

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground eNewsletter



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Dear Journey Partner,

It's big news for Journey Partners and big news for visitors, too. USA Today wrote about it and so did Yahoo News, ABC News, CBS News, the Associated Press and media outlets all along the Journey. So what's the big deal? The U.S. Secretary of Transportation designated the Journey Through Hallowed Ground a National Scenic Byway, and that could have profound effects on the region both from an economic perspective and from a visitor experience. [Check out](#) the stories below to learn more.



I'd be remiss if I didn't offer congratulations to all the Partners who turned a one-time aspiration into a major milestone for the entire region. Your hard work was not only recognized in the news, but also celebrated in a six-site Whistle Stop Tour, where our whistles did most of the talking. Please [click here to see a few of the photos from the day](#).

And speaking of news, Sharon Cavileer at the Prince William/Manassas Convention and Visitor Bureau hosted two dozen reporters from across the country to experience Prince William County on a press tour that she coined the "Art of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground." [Check it out](#).

[Tom Riford and his team](#) at the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau created news in another way for having recently received Maryland's Cultural Heritage Tourism Award from Governor Martin O'Malley. Congratulations!

Moving further south on the Journey, Orange County, Virginia is welcoming a new director of Tourism. Lynne Lochen, a one-time history teacher with years of experience in heritage tourism, no doubt is a welcome addition. [Learn more about Lynne](#).

As always, there's much to see and do along the Journey and much more worthy of highlighting in this welcome note than I have room for. So please take a look below to see what our Partners are up to.

John K. Jones,
Director of Communications, JTHG Partnership

National Scenic Byway – What's it Mean to the Visitor?

For the visitor, quite simply it puts the newly designated Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway on the map. Visitors locally, nationally and even internationally will have an easier time finding and learning more about the Journey due to exclusive worldwide marketing efforts by the Federal Highway Administration.



Your National Scenic Byway now will be marketed as part of a diverse collection of American roads -- roads with special stories, roads with treasured places, roads that lead to the heart and soul of America. The bottom line is that increased awareness, means more visitors will be coming, positively affecting local economies throughout the National Heritage Area. Go to the [American Byways Website](#) to see just one way your National Scenic Byway is now marketed to audiences worldwide.

National Scenic Byway – What's it Mean to the Journey Partner?

You could say it means more maps, but that is just part of the story. It could also mean interpretive kiosks, Byway signage, interpretive materials, bike paths, scenic overlooks, landscaping, teacher workshops, exhibits, visitor center improvements and much more.

It means that Journey Partners -- specifically the towns, municipalities, and counties along the National Scenic Byway -- get elevated status when applying for federal grants to enhance the visitor experience along the Byway. Since the program started in 1992, the



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ALL ALONG THE JOURNEY

MARYLAND

John Brown Surgical Kit Exhibit
Nov 30 – Jan 30

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm
The pristine surgical kit of the doctor who certified John Brown fit to stand trial will be on view in the lobby of the National Museum of Civil War medicine.
National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 E. Patrick St.
Frederick, MD 21701
www.civilwarmed.org

Local Color
Dec 5

An Artist's Market showcasing handcrafted and one-of-a-kind art pieces by member artists. Art in a variety of mediums are featured and available for purchase. ELF WORKSHOP \$10 - Kids of all ages create craft projects in painting, printmaking, and sculpture to give as a handmade holiday gift. Free gift wrapping included. 11am-7pm
Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center
40 S. Carroll St.
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 698-0656
www.delaplaine.org

1st Annual Continuing the Seton Legacy Benefit - Dec 5: 6:30pm

This is a first-time benefit to spread Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's inspirations of courage, determination, and faith. Enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and a silent auction of bicentennial memorabilia and more! Black tie requested.

