

# The Journey Through Hallowed Ground eNewsletter



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## JTHG Awarded Preserve America Grant for Frontline Hospitality Training Program



Historic Resources, has been selected for a grant to develop and launch an extensive program to train those who interact with visitors to the region in preparation for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The goal of this program is to begin training in the spring of 2009, at the start of the Sesquicentennial, and continue training through the commemoration, which ends in 2015.

"We are very grateful to Preserve American for the opportunity to develop and launch a critical training program to prepare the JTHG region for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War," said Cate Magennis Wyatt, President of the JTHG Partnership. "Heritage Tourism supports the majority of our partnering communities and organizations; yet, professional training for those who most directly interact with visitors is often underfunded. We pursued this initiative out of respect for the professionals who can turn a standard visitor exchange into an extraordinary experience. This, in turn will be a critical element in whether or not visitors return or if they recommend the Journey to others."

We look forward to working with each of our Partners as we start this program. If you are interested in participating, please contact the JTHG offices at 540.882.4929. [Read more.](#)

## Looking Back: National Geographic Live! Celebrating Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal

Congratulations! Just yesterday the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, in partnership with the JTHG Partnership, was awarded a 2008 Preserve American Grant. Preserve America Co-Chairs Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and John Nau, III, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, announced that the Journey Through hallowed Ground Partnership, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of

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### DID YOU KNOW?



John Marshall was born September 24, 1755. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1801-1835, he is credited with creating "judicial review", the power of courts to strike down laws as un-Constitutional. [More.](#)

### Things to Do Along the JTHG

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Tour GAR Hall Gettysburg October 4 / 11 a.m.

This season, the Grand Army of the Republic Hall is open for tours. The oldest standing church building in Gettysburg, the building today serves the community as a meeting and dining hall hosting numerous local groups. The Hall serves as a successful example of the restoration and adaptive use of Gettysburg's oldest standing church. For more information, contact: [jhorne@supernet.com](mailto:jhorne@supernet.com) or 717.334.8916.

GAR Hall  
53 E. Middle Street  
Gettysburg, PA



Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman, National Geographic Society, giving opening remarks

On September 16, more than 200 guests filled the National Geographic Society's Grosvenor Auditorium for a very special installment of *National Geographic Live!* celebrating the publication of *Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal*.

Gilbert M. Grosvenor, chairman of National Geographic Society, welcomed guests and turned the evening over for a special photographic presentation by Kenneth Garrett and Author Andrew Cockburn. Garrett and Cockburn's words, combined with readings of passages from the *Journey*, told the stories—and gave firsthand accounts—of historic events that occurred on this hallowed ground. The evening closed with panel discussion, moderated by Andrew Cockburn, with leaders from the JTHG region. The panel

including Cate Magennis Wyatt, Kenneth Garrett, Robert Sutton, Chief Historian at the National Park Service; Karen Hughes White, Director of the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County; and Karenne Wood, Director of the Virginia Indian Heritage Program. [View more of the evening's events.](#)

### Fall Book Signing at Oatlands / Thursday, October 9, 6 - 8 p.m.

The JTHG Partnership and Oatlands invite you to a fall book signing with remarks by National Geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett on the newly published *Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal*.

Taste the *Journey* with a sample of Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery's [JTHG private label](#) and enjoy the new book at home. Copies will be available at the event for \$35 or can be purchased on our [website](#).



Please RSVP by Sept. 30 to Jaime McClung at 540.882.4929 or [jaime@jthg.org](mailto:jaime@jthg.org).

Oatlands  
20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane  
Leesburg, VA 20175

### Corridor Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Update

On September 22, the CMP Advisory Committee met in Warrenton, VA to discuss and review the Corridor Management Plan for Rt. 15/20/231/22. After 36 public input sessions throughout the JTHG region, the group reviewed final comments and suggestions proposed for the draft Plan. The Committee voted unanimously to accept the Plan and discussed next steps for nominating the Route for designation as an *All American Road*.

### Board of Trustees Travels to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

On September 12, the JTHG Board of Trustees met at the *Journey* offices for a day of updates and a bus trip to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The group, lead by Dennis Frye, chief of interpretation and cultural resource management at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, toured the site and reviewed plans for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.



GAR Hall

## MARYLAND

### Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt October 18-19 / 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. / noon - 5 p.m.



David Denisch (R) portrays his ancestor, Joseph Brunner, the head of the family that built Schifferstadt (background) at the start of the French & Indian War. He greets Heimat Echo band member who is performing at Oktoberfest. Credit Joanne Ivancic.

