



Clara Barton National Historic Site Virtual Tour

Students in Grades 2 and up can complete online activities, print out a web certificate, and mail it in for a Junior Ranger badge and an official certificate. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/clba/photosmultimedia/virtual-tour.htm> for details. Free!

Clara Barton, An Extraordinary Life (Off-site Presentation)

Learn more about the founder of the American Red Cross and Clara Barton National Historic Site in a 1-hour free program presented for your community group or school. Call for availability/details.

Education Programs

Clara Barton Needs You!

Designed for Grades 1-3, this free program focuses on the important role volunteers played in early operations of the American Red Cross. Students will learn how volunteers helped victims of natural disasters and war and what it would have been like to work with Clara Barton and live in her Glen Echo home. This program may be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon during the school year. A maximum of 33 participants (one adult chaperon per ten children) may attend each program. Consider combining a tour at Clara Barton NHS with a picnic lunch and an afternoon tour at Glen Echo Park.

Tours for Students

Teachers are welcome to schedule tours of the house for students of all grade levels. A maximum of 33 participants (one adult chaperon per ten children) may attend. Call for details—Advanced reservations are required.

Girl Scout Programs

Junior Girl Scouts can earn their Local Lore badge in one day at Clara Barton National Historic Site and Glen Echo Park. Take a tour of both sites and learn about their unique history through hands-on activities! To make a reservation for your troop, call 301-320-1410.

Civil War 150th Anniversary Special Events

Visit our website for the most up to date information.

Clara Barton – Red Cross Angel

Saturday, April 16, 2011, Open House: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Performance: 7:30 p.m.

Actress Mary Ann Jung offers a personal window into one of history’s most famous women in a solo, interactive, fun performance. This event commemorates the 150th anniversary of Miss Barton’s first Civil War relief effort which followed the Baltimore riots of April 19, 1861. Miss Barton helped Massachusetts soldiers who had been through the riot. She discovered that she knew many of them from her years as a teacher in Massachusetts years before. If weather permits, this event will take place around a campfire on the grounds near the house. After the program, you may explore the house at your own pace. Advanced reservations are recommended. Please call 301-320-1410. Free!

Junior Ranger Day Open House

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children ages 7-12 can earn a badge, certificate and other awards for Clara Barton National Historic Site and Glen Echo Park. A special activity will also be available to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Miss Barton’s relief work in the Civil War. While here check out the Family Day festivities at Glen Echo Park. Free!

Call for Artists

Artists are invited to submit works related to Clara Barton’s life and work during the Civil War. This work will be featured in the Art of Clara Barton Exhibit during September and October 2011. Work may relate to Miss Barton’s Civil War relief work, her work with the Office of the Friends of Missing Soldiers, or her Civil War associates. Please call the site to learn how to submit artwork.

NEW! Find us on Facebook and Titter by searching for Clara Barton National Historic Site (US National Park Service)! You may also “like” our sister park Glen Echo Park (US National Park Service).

Clara Barton

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Clara Barton National Historic Site
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Program Guide 2011



Clara Barton’s legacy and leadership directly benefit the people of the United States and around the world today. She is most noted for establishing the American Red Cross in 1881 and serving as its president until 1904. But she made many more contributions to the world.

Come visit Clara Barton National Historic Site at 5801 Oxford Road in Glen Echo, Maryland, to learn more about this amazing woman. See her home, which also served as the national headquarters for the American Red Cross between 1897 and 1904. In addition to the special events listed below, the house is open daily and is shown by guided tour on the hour from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Groups of 10 or more must call to schedule a reservation in advance.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/clba or call 301-320-1410. To learn about over 25 other cultural, natural, and recreational sites administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway, visit www.nps.gov/gwmp or call 703-289-2500.

February & March

Exhibit - Clara Barton: Equal Justice for All

This exhibition will feature objects that highlight Clara Barton’s participation in major social issues of her time, including civil rights for African Americans and the women’s suffrage movement.