National Scenic Byway program has funded more than 2,600 projects at \$346 million, including 221 projects at \$38 million in 2008. In addition to those listed above, other funded projects have helped communities create:

- Way Finding Systems and Visitor Interpretation Centers
- Access to Recreation Areas
- Context Sensitive Design solutions for their Departments of Transportation to utilize
- Heritage Tourism Brochures, Maps, Trail Guides and other collateral materials
- Public Service Announcements and Advertisements to attract visitors
- Educational Programs for students of all ages

[Learn more.](#)

Press Experience the Unexpected in Prince William

From the Smithsonian to the Museum of History of Old Town Manassas, from a hard-hat tour of the soon-to-open Hylton Performing Arts Center to the open roof at Chapman's Mill, from the ghosts at Brentsville Courthouse to private homes in Buckland Village, from the Manassas Battlefield to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, travel writers from around the country and Canada too, saw a side of Manassas and Prince William that they will not soon forget.

The Art of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Press Tour gave journalists a chance to experience the art and culture found in the county. And several days into the tour there was still so much more to see!

"The Journey Through Hallowed Ground is part of our culture," explained Sharon Cavileer, interim director of the Prince William County/Manassas Convention and Visitors Bureau. "So are the museums, antique shops, terrific restaurants – together they make up the 'Art of the Journey' and deliver so much unexpected beauty and a wonderfully rich visitor experience."

In the photo above, journalists take photos and get the inside scoop on Chapman's Mill and the Turn the Mill Around program to share with readers and future visitors from across the country.



100 Ambassadors Are Now Among Us

The rumors have been confirmed: A highly specialized army has been growing and they're infiltrating our ranks from the inside! In fact, in Loudoun earlier this month, this army celebrated its 100th newest member!

But don't fear, this is an army of JTHG Certified Tourism Ambassadors (CTA) -- a very friendly troop, armed with key facts and information relating to the entire JTHG National Heritage Area from Monticello to Gettysburg. These ambassadors indeed are responsive and knowledgeable, too, about the sites and events along the 180-mile National Scenic Byway and capable of turning every visitor encounter into an extraordinary one.

But you won't recognize a CTA by a special uniform, but rather by the breadth of insight they can share and a gold pin often seen on their lapel. The most telltale sign however is seen in a visitor's reaction upon talking to them. That visitor likely will have a jump in their step and appear even excited about where they are taking their kids next. And, you likely will see that family and their friends again and again. In the photo above, are Harpers Ferry Park Rangers, who just completed their CTA training. They can now better inform visitors of places to go and sites to see all along the Journey!



In addition to Loudoun, Harpers Ferry, Gettysburg, Manassas, Charlottesville, and Orange, which have begun mustering their CTA armies, there are plenty of additional opportunities. Below is a list of upcoming sessions you can join.

- December 1: Frederick / Washington / Carroll Counties
- December 3: Loudoun County (morning and afternoon sessions)
- December 9: Adams County (morning and afternoon sessions)
- January 13, 2010: Gettysburg / Adams County (morning and afternoon sessions)
- January 14, 2010: Orange County
- January 14, 2010: Manassas
- January 25, 2010: Culpeper

For [more information](#)

To sign up: Contact Beth@JTHG.org

The Journey Goes to MARS

Yes, it's true. The JTHG Partnership has created a



Museum of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
333 S. Seton Ave.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(301) 447-7165

www.thedaughtersofcharity.org

Candlelight House Tour

Dec 5 – 6

Sat 5:30-9:30pm, Sun 12-4pm

This self-guided tour takes visitors inside private homes elaborately adorned with holiday decor in historic Frederick. Visitors will delight with the architectural nuances, holiday decorations and historic significance of these magnificent homes. Tourism Council of Frederick County, 19 E. Church St., Frederick, 301-600-4047.

www.celebratefrederick.com

Children's Holiday Reception

Dec 12: 10:30am

Michael Schwedick from Reptile World, Inc. Santa Claus will arrive after the program.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Hagerstown, MD
301-739-5727

www.wcmfa.org

Trains of Christmas

Dec 11-13: 1-5pm

The visions, sounds, and snows of Christmas past and present on an "O" Gauge railroad, featuring the trains of Lionel, MTH, Williams, Weaver WEAVER, and others, operating in a snow scene. Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum Hagerstown, MD

301-739-4665 or 301-733-3638

www.roundhouse.org

Christmas at the Miller House

Dec 12: 1-4pm

Historic house (circa 1825) and HQ of the Washington County Historical Society is decorated with a Christmas theme by area garden clubs. 301-797-878

www.rootsweb.com/~mdwchs

Museums by Candlelight at Seton Shrine

-- Dec 12: Noon – 4:30 p.m.

