



## JTHG eNewsletter | March, 2007

Welcome to the March, 2007 Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership newsletter. There has been great news this past month, and we have a lot to tell you about: progress for the JTHG National Heritage Area Act in Congress; a new online resource for teachers and a free training session for our partners. But the biggest news is our upcoming Leadership Summit. We hope you can join us to reflect on what's been accomplished, and decide where you want The Journey to take you next.

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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.

### Registration for JTHG Annual Leadership Summit Filling Up Quickly

**April 25 & 26, 2007**  
**Leesburg, VA**

Spaces for the Annual Leadership Summit are going fast as we approach the April 6th deadline, so register today at [www.HallowedGround.org](http://www.HallowedGround.org).

With special thanks to the Town of Leesburg, we are thrilled that Congressman Frank Wolf and John Nau, Chairman of the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, will be our special guests. Please join us to contribute your ideas for the future of the Partnership, applaud the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Leadership Awards winners, attend a reception to connect with your partners and take special tours, including a guided shopping trip in Downtown Leesburg or an the *Extreme* Journey tour for the adventurous.

To register, please visit our website at [www.HallowedGround.org](http://www.HallowedGround.org).

### In the News

#### JTHG Main Street Coalition Holds Workshop in Thurmont, MD



On March 15, Main Street directors from Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia gathered to discuss how to link together the Main Streets in the JTHG region and promote each community as a destination. Hosted by Vickie Grinder and Thurmont First at the famous Cozy Restaurant and Inn, the meeting generated a wealth of ideas for the JTHG Gallery Shows and community briefings, cultural festivals and themed tours. As the representatives of unique places in America, our Main Street representatives are both incredibly knowledgeable about local culture and history, and very dedicated to the communities they serve. Keep an eye out for a Journey event coming to a Main Street or historic downtown near you!

## **NEW Web Resource for Teachers!**

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership is very proud to announce the launch of our new [Education web page](#). Designed with teachers in mind, the Education page features Field Trip Guides to historic sites along the JTHG, lesson plans, and "Fun Facts" for kids. The page allows teachers to search for field trips by historic period, geographic region or SOL, and includes an interactive map of sites. We will be expanding this page continuously, and sites interested in having their education programs featured on the page can email [Abigail@jthg.org](mailto:Abigail@jthg.org) for further information.

The web page and Field Trip Guides were developed by a volunteer committee of educators for the JTHG Partnership, and it is thanks to the efforts of this committee that we are able to bring you the Education page. With that in mind, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership would like to extend our deepest thanks to Martha Bar of Ash Lawn-Highland, Ken Bassett of Prince William County Public Schools, Christian Cotz of James Madison's Montpelier, Rich Gillespie of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, Marye Griffith of Culpeper County Public Schools, Caroline Lowry of Monticello, and Tim Thomas of James Madison University for their guidance and expertise.

A very special thank you also to Ed Lehmann, Journey Through Hallowed Ground IT consultant and architect of the Hallowed Ground.org website, for his tireless efforts and invaluable talent.

## **Update: The JTHG National Heritage Area Act Passes House Committee, Senate Hearing**

On March 7th, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act (HR 319, S 289), the Natural Resources Committee voted favorably to report HR 319 to the full House for a vote. "This is a positive first step forward in the important initiative to promote what is perhaps the most historically significant area in the United States," said Congressman Frank Wolf, the bill's lead sponsor in the House.

Nearly two weeks later on Tuesday, March 20th, the Act had a hearing in the Senate before the Subcommittee on National Parks, during which written testimony was submitted and heard. S. 289 will now go to a committee for mark-up, scheduled to take place after recess.

The Partnership wishes to thank Congressman Frank Wolf and Senator John Warner for their combined leadership of this four-state initiative. We also wish to thank the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP for its pro bono work, and the hundreds of Journey Partners who called and emailed members of both the House and Senate committees. If you would like to know how you can help make the Journey a National Heritage Area, [sign-up](#) for our Action Alerts, to receive frequent updates and opportunities to take action.

## **Partnership Opportunity: Facilitator Training with Barbara Sloan**

The JTHG Partnership is holding a Facilitator Training workshop on April 11th in Loudoun County, VA. The training session is being lead by Barbara Sloan, President of Sloan Dialogs, LLC, an internationally recognized consultancy specializing in change, strategic planning, executive coaching and team building. She facilitates high quality dialog among people and groups to spark creativity, establish understanding, and forge alliances-- to realize the capacity for full collaboration. She designs and facilitates meetings that bring together stakeholders, and provides coaching aimed at helping organizations improve results by maximizing the results of key individuals. Barbara has over 30 years of experience and her clients include profit, non-profit, public and private sector organizations like National Public Radio, the Gillette Company and the World Bank.

