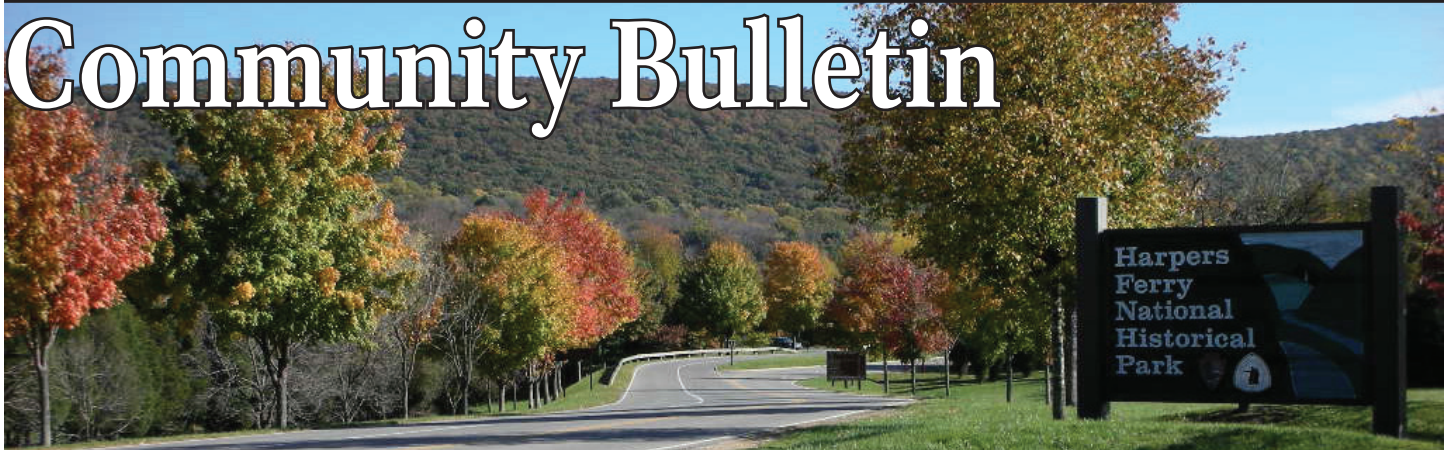




Community Bulletin



Ranger Mark Howard Receives National Capital Region's Harry Yount Award

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is pleased to announce Park Ranger Mark Howard has received the National Capital Region's Harry Yount Award. After attending a seasonal law enforcement academy at the University of Memphis, Mark began his NPS career at Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana in 1998. Working multiple seasons at both Little Bighorn and Fort Davis NHS, Mark earned his "permanent status" in 2000. In 2003, he moved to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, where he is a Law Enforcement (LE) Ranger. Although an LE, his influence and involvement touches every branch in the park and he wouldn't have it any other way. Mark believes a Park Ranger should be prepared to perform any task and perform it well. While the law enforcement function is a critical part of rangership, it is so much more. Mark takes this responsibility to heart. Employees from all park divisions describe Mark as a "go to" guy and a person who responds ready to assist in any kind of situation. His dedication to the visitor experience, resource management and developmental experiences of future generations of park stewards is unparalleled at Harpers Ferry NHP. Throughout his career, Mark has demonstrated a true practice and appreciation for the roles, responsibilities, and philosophy of



the park ranger profession. His positive impact and ability honors Harry Yount's legacy and inspires those around him to continue excelling in traditional ranger duties for the betterment of the National Park Service.

Every year each of the seven National Park Service regions selects a Regional Harry Yount Award recipient whose "overall impact, record of accomplishments, and excellence in traditional

ranger duties have created an appreciation for the park ranger profession on the part of the public and other members of the profession." Mark Howard and the six other regional award recipients from across the country are automatically nominated for the National Harry Yount Award.

The intent of the Harry Yount Award, named after the first known park ranger, is to honor rangers who have consistently gone out every day and performed the traditional, generalist ranger duties of protecting the resources and serving the visitor; and, who have done it well in the eyes of their peers over time.

The Harry Yount Award is not a lifetime achievement award. Instead it is an award that honors the rangers who form the heart of the ranger corps and have a commitment to the Service's mission. Regional Award recipients receive a plaque and a cash award.

Harpers Ferry Rangers Receive Excellence in Interpretation Awards

Harpers Ferry NHP is proud to announce several Harpers Ferry rangers recently received Excellence in Interpretation Awards from the National Capital Region.

These interpretive rangers are connecting with visitors, communicating the relevance of parks to the public, and discovering innovative ways to tell the stories of the cultural and natural resources within the NCR. The nominees were outstanding this year and the winners illustrate only some of the creative energy from projects this year.

The winners listed below exemplify the best in the region.

Special Event Award winners for First Manassas 150th Celebration from Harpers Ferry include: Autumn Cook, Lesley Johnson, Stan McGee, Polly Root, Meredith Matherly, Tom Bates, and Dennis Frye.

Interpretive Media Award winner from Harpers Ferry was Autumn Cook for work on the Civil War 150th Interpretive Panels for Youth.

Interpretive Teamwork Award: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park - Youth Theatre Project
Traci Manning, Meredith Matherly, Christie Seidel, Melissa Canfield, Hilary Grabowska, George Cabrera, George Best, Megan Sullivan, Kyle Parker, Becky Bacheller, Adele Fischmann, Blayne Ott, Toni O'Connor, Jess Liptak, Kim Biggs, Melinda Day, Amber Kraft, Catherine Bragaw and Dennis Frye.

Interpretive Leadership Award: Amber Kraft for substantially enhancing the youth and education programs at the park and within the educational community.

Upcoming Events

November 5-6

“Roeder’s Tavern Cider Making 1860”

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Lower Town

Join us for cider-making demonstration and fall food preservation.

November 13

The Harpers Ferry 19th Century Music Academy Concert

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Train Station, Potomac St.

“VIOLIN, BONES, AND BANJO, A Performance of 19th century techniques by 21st century players”, featuring Greg C. Adams, Rowan Corbett, and Chuck Krepley. Sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Historical Association.

December 3-4

“Capt. Flagg’s U.S. Quartermaster City: Prospects of Peace ”

Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Lower Town

Join over 175 living history volunteers as they help present park visitors with a unique window into the magnitude and scope of Captain Flagg’s 1864 US Quartermaster city.

Veterans Day Weekend is Fee Free

Harpers Ferry NHP would like to remind you Veterans Day weekend, November 11-13, is an entrance fee-free weekend at national park sites. This provides a great opportunity for visitors to connect with these national treasures and learn more about stewardship of the national parks.

Thanks to all veterans for your service.

Fee-free days in 2012 are:


January 14-16

April 21-29

June 9

September 29

November 10-12



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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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Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop
304-525-6881

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page
www.nps.gov/hafe/

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Holiday Schedule Announced

The Superintendent of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park recently announced the park will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 24; Christmas Day, December 25; and New Year’s Day, January 1, 2012. The park will reopen the day following each holiday at 8:00 a.m. The Harpers Ferry Historical Association’s Bookshop on Shenandoah Street will also be closed on these holidays and for inventory in January. This holiday schedule allows park and bookshop employees to spend time with their families.

For additional information regarding park schedules and events, please call the Visitor Center at 304-535-6298 or log onto the park’s web site at www.nps.gov/hafe/.