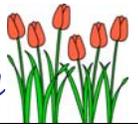




# Volunteer Newsletter *June Edition*



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Main Gate



**From Left to Right: National Capital Regional Director, Joe Lawler; Wolf Trap Director, Bill Crockett; Wolf Trap Foundation CEO & President, Terre Jones**  
Photo courtesy of the Wolf Trap Foundation

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new main gate facility was held May 23, 2008. About a half hour before the gates opened for the Garrison Keillor performance, the park took a few moments to officially open the main gate and acknowledge those that played a major role in ensuring its on-time opening. Speakers included the Director of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Mr. William Crockett; the Regional Director of the National Capital Region, Mr. Joe Lawler; and the President & CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation, Mr. Terre Jones.

Demolition of the previous Main Gate structure occurred in September of 2007, after the conclusion of the fall Filene Center performances. Construction started shortly thereafter on the new structure and continued through spring of 2008.

The newly expanded Main Gate offers all necessary and desirable services for the park visitors. The new entrance continues to provide an open and sweeping view of the Filene Center's unique roofline and entrance. Also provided by the new structure are professionally designed and enlarged visitor spaces, housing expanded restrooms, gift and souvenir shops, as well as essential ticket and food services. Park Director, Bill Crockett says, "We are most happy to offer these improved spaces and new conveniences to our park patrons to ensure their satisfaction and well being at Wolf Trap. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our park's many winter visitors throughout the project, and we hope that everyone enjoyed watching the new Main Gate as it slowly developed. We trust that everyone will take great pleasure in the new Main Gate and all that it has to offer for our patrons' continued enjoyment of the arts at Wolf Trap."

## Volunteer Program Wins Regional Hartzog Award

On Wednesday, April 16, 2008, the National Capital Region held its fifth annual George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts and sponsored by Eastern National. Sixty guests attended.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts received the regional award for Outstanding Park Volunteer Program. Gary Sikora, Rock Creek Park, received the regional Outstanding Individual Park Volunteer Award. The C&O Canal Association Volunteer Team received the Outstanding Park Volunteer Group Award.

In 2007, approximately 1,100 volunteers assisted at Wolf Trap. The performance season would not have



**Representatives from the NPS regional office join various park volunteers for the Regional George B. Hartzog Jr. Award Ceremony held in the Musician's Lounge at Wolf Trap.**

occurred without the help of many volunteers. Each Filene Center performance had approximately 100 volunteer ushers, 15 volunteer rangers, three first aid volunteers, and one stage door volunteer. The Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods had about ten volunteers at each performance. The dedication of Wolf Trap's volunteers shone through – 325 ushers and 18 rangers have each volunteered for at least ten years. Congratulations to the many volunteers and volunteer supervisors for a job well done!



## 2008 International Children's Festival scheduled for September 9-14, 2008

The 38<sup>th</sup> International Children's Festival will be held at Wolf Trap from Tuesday, September 9 through Sunday, September 14. Invited performers for 2008 are from China, Finland, Ghana, and Jordan.

Volunteers are needed during the week from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for the weekday performances given to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Fairfax County. Volunteers are also needed to usher at the Filene Center for the public festival on the weekend.

Scouts can earn service hours by helping keep the park clean at the weekend festival. They may work either a four hour shift or all day.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County, a park partner presenting the festival also needs volunteer help for the weekend festival scheduled from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers assist with Will Call, Souvenir Sales, Programs, staffing the Information Booth, assisting the children in the Creative Kid area and much more. Volunteers are asked to work three to four hour shifts. Special International Children's Festival t-shirts will be provided to all volunteers.

To volunteer please contact:

- Terri Bobek at (703) 255-1825 to usher for the weekday school programs or on the weekend.
- Duane Erwin at (703) 255-1822 to volunteer as an EMS provider or cart driver.
- Amy Jonach at (703) 255-1893 for scout volunteer opportunities.
- Suzanne Keating at (703) 757-7252 to volunteer with the Arts Council of Fairfax County for the weekend public festival.

# New Mural in the Tunnel

On May 12, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts proudly unveiled a new mural created by Wolftrap Elementary School, titled "Nature's Lullaby". Braving the unseasonably cold, rainy weather, a small crowd gathered for the great reveal. All students, over 600 in all, worked on this collaborative effort which resulted in an 8 ft by 20 ft mural. The mural was inspired by the park and is symbolic of the diversity of performances that can be seen during the summer performance season.

The director of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Mr. William Crockett, and the principal of Wolftrap

Elementary School, Dr. Anita Blain, welcomed the gathered guests and celebrated the partnership between the park and the school. Other speakers included Mr. Terre Jones, President & CEO of the Wolf Trap Foundation; Ms. Julianne Giampapa, mural designer and art teacher at Wolftrap Elementary School; and the 6th grade Student Council president. The school's All County Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Carolyn Dorey, also performed.

Next time you walk through the tunnel under Trap Road, take a moment to enjoy this new artwork.



A portion of the new mural created by the students of Wolf Trap Elementary School.