As a special offer to our partners, the JTHG has expanded the training session to allow spaces for 15 additional participants. Meeting facilitation is an invaluable skill when partner collaboration is key to the success of an organization, and we are happy to be able to provide this opportunity to the Partnership. There will be no cost for the program, although participants are asked to bring \$10 for the cost of lunch. This will be an all-day session. If you are interested, please contact our main office at [jthg-office@jthg.org](mailto:jthg-office@jthg.org).

## **In The News...**

See what others are saying about The Journey in:

- [The Culpeper Star-Exponent](#)
- [The Richmond-Times Dispatch](#)

## The People Behind the Journey

**Spotlight On: Cheryl Kilday, Trustee of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership**

As President and CEO of the Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association, Cheryl Kilday has spent the past eleven years attracting visitors from around the globe to Loudoun County, and she well knows how special and compelling the history and culture of this region is for tourists. As the leader of a team of tourism professionals that develop and implement strategies to promote Loudoun County and its towns, Cheryl also knows how important the industry is to local economies. She has witnessed firsthand the opportunities presented by collaboration in her position as the chair for the Northern Virginia Visitors Consortium, and sees the Journey providing similar opportunities for the JTHG region. "The Journey Through Hallowed Ground enables partners to determine how to best maximize on the resources that collaboration brings while strengthening their own tourism message," she said. "The JTHG Partnership inspired me years ago to think differently about this historic corridor, and how we can capitalize on the numerous opportunities for increased visitation that this program present, and help our local communities benefit from the economic impact of that visitor spending." Cheryl's expertise has helped the Journey boost visitation to historic sites and downtowns. Dan Jordan, President of The Thomas Jefferson Foundation, recently noted an increase in visitation to Monticello in the past year and said "The success of the JTHG Partnership in raising awareness of this unparalleled heritage along this corridor coupled with the collaborative heritage tourism and education programs of the JTHG Partnership have undoubtedly contributed to our success in 2006.



Cheryl Kilday,  
The Journey Through  
Hallowed Ground Board of Trustees  
Photo courtesy of  
the LCVA

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership needs volunteers for our upcoming Leadership Summit! For the two day meeting, being held in the Town of Leesburg over April 25 & 26, The Journey is asking for volunteers to:

- Greet and check-in participants, and help direct participants throughout the two-day summit.
- Assist in organization and set-up of different rooms and events.
- Help lead shopping and history tours and guide groups through set activities.
- Assist in manning booths and at the JTHG merchandise table.

This is a great opportunity to give back to your community by donating your most valuable asset- your time- to The Journey, a 501-c3 non-profit organization. Meals and volunteer identification will be provided, along with our thanks and appreciation. To volunteer, email [jthg-office@jthg.org](mailto:jthg-office@jthg.org).

## How To Fund Your Educational Programs

To celebrate the launch of the new Journey Through Hallowed Ground Education web page, this month we will highlight a number of organizations that support educational programs. This is once again a partial selection from our database; please contact our Director of Development, Lorinda Laryea, for a full listing at [lorinda@jthg.org](mailto:lorinda@jthg.org).

### Annenberg Foundation

[www.annenbergfoundation.org](http://www.annenbergfoundation.org)

The Annenberg Foundation exists to advance the public well-being through improved communication. Its major program areas are education and youth development; arts and culture; civic, community and the environment; and health and human services.

### Captain Planet Foundation

[www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html](http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html)

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to fund and support hands-on environmental projects for children and

youths. The objective is to encourage innovative programs the empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

#### **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

[www.claudemoorefoundation.org](http://www.claudemoorefoundation.org)

Dr. Claude Moore established the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation in 1987 to enhance educational opportunities for young people in the Commonwealth of Virginia and elsewhere.

#### **Corporation for Public Broadcasting**

[www.cpb.org/grants/historyandcivics/](http://www.cpb.org/grants/historyandcivics/)

The objective of CPB's American History and Civic Initiative is to catalyze new partnerships among public television, filmmakers and other content developers, the education community, the high technology sector, and others to design new, groundbreaking media projects that measurably improve the learning of American History and enhance civic participation among middle and high school students.

