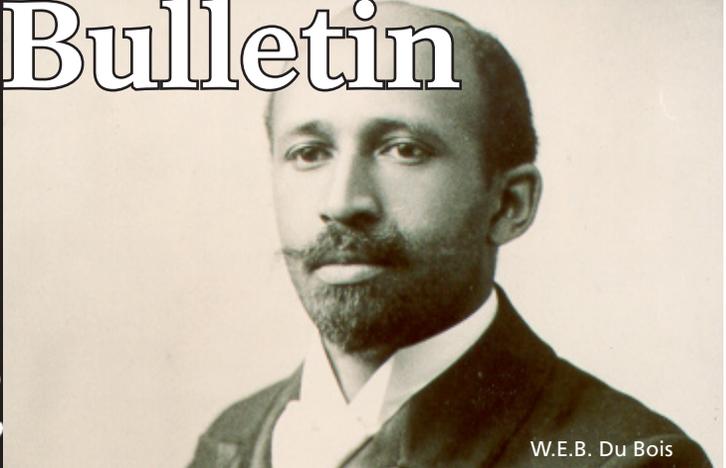




Community Bulletin



Brown Event Named to Top 100 by American Bus Association

The upcoming John Brown sesquicentennial has been named a Top 100 Event for 2009 by the American Bus Association (ABA). The sesquicentennial commemorates John Brown's Raid on the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers Ferry, 150 years ago. There are scores of events scheduled throughout the four-state area, because John Brown's activities, and actions immediately following the 1859 raid, impacted Franklin County (Pa), Washington County (Md), Frederick County (Md), what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia including Jefferson County (WV), Loudon County and Frederick Counties (Va).

The John Brown Sesquicentennial Quad-State Committee, comprised of various historians and officials from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland, has coordinated a range of commemoration events to ensure that the schedules of the individual county committees do not conflict. The coalition of state and county tourism officials, historians, elected officials, and park service management are working to promote the entire area during the 150th anniversary period.

Numerous special events are planned for 2009, including re-enactments,

concerts, an educational symposium, scholarships, living history, family and youth activities, and ranger conducted programs. A new web site (sponsored by the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau but promoting the entire four-state area) has been unveiled which has a complete listing of events during the 150th Anniversary: www.johnbrownraid.org. The events are updated frequently.

"The events committee has been very active for the last year and half," said Todd Bolton, Events Committee Chair of the Sesquicentennial Quad-State Committee. "We currently have more than 65 events planned that will appeal to a wide variety of people. Our hope is to promote this commemoration to a diverse audience."

"The John Brown story impacts our four-state area," said Tom Riford the president and CEO of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Brown met with Frederick Douglas in Franklin County in August of 1859, he spent months planning at the Kennedy Farm and then executed his raid from Washington County, the raid took place in Jefferson County, and several surrounding counties were involved." Riford

said that interest in the anniversary is running high, "We are already receiving bus group reservations, and a lot of media attention because of the 150th Anniversary. This event is more than just about one town or one county, and it is certainly historic that a coalition of four states is working together to promote our entire area and the events that happened during the time that John Brown was here in 1859."

Black History Features Du Bois

Date: February 1, 2008

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: John Brown Museum

As part of Black History Month, Harpers Ferry NHP invites the public to attend the opening of a new exhibit, **W.E.B. Du Bois: Architect of the Modern Civil Rights Movement**. The opening and reception will be held on Sunday, February 1, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street. The exhibit remembers the life of W.E.B. Du Bois, founder of the Niagara Movement.

This special exhibit will be open through the end of February.

Education Branch Seeks Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities at Harpers Ferry NHP are as diverse as the natural and cultural resources of the park. Currently the Education Division of the park is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of their programs.

Volunteer positions with the Education Branch include:

Media Tech: Video Taping, Photography and Media This position concentrates on creating media products. Video taping and photography. **Time Needed:** Mainly M-F during school or family and youth programs.

Teaching Aide: Junior National Young Leaders Conference (Jr. NYLC) Assist with Civil War experiences for students and help teach the home-front, war relief, or military stations. **Time Needed:** Activities set up at 1:00. Volunteers will be engaged until 4:30. Programs run March-April, June-August, September-November (Usually M-Wed)

Teacher: Jr. NYLC Teach or co-teach leadership program for Jr. NYLC students and help with logistics and operations. **Time Needed:** 8:30 - 4:30 (Usually M-Wed) Programs run March-April, June-August, September-November

Teacher or Teacher aide: Curriculum-based programs Lead or assist in teaching K-12 students with established curriculum-based programs **Time Needed:** Any time Monday-Friday 8:30 - 4:30

Gardener/Horticulturalist Teacher Assist Jr. High students research, plan, plant, and tend a 19th century period garden. **Time Needed:** Flexible hours, weekdays, weekend work may be available

Living History – Special Event program and other school-based programs Assist with on-site school events including School House Ridge (May) and Storer College (October). Assist with pre lessons for Storer College (September/October) and School House Ridge (April); assist with on-school site programs for Life-ways and Journey to Freedom (January and February). **Time Needed:** Must be available M-F school hours - very flexible.

Hike Leaders Hike Leaders will work specifically with the “Tiger on the Trail,” a new park/community-based program which seeks to reconnect students with nature in hopes of creating a lifestyle of environmental conservation and physical activity to help fight obesity in youth today. **Time Needed:** Hike leaders are requested to lead a minimum of two hikes a semester.

Orientation and Family/Youth Programs Orient student groups on the weekends. Meet group at Visitor Center and ride bus to lower town for orientation. Present a variety of family and youth programs to the visiting public. **Time Needed:** Weekends Spring-Fall

Research (history, environmental science, education, or related fields) Provides ongoing research for a variety of topics.

Office Support Help answer phones, upkeep of program materials, Xeroxing, filing, communication with teachers and others, assist with research. Assist with grant writing. **Time Needed:** Monday-Friday 8:30 - 4:30

Web Assistance Help maintain education website. Work with staff to create online web programs for students and teachers.

Administrative/Management Assistance Assist with career days at colleges/intern recruitment. Assist with administrative details for advisory board for education. Build community based support for education. Assist with grant acquisition/management. **Time Needed:** Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

Building projects (shelves, cots, benches) Skilled in carpentry and able to recommend materials as well as have their own tools. **Time Needed:** Most work could be done at home on your own time schedule – should be able to meet with education staff during M-F business hours to start project

Artist (backdrops, murals) Recommends materials. Draw/paint portable backdrops for Jr. NYLC and other curriculum programs. Works in faux painting used in 19th century.

Seamstress Assist with multiple sewing projects: 19th century costumes from simple to complex, large fabric backdrops, attaching pennants to flags, and other items for student use. **Time Needed:** Could work on the sewing machine in the education office or on their personal machine at home depending on the project.

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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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