

# The Journey Through Hallowed Ground eNewsletter



April 2009

Dear Journey Partners,

My older brother told me recently that "life is about choices." What he didn't explain was how they might surprise me. Four months ago, I chose the JTHG Partnership (after they chose me) and every day since, I've been thrilled to learn about the choices many of you have made to conserve, celebrate and share the precious places along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground. Thank YOU!

Now on to more traditional Partnership news... [Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student](#) – this is one of my favorite programs. It launched in Harpers Ferry Historical Park last month with middle schoolers going into video production on six short movies on the John Brown Raid, which they will produce become part of the National Park's interpretation for students of all ages to enjoy and download online in the near future.



Also in education news, the [Extreme Journey Middle School Camps](#) are now open in Albemarle, Loudoun and Adams Counties. Your kids will really enjoy this two-week adventure and get something out of it, too. If you know of an interested student, please email [John Gallagher](#). To help educators run their own Extreme program, we created Extreme Journey Educator, where we show teachers how to create a customized mini-version on their own to draw students into the heritage experience.

"Build it, and they will come," this strategy seems to work well with Journey Partners. Even in trying economic times, visitors enjoy the chance to learn about the nation's heritage. Take a look at a story focused on the [newly opened visitors' centers](#) and how our partners are improving visitors' experiences all along the Journey.

Just a reminder, you can take [a new look at history](#) this July when you can literally step into the images of Lincoln and the Civil War. At the Journey's annual meeting – July 15-17 – you can see 3-D photos, shot by Brady and Gardner in their original stereoscopic format, delivering an amazing view of history. So please, join us!

There's much more below, so please, take a look, and thanks again for continuing to Partner with the Journey!  
John K. Jones.

## Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student



What doesn't belong in this group -- wireless multimedia, middle school students or the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War?

The answer is none of the above.

In fact, they all fit into a groundbreaking multimedia project created by students, for students, and sponsored by the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership in collaboration with the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry Middle School and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. With story boards and scripts complete, eight teams of Harpers Ferry Middle School students moved into the video production phase of this 21st century service-

based learning project.

It's a student-inspired initiative that will create six wireless video vignettes or Vodcasts, offering a middle-school student's perspective on the famous John Brown Raid in Harpers Ferry, which set-off fighting in the American Civil War.

"We know that today's young people are connected to a high-tech media world," said Dennis E. Frye, chief historian of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. "We saw this as a terrific opportunity to let students connect the past to the present and retell a story in their own voices, in their own vision and in their own medium to enrich the Park experience for visitors of all ages."

70 sixth, seventh and eighth-graders began shooting their mini-movies a couple weeks ago, which will be used by thousands of other students visiting Harpers Ferry. The students' movies will be unveiled on June 26th as part of the Sesquicentennial of John Brown's Raid in Harpers Ferry, when students of all ages will be able to download the movies onto personal multimedia players to use while visiting the HFNHP.

## Heritage Areas Invest in Tourism

Even in difficult economic times, tourism remains an income generator. In 2007 for example, domestic and international travelers' expenditures in the U.S. totaled \$739.4 billion – that's 5.7 percent



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## ALL ALONG THE JOURNEY

### MARYLAND

Carroll Carvers Annual International Festival of Carving  
April 18

10:00am - 5:00pm

Wood carving competition, paintings, information and carving workshops.

Carroll Lutheran Village Chapel  
300 St. Luke Circle,  
Westminster, MD

[Visit Carroll County](#)

Tour de Carroll

April 25

7:00am - 3:00pm

A cycling event through rural Carroll County  
Dutterer's Family Park

Westminster, MD

[Visit Carroll County](#)

Carroll County Tractor and Truck Pull

April 26

9:00am - 5:00pm (Rain date: May 3)

Agriculture Center

700 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster

[Visit Carroll County](#)

Native America Artifacts Exhibit

Through April 30

Sun 1-5pm, Mon-Thur 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat  
10am-5pm

This exhibit of Native American artifacts from the Monocacy Archeological Society is presented in conjunction with the PBS series American Experience. "We Shall Remain" is a provocative, multi-media project that establishes native history as an essential part of American history.

C. Burr Artz Library

110 E. Patrick St.

Frederick, MD 21701

[www.fcpl.org](#)

Frederick Artist Market

April 26, May 24, September 27,

October 25

1-5pm.

The Frederick Artist Market is an indoor arts and crafts market that features the work of local artists, including jewelry, pottery, art, photography, and other hand-crafted items.

Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County

15 W. Patrick St.

Frederick, MD 21701

[www.Frederickartscouncil.org](#)

more than in 2006, according to the Virginia Tourism Council. And locally, national parks contributed some \$247 million to economies within the Journey in 2007 alone. So it's no surprise that other heritage sites and destination areas want to enhance the visitor's experience to ensure increased visitation.

