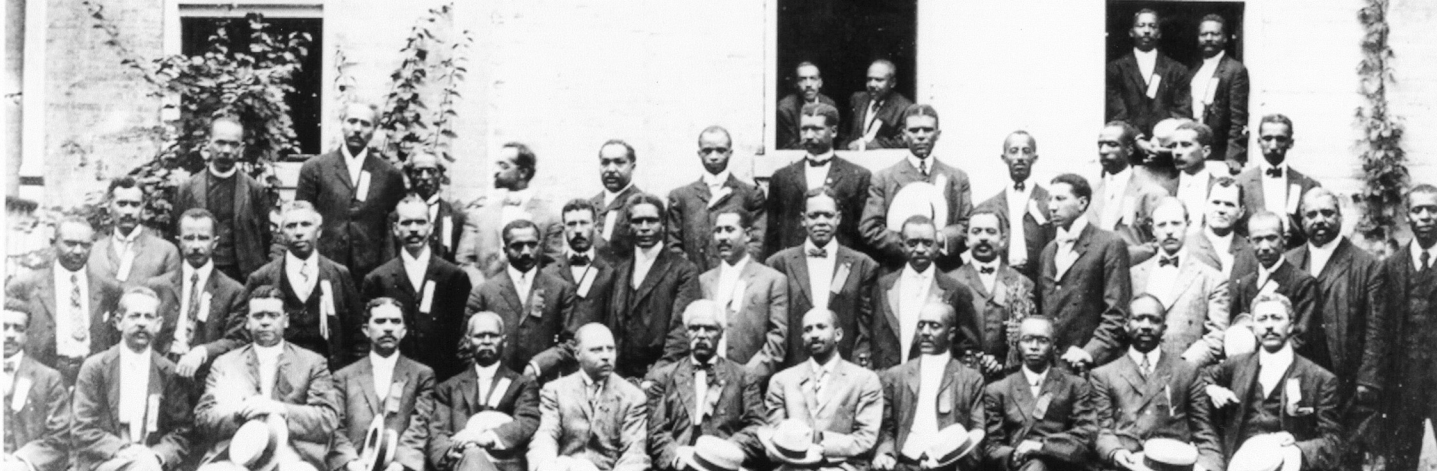




# Community Bulletin



## The Niagara Movement: the Cornerstone of the Modern Civil Rights Era

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Jefferson County Branch NAACP, and the Harpers Ferry Historical Association are partnering to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Niagara Movement at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. A variety of activities are included in this celebration.

### Planning Your Visit

The Park's normal entrance fee will be waived for the weekend and there is no charge for any of the activities related to the Niagara Celebration.

Small lap-sized coolers are allowed on buses, but lawn chairs are not.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park at any time.

This event is focused on celebrating the Niagara Movement and its members, on the grounds of Storer College campus, the site of the 1906 meeting. It is a confined space. Therefore, recreational equipment such as frisbees,

footballs, etc. are not permitted at the event venue on Camp Hill.

It is primarily an outdoor venue and will be held rain or shine. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Food and drink service will be available for visitors to purchase meals from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Commemorative items, books and music will be sold at the Harpers Ferry Historical Association's Sales Tent on Camp Hill.

This is a handicapped accessible event.

A children's activity area, inside the Clifford Tent, will host activities for children of all ages.

For updated information, please log on to the Niagara Centennial section of the park web site at <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/niagara/index.htm> or call the Visitor Center at 304-535-6298.

### Parking Considerations

Parking is located at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center parking areas. Visitors will board shuttle buses to the event, located on Camp Hill. Activities on Camp Hill are serviced by bus only. There is no visitor parking on Camp Hill. The NPS expects this to be a busy event, so plan to arrive early and allow for transportation time to reach the event. Parking is on a first come, first serve basis and when the lots are full, parking will be closed until spaces open up.

Maximum crowds are expected for this weekend. We ask your patience when arriving and leaving the event.

If attending the Saturday evening Preservation Hall Jazz Band Concert from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Bolivar Heights, visitors should park at Bolivar Heights. Parking opens at 6:00 p.m. for this concert.

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## Schedule of Events

The schedule is subject to change.