Visit Frederick County's historic sites with museums decorated in holiday style. This year the Basilica will host a concert, performed by Seasons, playing Christmas music with an Irish flair beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
333 S. Seton Ave
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(301) 447-6606

Festival of Lights

Dec 18: 7pm

This event begins with carolers throughout downtown Frederick headed toward City Hall. Once there, attendees are given a candle to hold throughout the ceremony. After holiday greetings and an inspirational message, each candle is lit, filling the Courtyard with magnificent light.

City Hall Courtyard
101 N. Court St.
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 600-2844

www.celebratefrederick.com

Hagerstown City Park Tree Lighting

Dec 4: 7-9pm

Watch as the Christmas tree and decorations are illuminated on the lake and enjoy refreshments, music, and activities at the Hager House, Museum of Fine Arts and the Mansion House Art Gallery.

301-739-8577, ext. 183

www.hagerstownmd.org

Train Garden

Dec 18

The Hagerstown Roundhouse will setup a two-tiered, antique train memorabilia display featuring trains of Christmas and a handmade functional lighthouse beacon. Historians will also be periodically on-site to discuss the trains and answer

strategic alliance with MARS – Mid Atlantic Receptive Services, that is - to create tailored and thematic travel adventures for visitors wanting an authentic experience in the National Heritage Area known as Where America Happened.

MARS and the JTHG Partnership are creating customized, branded tours focusing on the history, heritage, culture, and environment found within the JTHG National Heritage Area. The tours fit into two thematic categories: Land of Leadership and Land of National Beauty, both delivering an authentic look at the people, places, and events that shaped this nation's ideals and are based on centuries of history and heritage found within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

The Leadership tours will focus on several vital topics including: African American contributions; the roles of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Marshall, Lee, W.E.B. DuBois, and Eisenhower; important sites and events tied to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; leadership in the Civil War and in Civil Rights; and leaders of yesterday and their effects on leaders of today and tomorrow.

Land of National Beauty tours will provide unique and exclusive experiences focusing on the exceptional cultural and environmental opportunities found in the JTHG National Heritage Area, including: the outstanding culinary and award-winning wines in the area; antiquing adventures; world-class museum and art exhibits; regional arts and crafts; Fall foliage along the National Scenic Byway; homestead tours of the Founding Fathers; home and garden tours; and adventure and ecotourism journeys.

If you'd like more information, please email: beth@jthg.org

Hagerstown-Washington Co. CVB Honored by Governor

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley presented the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau (HWCCVB) with the Governor's Cultural Heritage Tourism Award for significant contributions and efforts to boost jobs and Maryland tourism.

The award recognized the HWCCVB for its sponsorship and hosting the 150th Anniversary of John Brown's Raid web site (www.johnbrownraid.org) and its promotion of events of a multistate, multiyear commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.



Margot A. Amelia, executive director of the Maryland Office of Tourism, said, "The interest in the Civil War and the events that have been planned have brought thousands of people to our great state."

But the efforts to commemorate the Raid are not done - they run through December. And two new projects will be available soon. Echoes of John Brown is a movie and travelogue that will premier on December 2nd and available to see at the Downtown Hagerstown Visitor Center and at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Also, a new CD of Civil-War era music with original songs done by Jenny Avila and her band is expected soon. For [more information](#).

Congress Helps Preserve CW Battlefields

Largely thanks to the Civil War Preservation Trust President, Obama recently approved allocation of \$9 million to preserve America's endangered Civil War Battlefields



This is the largest single-year allocation for the federal Civil War Battlefield Preservation program.

"This is tremendous news that could not come at a more critical time," said CWPT President James Lighthizer. "Each day, 30 acres of hallowed Civil War battlefield ground are paved over and lost forever. This money will allow us to preserve historic land that would otherwise be lost to development and urban sprawl."