For nearly 30 years, Frederick County Landmarks Foundation has brought to life this annual celebration of the harvest with delicious authentic German food, live oompah bands, arts and crafts vendors, heritage garden tours, demonstrations

of Colonial-era cooking, blacksmithing, beer-making and other crafts, and, of course, the colorful Biergarten. For more information, visit: [www.frederickcountylandmarksfoundation.org](http://www.frederickcountylandmarksfoundation.org) or 301.668.6088.

\$3 per person. Children 12 and under free.

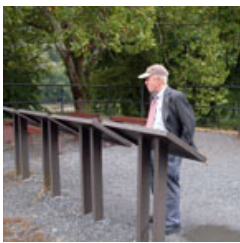
Schifferstadt  
1110 Rosemont Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21701

## VIRGINIA

### Waterford Fair October 3-5 / 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Every year since 1943, Waterford has opened its doors for one weekend to welcome visitors for one of the best fairs along the *Journey*. Enjoy craft exhibits, home tours, music, dancing, civil war reenactments and great food during the Waterford Fair.

On Saturday, from 1-3 p.m., don't miss a special signing by Kenneth Garrett of the new



Paul McDonald and JTHG board members Melissa Young and John Fieseler listen to Dennis Frye, chief of interpretation and cultural resource management at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.



Nick Arundel, chairman of the JTHG board, looks on at historical markers.

## Meet the JTHG Team

Maybe it's been awhile since you've seen us--or maybe you have never met us before. Well, allow us to introduce ourselves. We wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce the entire JTHG Team.

You can reach us at 540.882.4929 or individually by first name "@jthg.org", for example, lauren@jthg.org or jaime@jthg.org.



Angela Stokes, Director of Educational Programs; Lauren Searl, Director of Public Relations and Editor; Ed Lehmann, Web Support; Cate Magennis Wyatt, President; Beth Erickson, Vice President; Paul McDonald, Director of Travel Experiences; Jaime McClung, Marketing Manager; Jennifer Moore, Executive Assistant to the President

## Partner News

### Brentsville Designated to Underground Network of Freedom

[Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre](#) was recently designated to the Underground Network to Freedom. This designation recognizes the role Brentsville played in the tragic experience of slavery and assists in interpreting this part of Brentsville's and Prince William County's history. Many injustices of slavery occurred at Brentsville while it served as the county seat before the Civil War. Various stories about runaway slaves, the punishment or execution of slaves and court trials that involved enslaved African Americans were highlighted in the nomination.

### Civil War Preservation Trust Accepting Nominations for Endangered Battlefields Report

The Civil War Preservation Trust is accepting nominations for its annual report on endangered Civil War battlefields. The report, entitled *History Under Siege*, identifies the most threatened Civil War sites in the United States and what can be done to rescue them. The 2009 endangered battlefields report will be released next Spring in Washington, D.C. Any Civil War battlefield is eligible to for nomination and consideration. The ten chosen sites will be selected based on geographic location, military significance and the immediacy of current threats.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to fill out the nomination form available [online](#). Applications should include photographs of the site and a detailed description of recent threats. Nominations must be postmarked no later than October 10, 2008.

### Your Input: Panel Evaluating Federal Historic Preservation

*Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal* at the Book Nook.

Come visit the JTHG offices on Main Street to get more info. on the Journey.

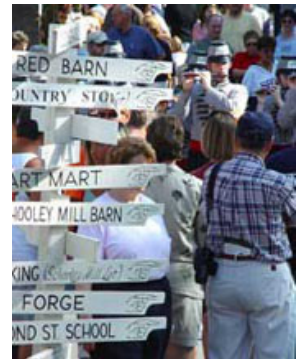
Our door is open!

\$13 per day in advance.

\$15 per day at the gate.

For more info. and tickets,

visit: [www.waterfordfoundation.org](http://www.waterfordfoundation.org) or 540.882.3018.



Waterford Fair. Courtesy Waterford Foundation.

### 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Bristoe Station

**October 10-12**

Bristoe Station Battlefield will host activities to celebrate the 145th anniversary of the Civil War's Battle of Bristoe Station. The weekend will include demonstrations, music, guided tours and food. For a list of events and more information, email: [dborn@pwccgov.org](mailto:dborn@pwccgov.org) or 703.257.5243.

Bristoe Station Battlefield  
Rte. 28 & Bristow Road  
Bristow, VA

### Taste of Culpeper

**October 12 / noon - 5 p.m.**

Experience the very best in Virginia wines at Culpeper Renaissance's Taste of Culpeper. Fun and festivities for the entire family will promise an enjoyable fall afternoon.