Jefferson's Monticello, Madison's Montpelier, and the Gettysburg Foundation for example recently have completed construction on new visitor/education centers or made significant changes to their heritage site.

"Our goal has been to elegantly transform the visitor experience into a 21st-century gateway to Jefferson's timeless Monticello," said Ann Taylor, Thomas Jefferson Foundation Executive Vice President. "We used multiple components within the center to offer visitors of all ages the chance to become well-acquainted with Jefferson and Monticello at their own pace and on their own terms." [READ ENTIRE STORY >](#)

### A Garden Runs Through It



In just a few days, Journey heritage sites, Main Street Communities and national landmarks will welcome visitors from across the region as part of the 76th anniversary season of Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

Our Partners will join more than 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks during "America's Largest Open House," April 18-25, 2009.

With three dozen Historic Garden Week tours across the state, visitors can see a rich mosaic of some of the country's finest private and public properties at the peak of Virginia's springtime color. Scheduled tours within the JTHG National Heritage area are located in: Albemarle County, Charlottesville, Leesburg and Loudoun County, Madison County, Orange County, Spotsylvania and Warrenton. For a schedule of tours and events, go to: [VA Garden Week Schedule](#). [READ ENTIRE STORY >](#)

### A New Look at Lincoln at the JTHG Annual Meeting in July

During this bicentennial anniversary year of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, take a unique and fascinating 3-D journey



through Lincoln's presidency, when Civil War photo experts Bob Zeller and John Richter present Lincoln in 3-D, a photographic history of our 16th president in stereoscope images.

Wearing 3-D glasses, you'll feel as if you stepped into the images of many of the most famous photographs of Lincoln and the Civil War. Shot by Gardner, Brady and others, these photos will be projected on to the large screen of the Majestic Theater in their original stereoscopic format, delivering an amazing view of history.

This never-before-seen perspective on Lincoln and the American Civil War will be followed by a lecture by noted historian, acclaimed author and Harvard University President Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust. Her recently published book, *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* offers a new look at how the enormous loss of life in the American Civil War shaped our nation.

Be sure to get your ticket as this event promises to sell out. For more information, [email Jamie McClung](#).

### Teach Your Teacher

"When are we going to experience *Extreme Journey*?" --that's what I've heard from educators again and again," said Angela Stokes, JTHG Partnership director of educational programs. And just a few weeks ago, 6th-8th grade teachers finished a modified version named *Extreme Journey Educator*.

In lieu of the traditional two-week student immersion, Albemarle educators spent five days over three months visiting key heritage sites, talking with experts and getting tuned-in to the multimedia hardware and software that the students use while at *Extreme Journey*.



"The idea is to help teachers make their student field trips to a heritage site even more engaging for the kids." added Stokes.

Thanks to the support from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, this is a win-win for everyone. The educators are now equipped with first-hand knowledge of the heritage sites, and the know how to effectively use the video camera and the I-Movie editing software -- tools that will help them engage students through out the year of the significance of our nation's history and heritage.

### Ramble On in Washington County



More than 20 local museums and historic sites are welcoming visitors to this year's Museum Ramble(May 2-3) in Washington County, MD.

"No matter what your interests are -- fine arts, rural heritage, American history, black history, religion, geology, or trains --you're sure to enjoy a ramble

### PENNSYLVANIA

54th Annual Apple Blossom Festival

May 2-3

9:00am - 5:00 pm

Just 10 miles northwest of historic Gettysburg near Arendtsville,PA, 20,000 acres of apple, peach and cherry orchards in full bloom; live entertainment, pie eating contests, petting zoo,wine tasting, arts and crafts, wagon rides, agricultural exhibits and the presentation of the 2009 Pennsylvania Apple Queen.

South Mountain Fairgrounds  
615 Narrows Road, Route 234  
Biglerville, PA

[Visit Gettysburg Adams County Fruit growers Association](#)

### VIRGINIA

Grand Opening of the Visitor Center and Education Center at Monticello

April 15

Charlottesville, VA

[Monticello](#)

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

April 18 - 25

More than 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens,homes and historic landmarks during "America's Largest Open House" are open throughout the state.

[Virginia Garden Week](#)

60th Annual Dogwood Festival

April 9 - 26

Charlottesville

Enjoy the festivities that remind us spring is here. From the carnival and BBQ to the Celebration of Community and Dogwood Festival Grand Feature Parade.

[Charlottesville Dogwood Festival](#)

Brandy Station Civil War Driving Tours and Lectures

Saturdays, April - October

10:00am - Noon

Guided tours and lectures

Graffiti House

19484 Brandy Road

Brandy Station, VA 22714

[Brandy Station Foundation](#)

Fair Winds Kite Festival

April 18

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy kite making or bring your own; flying contests, kite-making workshops and family fun.

