

JTHG eNewsletter | October 2007

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

House Passes JTHG National Heritage Area Legislation

We could not be more thrilled to share that on Wednesday, October 24, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Celebrating America's Heritage Act (H.R. 1483), a bill that includes the JTHG National Heritage Area, by a vote of 291 to 122. The House stood behind the more than 150 resolutions of support from local governments; businesses; civic organizations; educators and citizens who have all acknowledged the importance of the JTHG National Heritage Area and the unparalleled American history found in this region. This legislation is now on its way to the Senate.

The JTHG Partnership especially wishes to thank Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) and his team for their leadership, and each of you for your dedication and continued support.

Getting Educated with Angela Stokes, JTHG Director of Education



Q. What new JTHG education programs are in the works for the coming months?

A. The newest educational initiative is the [2008 Extreme Summer Scholars](#) program for high school students. We are excited to partner with the nationally renowned **University of Virginia Summer Enrichment Program** to offer this academic experience to rising ninth through eleventh graders nationwide. Just as exciting as this new program is the generous gift given to the JTHG Partnership by Mrs. Jacqueline Mars, which allows students who reside in counties along the Journey to be eligible for a full scholarship to attend this two-week program. The 2008 Extreme Summer Scholars program builds on the successful Extreme JTHG Summer Camp we have offered over the past two years for middle school children and responds to the request from

past campers for a high school level program.

Students will hike, bike and canoe through our historic and scenic landscape with video cameras, digital cameras and iPods we provide them as they capture their experience and create their own documentary from their insights. They will walk in the boots of those who went before them and address such questions as, "What hung in the balance as Thomas Jefferson labored over the text of the Declaration of Independence? And what did George Gilmore gain by staying in the south after the Emancipation Proclamation? They'll then look at the consequences of these decisions and how the leadership lessons of those who lived within the JTHG can be applied today.

This two-week residential program is slated for June 22 – July 3rd and scholarship applications are available now on the [JTHG website](#). Other programmatic material will be posted on the JTHG and the University of Virginia SEP website on December 1.

Q. How are you working with educators to tell the story of our American heritage to students along the Journey and across the nation?

A. We work every day to make it as easy as possible for educators and students to experience the heritage sites along the JTHG. Our website offers lesson plans that connect teachers to the sites as well as comprehensive field trip guides that provide "one-stop shopping" for field experiences.

Just this month we met with educators during the Virginia Council of Social Studies Teachers Conference and with instructors at the Virginia Association for Gifted Teachers to share with them the vast amount of resources available. In both cases, teachers were presented with background information regarding the heritage and teaching materials within the JTHG and specific details about how to access the 2008 *Extreme* Summer Scholars program.

Q. Where can readers go to get more information and take advantage of these programs?

A. Go to the [JTHG website](#). We love to build programs customized for students or teachers in each county, so give us a call at 540-882-4929 or email us at education@jthg.org. We also encourage readers to advise interested rising ninth through eleventh graders of the scholarship opportunities through the 2008 *Extreme* Summer Scholars program.

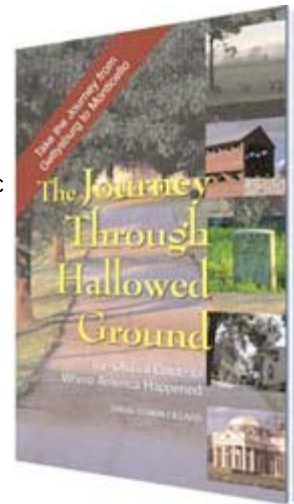
JTHG Partnership Receives Scenic VA's Creative Scenic Enhancement Award

On Friday, October 26, 2007, the JTHG Partnership received the Creative Scenic Enhancement Award from Scenic Virginia for "showcasing the numerous assets and extraordinarily rich history, culture and natural resources along the route that originates in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; travels south along Route 15 through Frederick County Maryland; and culminates at Monticello."