Since its creation in 1999, the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program has been used to protect more than 15,000 acres of hallowed ground at 60 battlefields in 14 states. Among the sites saved as a result of this program are historic properties at Antietam and South Mountain, Md.; Champion Hill, Miss.; Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, and Manassas, Va.; Chattanooga and Fort Donelson, Tenn.; and Harpers Ferry, W.Va. For [more information](#).

23,000 Candles

On Saturday evening December 5, Antietam National Battlefield will host its annual Antietam National Battlefield



questions.
Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum
301-582-0700 - 301-739-4665
www.shopthevalleymall.com

Visual Story of the Civil War Through December

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Hagerstown, MD
301-739-5727
www.wcmfa.org

Pennsylvania

Free At Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America Through Dec 11: 10am – 4pm

Art event and panel exhibition which trace the debate over slavery from the framing of the Constitution until its abolition during the Civil War. Personal letters, documents, cartoons, photographs, and broadsides from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, previously unavailable to the public.

35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA.
(717) 337-6608.
www.palincoln.org

An Evening with the Painting Dec 4: 5:00-7:30pm

Enjoy a presentation on the history of the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting with national Cyclorama expert Sue Boardman. Join Sue on the Cyclorama viewing platform as she explains more about this historic work of art. Space limited.

Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center
1195 Baltimore Pike
Gettysburg, PA 17325
www.gettysburgfoundation.org

1859 Holiday Traditions Dec 1-31: 9:00am-5:00pm

Did you know that many of the holiday traditions we celebrate today became popular during and after the Civil War? The David Wills House will feature period décor and special exhibits. Find out how holidays were celebrated during the Civil War.

David Wills House
8 Lincoln Square
Gettysburg, PA
www.davidwills.house.org

An Eisenhower Christmas Dec 1-31: 10:00-5:00pm

Celebrate Christmas in the tradition of Gettysburg's First Family at the Eisenhower National Historic Site. The Eisenhowers' home is decorated as it was during their presidential years in the 1950s. Original Eisenhower decorations are on display. Holiday reception on December 13.

www.nps.gov/eise

Civil War Christmas at Shriver House --Through Dec 19

Take a candlelight tour of the Shriver House Museum decorated for an 1860's Christmas. Hear the story of the Shriver family and how the Battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War changed their lives. Learn how families celebrated the holidays while fathers, sons, and husbands were separated from loved ones during this tragic time.

309 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
www.shriverhouse.org

Virginia

Museum of Culpeper History Holiday Tour of Homes

Dec 5: 11-4:30 pm

The tour will include 6 private homes, as well as the Culpeper Museum and its Burgandine House (oldest house in Culpeper). As a special treat, enjoy an open house at the B. Martin Germanna Visitor Center. A trolley will take visitors around to the sites. And the annual "Hall of Wreaths" will be held at the Museum during this event. Music, refreshments, re-

Memorial Illumination in honor of those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Antietam. Some 23,000 candles will be lit – one for each soldier killed, wounded or missing at the Battle of Antietam.



The driving tour through the park is approximately 5 miles long. Vehicles are to use parking lights only, and continue through the event without stopping. People on foot are highly discouraged from walking the tour route. The Illumination opens to the public at 6:00 p.m. [For details.](#)

Loudoun Museum Could Use a Hand

In January, the Loudoun Museum must find a new home for its artifact collection. A collection is the most important part of any museum. The Loudoun Museum has over 7,600 artifacts representing more than 250 years of the county's history.



These objects range from wardrobes to watches, bullets to bodkins, farm tools to fine art, and from a 250-pound brass cash register to a pair of gold filigree earrings. All reflect the history of the county from before the arrival of Europeans to the recent presidential campaigns.

The Museum Board of Trustees is working hard to find a secure, climate controlled space needed. But there is a critical need for money to pay for the packing and moving of these priceless treasures. If you can help, please contact: bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org

Volunteers Can Feel the Love, Too

Raise your hand if you are familiar with Preserve America. A little higher, please, I can't see you. OK, I get the picture. Let me tell you a little about the federal initiative and its Stewards Program.



In short, Preserve America encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the program include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

Their Stewards Program recognizes organizations and agencies that successfully use volunteers to help care for our historic properties. Non-profit organizations, government entities (federal, state, local, or tribal), and businesses are eligible to seek designation for their programs.