#### **National Education Foundation**

[www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm)

The NEA Foundation supports a variety of efforts by teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to improve student learning in the nation's public schools, colleges and universities.

#### **Department of Education**

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml](http://www.ed.gov/fund/landing.jhtml)

### **Partner Profile: The Waterford Foundation**

*As part of our mission to raise awareness of the historic resources within the JTHG region, we are pleased to bring you our Partner Profiles. This space will be dedicated to introducing people to lesser known historic sites, and sites that need support from the public to sustain their operations or fund special projects.*

The Waterford Foundation is a community organization dedicated and interpreting the National Historic Landmark District of Waterford, Virginia. That district encompasses the early Quaker village of Waterford and its extraordinary collection of 18th and 19th century buildings set within 1,420 acres of rolling farmland. Founded in 1773, Waterford was the only town in Virginia to stay loyal to the Union during the Civil War, and is rich with African American History.



The Old School

The central gathering place for the village has always been the iconic building known as the Old School, which serves as the community center and hosted nearly all of the village's activities. Tragically, on January 25, 2007 the building was severely damaged in an accidental early morning fire that began in or near the propane furnace. While the classroom portion of the building was saved by heroic efforts from multiple fire companies from Loudoun County and Maryland, the auditorium was a total loss. "It was like losing part of your home," said Foundation Executive Director John Kornacki.



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Insurance for rebuilding and restoring structures following historic guidelines has often proved inadequate, so to cover the shortfall the Waterford Foundation has established a Rebuild the Old School fund. Proceeds from the fund will supplement reconstruction costs not covered by insurance and to maintain ongoing educational and cultural programs of the foundation and community.

**To Support:** Donations can be mailed to The Waterford Foundation, P.O. Box 142, Waterford, VA 20197.

**To Learn More:** Visit [www.waterfordva.org](http://www.waterfordva.org), or stop by the Foundation's Corner Store headquarters for a guided tour of the village.

### **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

### Frederick County, MD

#### Frederick Artist Market

The Artist Market is an indoor art and craft market featuring local and regional artists. Various artists displaying their photography, painting, pottery, jewelry, wood, glass, hand-woven scarfs, furniture, print-making, music and more. This event is handicapped accessible.

April 15  
1-5 pm  
Cultural Arts Center of Frederick  
County

15 W. Patrick Street

For More Information:  
Tel: (301) 662-4190

[www.frederickartscouncil.org](http://www.frederickartscouncil.org)

### Washington County, MD

#### Community Concert- The Four Freshman

The Hagerstown Community Concert Association presents, live on stage, the 22nd incarnation of the group performing many original hits, old favorites, some jazz and instrumental selections sure to please all ages.

April 17  
7:30 pm

The Maryland Theatre  
Hagerstown, MD

For More Information,  
contact:

Tel: (301)733-842

[www.mdtheatre.org](http://www.mdtheatre.org)

### Loudoun County, VA

#### Auditions for Loudoun Museum Heritage Players

The Loudoun Museum is expanding a volunteer repertory group and they want you! The Loudoun Museum Heritage Players will perform historical plays and dramas interpreting Loudoun and Leesburg histories in commemoration of their 250th anniversaries. There are many roles available for men and women of all ages. Auditions will consist of reading selected scenes from the script that will be provided to you prior to the audition. For more information, contact Melissa Zellers, Director of Education at the Loudoun Museum.

April 9 & 10  
7-9 pm

The Loudoun Museum  
16 Loudoun Street  
Leesburg, VA

For more information, contact:

Tel:(703) 777-7427

[mzellers@loudounmuseum.org](mailto:mzellers@loudounmuseum.org)

### Albemarle County, VA

#### Lecture at Monticello: "Renewing America's Food Traditions"

The Lynn Richmond Memorial Lecture "Renewing America's Food Traditions" will be held on April 21st at the Jefferson Library. Gary Nabhan, author and director of the Center for Sustainable Environments, will discuss regional food and what it means for the future of America. Tickets are priced at \$5.

April 21  
9:30 am

Jefferson Library  
Monticello

For more information,  
contact:

Tel: (434) 984-9822  
[www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org)

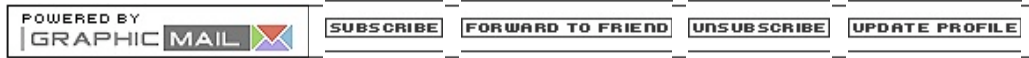
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Do you have a special event you'd like to announce?  
Please email us at [jthg-office@jthg.org](mailto:jthg-office@jthg.org)

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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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