Founded in 1998 and based in Richmond, Scenic Virginia promotes and sponsors programs that enhance landscapes, promote tourism and economic development, encourage natural beauty in the environment, preserve historical and cultural resources, and improve community appearance. We are honored by this award and thank Scenic Virginia for all that they do for the Commonwealth.

Book Signing of JTHG Travel Guide at 30th Annual National Press Club Bookfair

If you want to *Take the Journey™*, one of the best ways to do it is with our travel guide, [The Journey Through Hallowed Ground—The Official Guide to Where America Happened](#), in hand! The guide features a full-color fold-out map, twelve detailed maps of the corridor, county-by-county guides to the sites, attractions and back roads, and eight "Create Your Own Journeys" based on themes like U.S. Presidents, African American History, natural history and scenic views.



If you want to meet the author, noted travel writer David Edwin Lillard, there is no better time than at the **30th Annual National Press Club Bookfair**. Lillard is one of 80 authors selected to sign at one of Washington's most prestigious literary events, which attracts authors from across the nation, and draws hundreds of readers and publishers.

The NPC Bookfair takes place November 1, 2007, in the National Press Club's ballroom. Admission is free for members of the National Press Club and \$5 for non-members, with tickets available for purchase at the door. The Book Fair is open from 5:30 to 6 p.m. for members only; and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to non-members.

The JTHG Partnership Announces Its 2007 Board of Trustees



Since the formation of the JTHG Partnership we owe a great deal of our success to the fantastic and dedicated members of our Board of Trustees. As we welcome our 2007 Board, we want to especially acknowledge our

appreciation to Kat Imhoff, our first Chairman, whose vision and leadership played an integral role in making the Partnership's vision a reality. Kat's service to the Board leaves a lasting legacy and the eternal gratitude of each Trustee and partner.

We also wish to acknowledge the new Chairman of the 2007 Board of Trustees, Arthur "Nick" Arundel, founder of Arcom Communications and the Chairman and Publisher of the 20 Times Community Newspapers. Mr. Arundel brings to the Chairmanship unprecedented experience and vision. He is joined by the following Trustees and Officers:

Cheryl Kilday, Treasurer, and President and CEO, Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association; Alice Estrada, Secretary and Executive Director, The Gettysburg Festival, Inc.; Trustees Peter Brink, Senior Vice President for Programs, The National Trust for Historic Preservation; John Fieseler, Executive Director, Tourism Council of Frederick County; Kevin Fry, President and CEO, Scenic America; Gilbert M. Grosvenor, Chairman, National Geographic Society; Katherine "Kat" Imhoff, Vice President, Thomas Jefferson Foundation; Kathleen Kilpatrick, State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Historic Resources; Jim Lighthizer, President, Civil War Preservation Trust; Christopher Miller, President, Piedmont Environmental Council; Don Pongrace, Partner, Akin Gump; Virginia Warner, Founder, The Virginia S. Warner Foundation; David F. Williams, Partner, Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft.

Corridor Management Planning Advisory Committee Meets

On October 12th, local elected officials from the Journey region, along with representatives from the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia Departments of Transportation, joined tourism professionals to hear preliminary results from the Corridor Management Plan community input meetings held in Charlottesville, Culpeper, Leesburg and Gettysburg. This integral step enabled elected officials to review the public comments and add their input to the visioning process. Likewise, it provided a forum to hear from the Department of Transportation officials on projects slated for the region.



Partners News

Prince William County's Newest Battlefield Park Opens to the Public

Almost 144 years to the day after Confederate forces suffered a bloody defeat in Prince William County, Virginia when they tried to cross Broad Run in pursuit of the Federal Third Corps, the site of the Civil War battle has been turned into a park, now open to the public.



The Prince William County Government's Division of Historic Preservation hosted the grand opening of Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park with tactical demonstrations, battlefield tours and living history displays on October 13 and 14, 2007.

The 127-acre park now features interpretive signs, a pond

and nearly three-miles of walking and equestrian trails through scenic woods, leading up to 203 mostly unmarked grave sites of Confederate soldiers from Alabama and Mississippi. Soldiers from North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia also are believed to have been buried in shallow graves at Bristoe Station, but their plots have not been traced.