[Culpeper Sports Complex](#)

Revolutionary and Civil War Living History at the Culpeper Museum

Apr 24 - Apr 26

Friday - Sunday at 4:00pm

Enjoy Revolutionary War education programs and Civil War living history camp at the Burgandine House with children's games and schooling from the period. A Confederate Officer's tent, along with a cooking tent and other demonstrations will show camp life of the period.

Museum of Culpeper History

803 S. Main St.,

Culpeper

[Culpeper Museum](#)

Culpeper's 250th Anniversary Opening Ceremony

April 24

5 pm

A year of celebration begins with a ceremony that will highlight the Town's original charter as well as the Virginia General Assembly's resolution in honor of the Town of Culpeper's250th anniversary. Culpeper County Court House  
W. Davis Street & West Street  
[Culpeper 250th](#)

Libations on the Lawn

May 1

5:30pm

On first Friday evenings of the month from May to September,the Museum of Culpeper History will host Libations on the Lawn with music, regional wines and nibbles.

803 S. Main Street

Culpeper, VA 22701

[Culpeper Museum](#)

Cows-N-Corn

April 17 - 19

Friday, 4pm-9pm; Saturday, 10am-9pm;

Sunday, 12:30pm-7pm

Dairy farm tours, egg hunts, seed planting, sheep shearing,hand-dipped ice cream and lots of spring fun on opening weekend  
5225 Catlett Road

through this year's selection of Washington County museums," said Bill Knode, president Washington County Association of Museums and Historical Sites.

With the downtown-Hagerstown Visitor's Welcome Center offering pre-Ramble refreshments and a central place for fellow-museum lovers to meet-up, this should be a terrific weekend. That and most of the museums are opening their doors free of charge! The Museum Ramble is a self-guided tour running from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on both days. For complete times and maps, go to: [Museum Ramble Guide](#).

### Get Your Dig On at Montpelier

Even though restoration of James and Dolly Madison's home is done, the Montpelier Archaeological Expeditions program is just kicking into gear. This new program introduces the non-archaeologist to the excitement and science of recovering the rich underground history from Madison's life-long home.

Eight one-week long expeditions are scheduled (and one has already filled), providing participants a chance to work under the direction of noted archaeologist, Dr. Matthew Reeves, and side-by-side with trained professional archaeologists in the field and in the lab.

Participants literally can get hands-on or should we say hands-in archaeological experience, offering the chance to work on sensitive historical features, artifacts, and deposits that normally one would not get to handle.

You will reside at Montpelier in Arlington House and like a true expedition will also share in cooking and cleaning duties. While at Montpelier, you will be engaged in lectures, take tours of various archaeological sites on the property, and of course get a tour of the mansion.

The 2009 schedule is as follows:

- Session 2: April 20th - April 24th. (full!)
- Session 3: April 27th - May 1st.
- Session 4: August 3rd - August 7th
- Session 5: August 10th - August 14th. (almost full)
- Session 6: August 31st - September 4th.
- Session 7: October 5th - October 9th.
- Session 8: October 19th - October 23rd.

For more information, go to: [Montpelier Archaeology Expedition](#)

### Partners Pitching In

The C & O Canal Volunteers-in-Parks Program was awarded the National Park Service's National Capital Region George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for Most Outstanding Park Volunteer Program.



More than 3,000 volunteers donated over 64,000 hours of service in 2008 to programs like the C&O Canal Pride Days, which resulted in the completion of over 100 projects by 761 new volunteers in April and May 2008.

C & O Canal Superintendent Kevin Brandt commended the program for its efforts and dedication to the park. "The park is proud of its special volunteers and the work they do in fulfilling our mission to the visitors and to the National Park Service as a whole."

Volunteers removed invasive plant species, painted, restored trails, removed vegetation from historic structures, repaired picnic tables, and helped clean-up the prized park area.

With this award, the Park is now in competition for a national award among seven regions across the country.

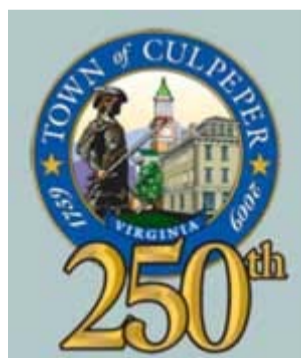
The C&O Canal National Historical Park is headquartered in Washington County, Maryland. To learn more about volunteering for the C&O Canal National Historical Park, visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/echo>.

### Party in Culpeper Like It's 1759

The Town of Culpeper is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1759. This former frontier settlement has enjoyed a rich and distinguished history that includes the Revolutionary War Culpeper Minutemen and their notorious flag that declared, "Don't Tread on Me" -- a warning to all who would trample on the town and the country's freedom.