### Thursday, August 17

3:00 pm

Official Opening Ceremony and Unveiling of the Niagara Movement West Virginia State Historical Marker - Du Bois Tent

4:00 - 5:30 pm

“J.R. Clifford & the Carrie Williams Case” Dramatic Re-enactment of the Landmark 1898 West Virginia Civil Rights Decision  
Curtis Freewill Baptist Church  
Free Tickets Required

7:30 - 9:00 pm

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### Friday, August 18

5:00 - 10:00 pm

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent - Lawn  
Great Blacks in Wax Exhibit - Mather First Floor  
The Niagara Movement & 20th Century Civil Rights Workers - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

5:30 pm

Catered Reception sponsored by National Parks Conservation Association with music by Howard Burns Ensemble - Food Court

6:45 - 7:00 pm

Gospel Prelude - The Shiloh Baptist Church Gospel Choir, Washington, DC - Murray Stage  
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

7:00 - 7:45 pm

Welcoming Ceremony - Murray Stage

Music by the Shiloh Baptist Church Gospel Choir, Washington, DC - Murray Stage  
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

8:00 - 8:45 pm

Dramatic Presentation “Women of Niagara” by Donzaleigh Abernathy, Actress, Author, Daughter of Rev. Ralph David Abernathy.  
Also appearing are Juandalynn Abernathy, singer and sister to Donzaleigh, and Dar Dixon, actor  
Du Bois Tent

9:00 - 10:15 pm

African American Music in the Age of Niagara Dr. Michael White’s New Orleans Jazz Ensemble  
Murray Stage (Inclement weather site - Du Bois Tent)

### Saturday, August 19

9:00 - 10:30 am

Descendants Reception sponsored by the Bank of Charles Town - Harpers Ferry Center Patio

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

USPS Cancellation Kiosk - Lawn - closes at 5 p.m.  
Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent - Lawn  
Food Court - Harpers Ferry Center Entry Area  
Great Blacks in Wax Exhibit - Mather First Floor  
Du Bois Documentary - Mather Second Floor  
Niagara Exhibit - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church  
Hershaw Gathering Tent - Mather Lot  
The Niagara Movement & 20th Century Civil Rights Workers - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

10:00 - 10:45 am

Musical Prelude - Howard Burns Ensemble - Murray Stage (Inclement weather site Du Bois Tent)

11:00 - 11:45 am

Welcome and Keynote Address  
Dr. David Levering Lewis, Professor of History at NYU, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author - Du Bois Tent

11:45 - 12:00 pm

“Cornerstone Program: A Battle for all Americans” Children’s Program highlighting the significance of the Niagara Movement - Du Bois Tent

12:00 - 12:30 pm

Music in the Food Court - Howard Burns Ensemble

12:30 - 1:15 pm

“Reverdy C. Ransom & The Spirit of John Brown” Fred Morsell as Reverdy C. Ransom, Actor, Historian, Author - Du Bois Tent

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Gospel Concert – The Dixie Hummingbirds - Murray Stage (Inclement weather site Du Bois Tent)

1:30 - 2:15

Storer College History Series - Rev. John William Dungey - Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram, Professor African American Studies, University of Buffalo  
Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Panel Discussion: “The Problem of the Twentieth Century will be the Problem of the Color Line: Breaking Barriers in America” - Du Bois Tent

#### Panelists:

Juanita Abernathy, widow of Civil Rights leader Rev. Ralph David Abernathy

Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Civil Rights pioneer and first D.C. Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives

Dr. Eddie Henderson, first African American to compete in the National Figure Skating Championships

Monte Irvin, pioneer in breaking color barrier in major league baseball, member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame

Cheryl White, first African American female professional jockey

Joseph Wilder, barrier breaking African American musician on Broadway

**4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Sorrow Songs, Protest Songs and the Souls of Black Folks - Dr. MaryNell Morgan, Empire State College, New York - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

**4:30 - 5:30 pm**

Book and CD Signing and Reception - featuring authors and artists - Mather Lawn

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Breaking Barriers in America: Music by The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra, Directed by William H. Hughes, featuring debut of original Niagara Movement Centennial Score, *Niagara Suite*, written and conducted by Dr. Frank Foster - Murray Stage (Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

**9:15 - 10:00 pm**

Scotty Barnhart Quartet, featuring special guest musicians - Du Bois Tent

**8:00 - 10:00 pm** Music at Bolivar Heights featuring the Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Location: Bolivar Heights - just off Washington Street in Bolivar. If attending this concert, please park on Bolivar Heights.