"Rare was the day you wouldn't hear volleys being fired for the dead," said Dave Born, Historic Programs Coordinator and Site Manager for Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. Born was one of the experts who gave tours of the site over the weekend.

The grand opening also featured torchlight tours, medical demonstrations and a Civil War roundtable.

The park is located at 10708 Bristow Road in Bristow, Virginia, 20136. For more information on this and other historical sites, or for a free visitors guide, calendar of events, golf guide and pocket map, please call the Prince William County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-432-1792, or log on to www.visitpwc.com. Photos courtesy www.visitpwc.com.



What Others Are Saying...

See what others are saying about The Journey:

- [Hallowed Ground Legislation Passes](#), *Fauquier Times-Democrat*
- [Journey Through Hallowed Ground Passes House](#), *Leesburg Today*
- [Editorial in Favor of the JTHG Partnership](#), *Baltimore Sun*
[The JTHG Earns Scenic Virginia Award](#), *Leesburg Today*
- [Virginians at the Capitol](#), *Richmond Time Dispatch*

Join the Partnership

Want to know how you can help create this National Treasure? 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 and stay abreast of new developments with our [Action Alerts](#).

Enjoy the Journey! Get out and have some fun!

Upcoming Spotlight Events

Loudoun County, VA

"The Restoration of the Marshall Center at the Talleyrand Hotel" at Dodona Manor

In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan, Dodona Manor is hosting a special exhibition on "The Restoration of the Marshall Center at the Talleyrand Hotel". The exhibit examines the restoration of the Talleyrand Hotel, one of the most beautiful and historically rich buildings in Paris. In the 18th and 19th centuries the building served as a residence to French nobility and to numerous French diplomats. In 1948 it became the headquarters for the administration of the Marshall Plan, also known as the European Recovery Plan.

Through January 15, 2008
Saturdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.
Dodona Manor
Leesburg, VA

Admission is free to members of the Friends of Dodona Manor and \$10 for non-members.

For More Information:
(703) 777-1880

Recently the Talleyrand underwent extensive restoration to return it to its earlier grandeur, including parquet floors, gilded ceilings, damask wall coverings, and period furniture.

Albemarle County, VA

Virginia Film Festival

For its 20th annual event, the Virginia Film Festival is planning a special family gathering. The 2007 theme will be KIN FLICKS, with more than a hundred speakers and films addressing popular and alternative images of family life.

November 1-4
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Various Venues
Various Locations
Charlottesville, VA

Hosted by the University of Virginia, the Virginia Film Festival will take place at venues throughout Charlottesville. Designed as a four-day course on a cultural theme in which the public is invited to enroll, the Festival brings major talents to Charlottesville each year.

For More Information:
(434) 982-5277 or
www.vafilm.com

Adams County, PA

Gettysburg's Remembrance Day

5th Annual Remembrance Illumination at Soldiers' National Cemetery sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation. The event takes place at the Soldiers' National Cemetery and at the Rupp House on Baltimore Street. Luminary candles will be placed on each Civil War grave as a testament to the sacrifices made here in 1863. In addition to the luminaria, the event includes a Civil War Color Guard, roll call at the Reynolds Statue, and playing of "Taps" every half-hour.

November 17
5:30. - 9:30 p.m.
Soldiers' National Cemetery
Gettysburg, PA

For More Information:
(717) 338-1243

"An Evening With The Grants" at The Historic Tate Farm

Get an inside look into the lives of Ulysses S. Grant and his wife Julia, both during the Civil War and also their lives as President and First Lady of the United States of America.

Kathryn Morris will be playing Period Music on the piano and there will be a special "Unveiling" of the newly copyrighted "Hunterstown" song written by our local historian, Mrs. Linda Cleveland and sung by Greg King. Refreshments will be Served.

November 24
7 p.m.
The GAR Building
53 Middle Street
Gettysburg, PA

\$25 per ticket

For More Information:
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Do you have a special event you'd like to announce?
Please email lauren@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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