With an opening ceremony at the County Courthouse on April 24, Culpeper is welcoming all Journey Through Hallowed Ground residents and visitors as well as the rest of the country to join in and "tread on them" by celebrating their past, present and future.

With fêtes planned through September, all are encouraged to come and experience some past and present Culpeper flavor. This month, Remembrance Days carries the anniversary flag, April 24- 26. It includes a variety of special events such as: Shop and Stroll in Downtown Historic Culpeper; Revolutionary and Civil War Living History at the Culpeper Museum; Meet and Greet author Donald J. Devine, who wrote "Jane: A Flight to Freedom," the story of a young woman's adventures on the Underground Railroad; Driving tours and Civil War reenactments at Graffiti House and organized by the Brandy Station Foundation; 5K Runs, plays from yesteryear, and much more. To learn about Spring Fling, Culpeper Day, and other events, go to: [Events in Culpeper](#). Hope to see you in Culpeper!



Midland, VA 22729

[www.cows-n-corn.com](http://www.cows-n-corn.com).

Flutter By, Butterfly

April 18

1pm - 3pm

Look for butterflies with volunteer naturalist Scott Baron. Enjoy the brilliance and variety of Sky Meadows' butterflies. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.

Sky Meadows State Park  
11012 Edmonds Lane, Delaplane  
(540) 592-3556

[www.dcr.virginia.gov](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov)

Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee

April 18 - October

On designated Saturdays throughout the year, members of the Grey Ghost Interpretive Group don period dress and take on the persona of an 19th century resident of the Mosby Heritage Area to tell the story of what life was like in that era, especially during the Civil War. They give voice to the Northern soldier far from home, members of Col. John S. Mosby's 43rd battalion, women caught in the middle of war-torn Virginia, African-American slaves, and farmers struggling to survive the economic perils of the times.

[Mosby heritage area](#)

21st Annual Loudoun Arbor Day Celebration

April 18

10am-3pm

Children and adults learn about the benefits of tree planting. This year's celebration of trees includes a parade, formal ceremony, exhibits and demonstrations highlighting the numerous uses and benefits of trees, tree climbing with Arbor Artists, and educational opportunities like proper pruning techniques.

Oatlands Plantation

20850 Oatlands Plantation Ln  
Leesburg, VA 20175

[Oatlands](#)

Graves Mountain Spring Fling

April 25-26

10:00am - 4:30pm

Cloggers, music, arts and crafts, hay rides, horse rides, Mountain food

Syria, VA

[Madison](#)

## Art in Bloom

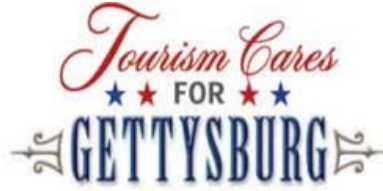
Art in Bloom returns to the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts this month for the seventh year, April 17-19. Each year members of an array of Maryland garden clubs, including groups of young gardeners, create original floral interpretations of paintings, sculptures, photographs, and works of decorative art on view in the museum's galleries. More than twenty gardeners will create arrangements. Each year this event grows larger, lovelier and livelier, so be sure to come and share in the excitement.

Art in Bloom opens with a festive Preview Evening on Friday, April 17 between 6:30 and 8:30pm. There's a benefit for the Museum and preview party with refreshments, where event ticket holders will have the opportunity to see the freshly created floral interpretations before the general public. The flower arrangements will be on view to the public from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 18 and from 1:00 -5:00pm on Sunday, April 19.

For more information, go to: <http://www.wcmfa.org/>.

## Tourism Cares for Gettysburg

Tourism Cares for America is a volunteer restoration event. People from the travel industry come together for two days to give back and make a difference in locations around the US.



This year, Tourism Cares will be held in Gettysburg on April 17th, where more than 300 tourism professionals are gathering to help restore the George Spangler Farm, an 82 acre farm significant to the Battle of Gettysburg and recently purchased by the Gettysburg Foundation.

For more information, go to: [Tourism Cares](http://www.tourismcares.org/).

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES and DEADLINES

Capacity Building Challenge Grants  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Deadline: May 5, 2009

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds (that is, funds that are invested, with both the income and the principal being expended over a defined period of years) that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities. Funds may also be used for one-time capital expenditures (such as construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, and acquisitions) that bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Deadline: May 14, 2009

Preservation Assistance Grants help institutions—particularly small and mid-sized institutions—improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections, including special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine arts, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, and historical objects. Institutions such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, arts and cultural organizations, and town and county records offices are encouraged to apply. <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/pag.html>

Save America's Treasures Grants  
National Parks Service  
Deadline: May 22, 2009

Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, sculpture, and works of art. Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects. <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/>

Challenge America: Reaching Every Community  
Fast-Track Review Grants  
National Endowment for the Arts  
May 28, 2009

This grant offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to under served populations-- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/Challenge.html>

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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.



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