To date, programs have been recognized for a range of volunteer efforts. Some designated organizations addressed preservation and interpretation of historic buildings, while other Stewards have been recognized for their volunteer archaeological site monitoring.

The next quarterly deadlines for submitting applications to the Preserve America Stewards program are March 1, 2010. For [more information.](#)

Welcome to the Journey, Lynne!

Seeing Lynne in person, you'd never know that she began her career in tourism over 30 years ago. I suspect it didn't take long for the folks in Orange to figure out that her experience and knowledge could translate into increased visitors and an improved image for the area.



Before taking the job as the new Director of Tourism for Orange County, Virginia, Lynne served as the Executive Director of the Portsmouth (Virginia) Convention & Visitors Bureau, and prior to that as Director of Convention & Visitor Services for the Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau.

She is a former high-school teacher and adjunct professor in tourism at Norfolk State University and is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She has become known throughout Virginia for her

customer-service training programs and recently became a JTHG Certified Tourism Ambassador. She also has been a featured speaker at many statewide conferences and seminars. In 2005, Lynne was named "Travel Person of the Year" by the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association. Please welcome Lynne to the Journey! For [more information.](#)

JTHG Partnership Job Opps

With conflicting emotions, the JTHG Partnership is seeing one of its very special team members leave us. But in the end, we can only feel joy for Jaime McClung, whose next adventure is in France! (Perhaps an expansion of the Journey is in order!)

More seriously, we will be looking for someone to take on Jaime's marketing duties. A unique skill set is required: a multitasker with strong left and right brain abilities; someone with exceptional people skills as well as outstanding meeting and event planning experience and marketing production know how, too.

The JTHG Partnership is also looking for a Manager of JTHG Certified

enactments, an 18th century history tavern, and lots of holiday cheer will be on hand through-out the day!
Museum of Culpeper History
803 S. Main Street Culpeper
www.culpepermuseum.com

Brandy Station Foundation Annual Christmas Party

Dec 12: 1-4pm

Merry Christmas from the Brandy Station Foundation. Please join us at the Graffiti House for delicious food & drink. There will also be great opportunities for filling your gift list. Books, T-shirts, ornaments, and more! Door prizes will be given away. Come enjoy!

The Graffiti House
19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA
www.brandystationfoundation.com

Christmas at the Waterford Mill

Dec 5-6: 10-5pm

Waterford's Old Mill will be transformed this holiday season for shoppers looking for fine handicrafts. Shop distinctive gifts, jewelry, fashion accessories, home and holiday décor, dolls and more -- all handcrafted by local weavers, woodworkers, potters, and other artisans featured during the Waterford Fair. Bring the kids to meet Santa on Sunday, 1-3pm
Waterford Mill
40105 Main St
Waterford, VA 20197
540-882-3018
www.waterfordfoundation.org

Christmas in Middleburg

Dec 5: 8-4pm

Enjoy this special holiday celebration in the quaint capital of horse country that includes two parades, breakfast with Santa, live music, arts and crafts, food, and much more. At 11am, the local hunt club parades down Washington Street, creating a spectacular scene of hounds followed closely by nearly 100 horses and riders in red riding coats. At 3pm, enjoy an old fashioned Christmas parade that ends with the arrival of Santa Claus.

Washington Street
Middleburg, VA 20117
540-687-8888
www.middleburg.org

Kitchens: Family Life on the Farm

Dec 5: 12-4pm

Come out for the opening of our newest interactive exhibit on farm kitchens in the decade before World War I. This exhibit features appliances and furnishings used in kitchens before the electrification of farm homes. Bring a canned food donation for the Holiday Coalition and receive one free child's admission.

Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum
21668 Heritage Farm Lane
Sterling, VA 20164
571-258-3800
www.heritagefarmmuseum.org

Revisiting John Brown in the Age of Obama

Dec 6: 2pm

Author Hannah Giffert discusses her book, John Brown Mysteries, in which she argues that, contrary to popular belief, African Americans supported Brown, participated in the events surrounding the raid, and that large numbers of slaves were liberated as a result.