## Sunday, August 20

**6:00 - 6:45 am**

Meet at Visitor Center for transport to Murphy Farm

**6:00 - 7:15 am**

Coffee Reception - Gathering Tent - Murphy Farm sponsored by the Town of Harpers Ferry

**7:30 - 8:30 am**

Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort  
If there is inclement weather a tent will be erected.

**9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent - Lawn  
Food Court - Harpers Ferry Center Entry Area  
Great Blacks in Wax Exhibit - Mather First Floor  
Du Bois Documentary - Mather Second Floor  
The Niagara Movement & 20th Century Civil Rights Workers - Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

**10:30 - 11:30 am**

Memorial Service - Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Scott - Du Bois Tent

**12:00 - 1:00 pm**

Odetta - Songs of Freedom & Inspiration - Murray Stage  
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

**1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Music on Harpers Ferry Center Patio  
Howard Burns Ensemble

**1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Reflections of W.E.B. DuBois - Du Bois Tent

Dr. David Levering Lewis, Professor of History at NYU, Two-Time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author

Dr. Du Bois Irvin, Granddaughter of W.E.B. DuBois  
Moderator, Dr. Lawrence Hogan, Professor of History, Union County College

**2:45 - 4:00 pm**

Music by Delfeayo Marsalis Quintet  
Murray Stage  
(Inclement weather site- Du Bois Tent)

**3:45 - 4:00 pm**

Closing Ceremony - Presentation of Niagara Centennial Plaque followed by gathering for centennial photograph on Mather Lawn



A variety of books, music, and art will be available at the Harpers Ferry Historical Association Sales Tent on the Mather Lawn.

## Activities in the Clifford Youth Discovery Tent

**Friday 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Saturday 10:00 - noon, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and 7:00 - 9:00pm**  
**Sunday 11:00 - 4:00pm**

**“Freedom Quilt”** Join an artist and contribute a square to the “Freedom Quilt”.

**“Freedom House”** Help to build the “Freedom House.”

### Saturday

**10:00-10:30 am “Freedom Timeline”** Discover some of the people and events that played a role in ending slavery and securing equality for African Americans by becoming a part of a living timeline.

**10:45 - 11:30 am “Laying the Cornerstone of the Modern Civil Rights Era”** This is your chance to make history! Participants will

practice to take part in the Niagara Cornerstone Ceremony

**12:30 - 1:15 pm “The Evolution of Music at the Time of the Niagara Movement”** Dr. Michael White, Xavier University

**1:30 - 2:00 pm “What Would Dr. Du Bois Do?”** In his “Address to the Country,” Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois outlined five points necessary for the achievement of equal rights for African Americans. Discover how these points relate to events of today.

**2:30 - 3:15 pm “Magpie” musical performance**

**4:00 - 5:30 pm “I Am One; Send Me!”** A theatrical musical production about the Life of “Miss Jennie” - Jane Serepta Dean This production is presented by Creative and Performing Arts Center, Inc. Woodbridge, Virginia

### Sunday

**11:15 - 11:45 am “Freedom Timeline”** Discover some of the people and events that played a role in ending slavery and securing equality for African Americans.

**12:00 - 12:30 pm “Who Do You Support”** Opinions differed on whose approach--Du Bois or Washington--was best. Come listen and decide.

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Douglass, Du Bois & Ransom - How Did They Change Our Lives?** Join acclaimed actor Fred Morsell as he discusses the impact that these men had on our lives.

**2:30 - 3:00 pm What Would Dr. Du Bois Do?** In his “Address to the Country,” Dr. Du Bois outlined five points for the achievement of equal rights for African Americans. Discover how these points relate to events of today.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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P.O. Box 65  
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

Visitor Center  
304-535-6029

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop  
304-525-6881 or 800-821-5206

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page  
[www.nps.gov/hafe/](http://www.nps.gov/hafe/)

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## Planning Your Visit continued

If you attend the Sunday morning Pilgrimage, please wear comfortable shoes.