with Peter Brink, Vice Chair of the JTHG Partnership Board of Trustees and Sr. Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, admiring Antonia's painting used for the JTHG wine label

We are honored that Antonia Walker not only created a stunning landscape in oil, but graciously donated the finished piece to the Journey Through Hallowed Ground to help our efforts. The painting was unveiled as the label for the new Journey Through Hallowed Ground wine by Prince Michel Vineyard & Winery and will be used on note cards and other promotional material.

"The reason I wanted to do this painting for the Journey is because I am a landscape painter, and this landscape has been inspiring me for years," said Ms. Walker, " All of the different colors of farmland, the golden fields of hay, the blue green fields of rye and alfalfa, the mountains, the trees, you're beginning to see less and less of it. It just feeds my soul. The Journey is a brilliant idea, and I wanted to support it."

A recent visiting artist to the American Academy in Rome, Antonia Walker is known for her paintings of the Virginia countryside, as well as images of Italy and France. She received a BFA from the University of Georgia and attended graduate school at George Washington University. She has also trained extensively in South America and Europe. Antonia's work has been represented in many

collections including the Arts-in-Embassy program of the State Department, in a traveling NASA exhibit celebrating the space program, and in many corporate and private collections throughout the country. Further works can be seen at Gallery 222 in Leesburg , the Handwright Gallery in New Canaan, CT, and the Susan Calloway Gallery in Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, DC.

## Spotlight on Paul McDonald, Director of Traveler Services



Paul McDonald is charged with enhancing the traveler's experience along the Journey. He explained that what excites him most about his work is the opportunity "to direct my passions -- history & travel -- to such a worthy and important cause."

"It's one thing to take Americans to the Tower of London or Red Square. It's quite another to take Americans to the birthplace of our nation and say, 'This happened right here, and this is why it's important' or 'You've heard of this person, but perhaps not about this part of his life. Here's what led up to it,'" added Paul. I'm doing my part to restore our civic identity, our sense of ourselves... to understand how we got here, what was sacrificed, and what needs to be done to celebrate our accomplishments and honor those who sacrificed before us. It is uplifting ... it's a calling."

Paul, grew up in Connecticut and Fairfax, VA, and graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in history. He recently proposed marriage to Carmen Edwards of Hartsville, SC, and popped the question on the Kemper Trail at Monticello... "the Journey is near and dear to both of us now!"

### Thank you!

None of our work would be possible without your generous support. We would like to express our sincerest thanks for donations and support recently received from:

- Betty DeRamus
- George and Marcia de Garmo
- Josie Ballato
- Stuart Haney
- Remington International
- Joanna Weeks
- The National Trust for Historic Preservation
- The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities
- Mrs. Jacqueline Mars
- The Prince Charitable Trusts
- As well as two anonymous donors

Your support is critical in ensuring our success as we aim to celebrate the unparalleled history and culture of this region. Would you like to support our efforts? If so, please visit the [JTHG Partnership online](#).

### Employment Opportunities: You Saw It Here First!

We are about to advertise for two new positions but want to offer this to you first:

**Director of Development:** Are you an experienced development professional or do you know a fundraiser who would jump at the opportunity to work to create this National Treasure?

**Executive Assistant:** Are you detailed oriented and proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Sage and Outlook and itchin' to work with a great team of professionals on a seriously wonderful effort?

Send resume and cover letter to Jaime McClung at [Jaime@jthg.org](mailto:Jaime@jthg.org). See our [employment posting](#) for more details.

## Partner News

### Governor Kaine Announces Grant to Preserve President Madison's Estate

Governor Kaine announced recently that Montpelier and the Piedmont Environmental Council have received a

grant to purchase a 700-acre easement on forest and open-space surrounding the core of James Madison's Montpelier estate in Orange County. Historic resources include the home of George Gilmore, an African-American slave owned by the Madison family and emancipated after the Civil War, as well as important archeological and historical resources associated with Civil War operations.

Congratulations to Montpelier and PEC on preserving this important piece of America's history!

### What Others Are Saying...

See what others are saying about The Journey:

- [Through the Eye of a Spy](#), *The Evening Sun*
- [Manassas Might Join Historical Program](#), *The Washington Post*
- [A Remarkable Journey](#), editorial in the *Fauquier Times-Democrat*

### Join the Partnership

Want to know how you can get involved? Visit our website, [www.hallowedground.org/](http://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

#### Loudoun County, VA

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##### Four Seasons of Oatlands Art Show

More than 80 artists and 200 pieces of artwork in various media will be highlighted at the Ninth Annual Four Seasons of Oatlands Art Show and Sale. The juried show depicts images from the Mosby Heritage Area and the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground," the endangered Route 15 corridor between Gettysburg and Monticello.

July 9 - August 19  
Oatlands Plantation  
Leesburg, VA

For More Information:  
[www.oatlands.org](http://www.oatlands.org)

#### Orange County, VA

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##### Orange County Fair

Join local farmers, craftsmen, cooks, and gardeners for an annual celebration of rural life in the Virginia Piedmont. Sponsored by the Orange County Fair Board and the 4-H Club.

July 26 - 29  
James Madison's Montpelier  
Montpelier Station, Virginia

For More Information:  
(540) 661-5393  
[www.orangecountyvafair.com](http://www.orangecountyvafair.com)

#### Albemarle County, VA

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##### Tomato Tasting at Monticello

Heirloom tomatoes are now at the height of fashion, and one can only marvel at the genetic diversity found in everyone's favorite homegrown vegetable. Tomatoes are finally being esteemed, first and foremost, for their flavor, and this participatory workshop will examine and rate a sample of varieties now available to gardeners. Maggie Thompson will host this workshop, and registrants are encouraged to bring in their own favorite garden varieties. Reservations required.

Aug. 4  
9:30 a.m.  
Monticello Garden Shop

For More Information:  
(434) 984-9822  
[www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org)

### **Summer Fruit Tasting at Monticello**

Come and enjoy the harvests of summer, what Thomas Jefferson referred to as "precious refreshment." On site, in the Monticello Fruit Garden, Tom Burford, Peter Hatch, Gabriele Rausse, and Fruit Gardener Kerry Gilmer will entertain participants with the fruits of summer -- early apples, peaches, figs, grapes, nectarines, apple cider, blackberries, pears, and others. Short talks on the history of fruit growing in Virginia will vary the menu in this informal two-hour feast in Jefferson's Fruiterie. Reservations required.

Aug. 11  
9:30 a.m.  
Monticello Garden Shop

For More Information:  
(434) 984-9822  
[www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org)

## **Fauquier County, VA**

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### **Annual Warrenton Horse Show**

One of the oldest hunter/jumper shows in the United States. The four-day event involves horse & rider competitions in classes for hunters, jumpers, junior hunters, ladies side saddle, Hunt teams, Hunt pairs and field hunters. Don't miss Hunt Day on Sunday and the ever popular terrier races.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2  
Horse Show Grounds  
60 E. Shirley Avenue, Warrenton

For More Information:  
(540) 347-9442  
[www.warrentonhorseshow.com](http://www.warrentonhorseshow.com)

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Do you have a special event you'd like to announce?

Please email us at [jthq-office@jthq.org](mailto:jthq-office@jthq.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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