Thomas Balch Library
208 W Market St
Leesburg, VA 20175
703-737-7195

Christmas to Remember

Dec 12: 7- 8pm

Join the town of Purcellville and its neighboring towns and villages for its 5th Annual "A Christmas Event to Remember." The day-long celebration begins with breakfast with Santa, followed by a Christmas parade that includes dogs, horses, carriages, and floats. The celebration continues with traditional holiday entertainment, children's activities, and holiday shopping. The day ends with the lighting of the teardrop tree

Ambassador Program. This new position will manage an innovative frontline hospitality training program and will be responsible for training 4,000 frontline hospitality professionals by June 2011. This Manager will provide leadership, management, and accountability measures for planning, promoting, and executing this nationally recognized program.

For information about either job, send your resume to jennifer@jthg.org

Movin' On Up

The trailer that served as the Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau outside Harpers Ferry, WVA is now gone and the bureau has moved into a two-story cedar, log cabin next door.

Paulette Sprinkle, executive director of the CVB, said, "We're just thrilled with the move. That trailer was the worst possible image for West Virginia."

The new visitor center is not located on Jefferson Rock as seen at right, but Paulette can get you there. And the new Visitor Center will allow for bigger displays promoting the region and area attractions. Drop by and see Paulette and check out her new digs.



IN THE NEWS

Whistle Stop Tour Celebrates Secretary of Transportation's Designation of Journey Through Hallowed Ground as National Scenic Byway

[Click here to see news coverage on ABC TV affiliate in Harrisburg, PA.](#) They covered the day-long Whistle Stop Tour on October 21, which celebrated the JTHG National Scenic Byway designation. The image at right, is the "Whistle Stop" bus en route. The Tour started in Gettysburg, traveled south 180 miles, making five stops along the way: Catoctin Mountain Orchard, Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Culpeper Museum of History, James Madison's Montpelier and then Jefferson's Monticello. Elected officials, state tourism officers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, heritage site and destination management organizations, local business owners, and the citizens who live within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, joined in the celebration. It was a fun day! To see photos [click here](#).



JOIN THE JOURNEY 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!

that has been decorated by the children in the town.

Town of Purcellville
130 E. Main St
Purcellville, VA 20132
540-338-7421
www.purcellvilleva.gov

Holidays in Leesburg

Dec 12: 10am parade, 11am-2pm festival

Celebrate the magic of the season in Historic Downtown Leesburg! Festivities include a holiday parade, horse-drawn carriage rides, live music, roaming carolers, rides, games, ice carving, and, of course, shopping! Following the festival, stay in Leesburg and join us for the Jingle Jam, Leesburg's Holiday Rock n' Roll concert at the Tally Ho theatre. Holiday merchandise and refreshments will be available for purchase.

King Street
Leesburg, VA 20176
703-777-1368
www.idalee.org

A Christmas Carol - Dramatic Reading

Dec 20 - 22: 7- 8pm

Oatlands Carriage House Theater
Carriage House
Admission - \$15, Children under 12 - \$5
Reservations Required
Call 703.777.3174, ext. 110
www.Oatlands.org

First Night Leesburg

Dec 31: 6pm-12am

First Night Leesburg will host over 100 wonderful performances at 20 indoor locations in downtown Leesburg. Enjoy jazz, classical music, puppet shows, bluegrass, folk music, rock & roll, magicians and much more! First Night concludes at midnight with a traditional Grand Illumination gathering on the courthouse green.

Market & King Streets
Leesburg, VA 20175
540-338-4640
www.bluemont.org

18th Hunt Country Winter Antiques Show -- Jan 2 -3, 10am-5pm

300 years of design will be offered for sale at the 17th Hunt Country Winter Antiques Show. 50 quality antiques dealers will offer a fabulous array of furniture, paintings, porcelains, folk art, textiles, jewelry and much more spanning three centuries. All items are guaranteed authentic and no reproductions are permitted.