Activities for children include face painting, sidewalk art, pumpkin decorating, crafts, wagon rides and other exciting activities.

Discover treasures for your home and your table from local artisans and crafters. For more information, visit:

[www.culpeperdowntown.com](http://www.culpeperdowntown.com) or 540.825.4416.

Advance tickets \$10 per person. \$15 at event. \$5 for non-wine tasting.

### Ghost Walk at the Exchange Hotel

**October 31 & November 1 / 7-9 p.m.**

Embrace Halloween night by going on Gordonsville's Exchange Hotel Ghost Walk. While taking you from room to room, the Curator will



## Program

The Expert Panel Examining the Structure of the Federal Historic Preservation Programs would like input from the historic preservation community. Please fill out this [survey](#), which asks for your preferences on the structure of the federal historic preservation programs. The survey will only take 10 minutes to fill out. Please respond to the survey by Friday, October 3.

## In the News

### See what others are saying about The Journey:

- [On the Road Again](#), Loudoun Times Mirror and Fairfax Times
- [Extreme Journey](#), Ron Maxwell at University of Virginia
- [The Tour de Piedmont](#), Piedmont Virginian
- [Dispatch from National Geographic's Reception for JTHG](#), Piedmont Virginian
- [Lecture/Panel program at National Geographic Society](#), InTowner
- [Journey 175 Miles Through American History](#), Visit Fairfax
- [Route 15 Named "All-American Highway"](#), The Evening Sun
- [Local History for a Wider Audience](#), Culpeper Star Exponent

## Our Donors

We would like to thank the following donors for their contributions during the month of July. We simply could not offer our programs without you! Thank you, thank you.

**Up to \$499:** Mr. Pete Eltringham

**\$1,000 - \$2,499:** Ms. Caroline Keller Winter in honor of Ms. Neil Keller's Birthday

Business Friends of the JTHG Partnership. Thank you for your strategic partnership.

Tara Linhardt and Danny Knicely

John Flower

Piedmont Environmental Council

National Geographic Society

Kindly inform us if any listing is incorrect or if you prefer to remain anonymous.

There are many methods of giving, including outright gift, bequests and gifts which return income to the donor and/or their spouse for life. Not only are your cash contributions a welcomed source of support, but there are other ways you can support the JTHG Partnership. For further information, please contact the JTHG offices at 540.882.4929.

#### *Donor Privacy Policy*

We do not sell, lease or share our donor lists and do not disclose personal information, except as required by law. We comply with written requests for anonymity. We ensure proper stewardship of charitable contributions, and ensure that contributions are used in accordance with donors' written instructions. We provide prompt, appropriate acknowledgement and thank you's. All contributions are deductible for the federal income tax purposes (subject to statutory limitations) and for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

## Join the Partnership

None of the work we do would be possible, except for the belief you have in the importance of sustaining the heritage and environment within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

Kindly consider offering a [donation](#) to continue this invaluable work. *Enjoy* the Journey! Get out and have some fun!

Our goal is to encourage others to *Take the Journey™* and experience *Where America Happened™* and continues to happen every day.

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership is a 501-c3 public-private partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the unparalleled history in the region, which generally follows the Old Carolina Road (Rt. 15/231), from Gettysburg, PA to Monticello in Albemarle County, VA. This 175-mile historic corridor holds more American history than any other swath of land in the nation.

lead you back through time while informing you of the lost souls on the property. You could be one of the lucky ones who meet "Annie Smith", the hotel's former cook; Mrs. Leevy who lost her sanity while her doctor husband treated soldiers; "George Plant," the hospital's grave digger; or one of the numerous Civil War Soldiers who died while receiving treatment here. For more information, visit: [www.hqiexchange.org](http://www.hqiexchange.org) or 540.832.2944.

Adults \$6. Children \$3.

The Exchange Hotel, 400 South Main Street, Gordonsville, VA

**2009 Signature Conference: *America on the Eve of the Civil War***  
**April 29, 2009 / 8:45 a.m - 4:30 p.m.**

The University of Richmond and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission will hold a conference entitled *America on the Eve of the Civil War*. The conference will bring together nationally-recognized Civil War historians for an open dialogue about the state of the country in 1859. What was happening two years before the firing of the first shots in the nation's deadliest conflict? What did people know and what were they thinking? Could they possibly have imagined the horror that was to come?

Topics for the conference include:

Taking Stock of the Nation in 1859,  
The Future of Virginia and the South,  
Making Sense of John Brown's Raid and Predictions for the Election of 1860.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is limited, so [register](#) today!



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