## Wolf Trap at the White House

As part of the White House's theme for the 2007 Christmas holidays "Holiday in the National Parks" the First Lady, Laura Bush requested each park in the National Park Service to commission an artist to decorate a Christmas ornament to depict a "unique aspect" of the park. The ornament was displayed on the White House's Christmas tree in the Blue Room. Park Director William Crockett asked local artist and Shouse Village resident, Sandy Pugh to decorate the ornament.

While reflecting upon Wolf Trap's many events, Pugh decided upon the candlelight procession that ends the Holiday Sing-A-Long, held each December. She glued a photograph onto the ball and then covered the rest of the ball with individual gold, glitter stars. To finish the ornament, she attached an ivory ribbon and adorned the ribbon with more gold stars. After the ornament was on display at the White House during the 2007 holiday season, the ornament became the property of the national archives.



# Great Perks for Volunteering

Volunteers that assist patrons attending a performance at the Filene Center have the opportunity to enjoy the show. Teen volunteers at the Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods can earn federal volunteer hours for school or scouts. There are additional perks to volunteering at the nation's only National Park for the Performing Arts...

**Enjoy** one of the open rehearsals with the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO). This summer, the volunteers are invited to watch select daytime rehearsals of the NSO. Dates: July 10, 25, 26, 31 and August 1 and 2. Those wishing to attend a rehearsal must RSVP to (703) 255-1893 at least one week prior to the date of the rehearsal.

**Earn** volunteer hours toward a free "America the Beautiful Pass" which allows the volunteer free entry to any Federal Land area. You can track your hours on-line at [www.volunteer.gov/gov](http://www.volunteer.gov/gov). For more info, visit [www.nps.gov/fees\\_passes.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm).



**Enroll** in the Department of the Interior Federal Credit Union. Volunteers are eligible to join the credit union. Membership benefits include: free checking, bill pay, online banking, and more... For more info, visit [www.doifcuhb.org](http://www.doifcuhb.org) or call (800)914-8619.

# Mark your Calendar...

July 20 – *Camille's Affair* for volunteer ushers. *RSVP required.*

August 8 – Party for volunteers at the Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods

August 28 – Picnic for volunteer rangers and first-aid volunteers

Rehearsals with the NSO...  
(*RSVP required. For volunteers and guests only. Time: 11 am – 1:30 pm*)

July 10	July 31
July 25	August 1
July 26	August 2

Junior Ranger Days...

(*From noon – 3 pm*)

July 9
July 26
August 7

International Children's Festival  
September 13, 14

Check the "Current Volunteer" section of the park's web site for updates and information throughout the season. [www.nps.gov/wotr](http://www.nps.gov/wotr)

# Activities for Children

## *The Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods*

Nestled in the woods of Wolf Trap, the Children's Theatre offers two different shows daily, Tuesday – Saturday, until August 9. Show times: 10 am, 11:15 am.

## *Ranger Programs*

Two ranger programs are offered daily at 12:15 pm and 12:30 pm after performances at the Children's Theatre. Programs give children an opportunity to tour backstage at the Children's Theatre or have fun with musical instruments, costumes, or plays. Recommended for children five and older. Free.



## *Junior Ranger Activity Books*

Activity books for children are available all year at the Ranger Station or during performance times at the Children's Theatre. The books have fun activities to learn about Wolf Trap and the National Park Service. Upon completion of seven of the nine activities, participants earn the official Junior Ranger Badge. Two books available, recommended for early and late elementary ages. Free.

## *Junior Ranger Days*

Special activities for children are available on Junior Ranger Days from noon – 3 pm. A variety of ranger programs will be offered as well as the "Passport to Wolf Trap" booklet, which offers a rubber stamp scavenger hunt game. Participants will receive a special Junior Ranger Day certificate, patch, and lots of fun memories. Recommended for children five and older. Free. Please RSVP at (703) 255-1893.



## Wolf Trap... ...around the world



Volunteer Ushers Susan Bregman and Ralph Dannheisser.

While traveling through Ireland, Susan and Ralph stopped for lunch in a town called Tullamore, on the way from Dublin to Limerick and found a restaurant with a familiar name.



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The Volunteer Newsletter shares information about the park and highlights the 1,100 volunteers that contribute their time to the National Park Service at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

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## Volunteers Needed...

Wolf Trap is currently recruiting volunteers for the following areas:

- Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods  
You can help by scanning tickets, greeting patrons, assisting with crowd control, helping with workshops, and providing performer and patron assistance. This experience can count toward community or federal service hours and looks great on a resume. Volunteers can be anyone 13 – 113 years old.
- International Children's Festival Volunteers  
See description listed on page 2.
- Administrative Volunteers  
These volunteers assist during the non-performance season in the park offices with administrative needs.
- Volunteers for 2009 performance season: Ushers, Rangers, First-Aid, Theatre-in-the-Woods, Stage Door.

## Thanks to our current volunteers...

Many thanks to all the volunteers at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Remember to check the park website for updates about volunteerism throughout the year.

[www.nps.gov/wotr/supportyourpark/currentvolunteers.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wotr/supportyourpark/currentvolunteers.htm)