The Hill School
130 S. Madison St
Middleburg, VA 20117
703-779-2800
dfshows.com

Christmas Candlelight Tours at Montpelier -- December 5

Celebrate Christmas at Montpelier with a special Candlelight Tour of James and Dolley's home. Walk the candlelit path to the mansion; warm up by a campfire and hear period songs and stories from Civil War re-enactors. Enjoy holiday music, wassail, wine, and light refreshments around the Christmas tree in the William duPont Gallery. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 on-site. Call (540) 672-2728 x109 or e-mail basher@montpelier.org to make reservations.

www.montpelier.org

Wreath Workshops at Monticello

Dec. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12

These ever-popular workshops produce a gratifying and tangible end-product: a beautiful holiday wreath. Current and former Monticello staff members will lead participants through the process in these three-hour workshops. All materials (straw wreath forms, pins, wire, etc.) will be provided, including a cornucopia of natural materials. Bring hand pruners. \$45.

monticello.org

**Holiday Evening Tours at Monticello
Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
21, 22**

Mark the 2009 holiday season with an intimate look at how the holidays were celebrated in Jefferson's time and experience a rare opportunity to see Monticello after dark. Reservations required: \$45 per person.

monticello.org

**Holiday Book Sale
December 1-24**

James Madison Museum,
Orange, VA.

540-672-1776

www.jamesmadisonmus.org

Christmas Open House

Dec 6

Civil War Museum at the Exchange Hotel
Gordonsville, VA

540.832-2944

www.hgiexchange.com

Orange County Christmas Parade

Dec 6: 5pm

Downtown Orange.

540-672-5216

www.orangevachamber.com

**Merry Old Town's Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting**

Dec 4: 6-8pm

Make time to enjoy old-fashioned family fun at this holiday celebration. Santa arrives at the Manassas Depot via VRE train and visits with children at the Harris Pavilion Gazebo. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 6:30pm. at the Manassas Museum. Plans for the evening include carols, live music, Santa, and free hayrides.

Historic Old Town Manassas,

9101 Prince William Street

Manassas 20110

www.visitmanassas.org

**64th Annual Greater Manassas
Christmas Parade**

Dec 5: 10 am-12:30 pm

Parade marches through Old Town with floats, live performances, marching bands, equestrians, animated characters, giant balloons and Santa. Parade begins at Mathis Ave. and continues down Center St. through Old Town Manassas.

Historic Old Town Manassas

9431 West St., Manassas 20110.

703-361-4195.

www.visitmanassas.org

www.gmchristmasparade.org

**Christmas Through the Ages at
Liberia Plantation**

**Dec 11: Programs start at; 5pm,
5:45pm, 7:15pm, 8pm, and 8:45pm**

Participants walk through different centuries of Christmas celebrations at historic Liberia Plantation in 1862, 1900, 1945, and 1970

Advance tickets \$15, day of \$20.

Meet at The Manassas Museum

9101 Prince William St., 20110 703-368-1873

www.manassasmuseum.org

Wreaths Across America

Dec 12: noon

A nation-wide annual event at Quantico National Cemetery to honor the fallen.

5100 Russell Road

Quantico, VA 22134.

www.cem.va.gov

Brentsville Holiday Concert

Dec 12: 5-6pm

Performed by the Brentsville District High School Women's Treble Ensemble and Mixed Vocal ensemble. In historic 1870 Union Church at 5pm and 6pm. Hot cider and gingerbread will be cooked and served at the newly restored 1850 Haislip-Hall house.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, 20136

www.pwcgov.org/brentsville

Santa Claus is Coming!

Dec 12-13: 11am-3pm

Visit Ben Lomond and see Santa dust off that old suit he wore when artist Thomas

Nast first drew him in 1862. Make ornaments, have your picture taken with Santa, and tour the building that served as a Confederate field hospital. Saturday, \$2 for kids crafts, a small fee if you want a photo with **Santa**.

Ben Lomond Historic Site
10321 Sudley Manor Rd.
Manassas, 20109

www.pwccgov.org

Off the Wall

Dec 23 - Jan 29 M-F 10am-5pm. Sat, 1-5 pm

Enjoy the 6th annual art exhibit of works by high school students from Greater Manassas/Prince William County. The artwork displayed is exceptional. Center for the Arts/Caton Merchant Family Gallery

9419 Battle St., Manassas, 20111.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

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