Visitors will learn about her work with the Freedman’s Bureau, the Office of Missing Soldiers,

and the International Conference of Women. The interesting story of the American Red Cross’ work to provide relief to African Americans after the Sea Islands Hurricane of 1893 will also be highlighted. This exhibition will examine her ties to many prominent figures in both the civil rights and women’s suffrage movements, including Frances D. Gage, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Frederick Douglass.

March through June

Exhibit - Clara Barton’s Awards and Honors

Clara Barton National Historic Site will host an exhibit highlighting some of the numerous awards and honors Clara Barton received for her service. Among her 23 medals is The Silver Cross of

Imperial Russia which she received for her work sending aid in the form of Iowa corn to victims of an 1892 famine in Russia. Miss Barton received the Spanish Decoration of Honor for her work in Cuba providing relief to civilians and military personnel during the Spanish American War.

Starting in April

Exhibit: From the Homefront to the Frontlines - Clara Barton & the Civil War

From her early efforts to secure supplies for Massachusetts soldiers who survived riots in Baltimore to her efforts to locate missing soldiers at Ander-

sonville, the exhibit will showcase the legacy of the "Angel of the Battlefield." Artifacts in this exhibit will include objects from the Clara Barton National Historic Site museum collection and the collections of other institutions.

April 16

7:00-9:00 p.m. - **Open House**
7:30 p.m. - **Performance of "Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel"**

Award winning Actress Mary Ann Jung offers an exciting and personal window into one of history's most famous women in a solo, interactive, fun

performance. This event commemorates the 150th anniversary of Miss Barton's first relief effort, after the Baltimore riots of April 19, 1861. After the program, you may explore the house at your own pace. *Advanced reservations are recommended. Free!*

April 30

1:00-5:00 p.m.
Junior Ranger Day & Spring Open House

Children, ages 7-12, are invited to become Junior Rangers at Clara Barton National Historic Site

and or Glen Echo Park. Explore both sites, complete an activity book, and earn a Junior Ranger badge for each site. *Note: Children may become Junior Rangers at any time, not just on this day. Call 301-320-1410 for more information.*

July & August

July 12-13, 19-20 and August 2-3
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Junior Ranger Camps

History will come alive for children ages 9-12 during two-day camps with fun-filled learning activities related to Clara Barton's life and the history of Glen Echo Park. Children will learn

about the National Park Service mission and the national significance of both sites. Activities will focus on Miss Barton's Civil War work in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Openings are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, and reservations are required. *Please call 301-320-1410 for reservations beginning March 2011.*

September 4

1:00-5:00 p.m.
The Art of Clara Barton & Fall Open House

Join rangers and volunteers for stories of Clara Barton's courage and vision. Visitors may explore the home's open hallways, hidden closets, and "bandage material" construction. Learn how Miss Barton used this structure as her home, warehouse, and the first permanent

headquarters of the American Red Cross.

A special exhibition featuring representations of Clara Barton's own artwork will be displayed along with the work of contemporary artists who have focused on the life and work of the famous founder of the American Red Cross. The show will run from September 5, 2011, through October 31, 2011.

**November 26 & 27
December 3 & 4**

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. each day

Victorian Greeting Card Workshops

Make your own Victorian-era holiday greeting card in the style Miss Barton used to send to her friends. Participants will be photographed in costumes of the period and use their cards to make

holiday cards. Workshops are open to families and individuals of all ages. Adult supervision is required.

Reservations are required, and space is limited. Please call 301-320-1410 beginning October 1 to make a reservation.



December through January

Exhibit: Holiday Greetings from Clara Barton

Clarissa Harlowe Barton was born on December 25, 1821. While it is thought that she did not deco-

rate her home for the holidays, Clara Barton did send out holiday greetings to her many friends. This exhibit showcases her yearly ritual and also focuses on gifts given to her in celebration of the holiday.

Daily at 3:00 p.m. and By Reservation

Ranger's Choice Tours NEW!!!

Visit Clara Barton National Historic Site any day at 3:00 p.m. for our Ranger's Choice tours. These programs highlight little-known aspects of Miss

Barton's life and work. Read on for descriptions and call the site for a schedule. Tours are available at other times by advanced reservation, call 301-320-1417.



Clara Barton and African American History

Clara Barton lived through turbulent times in American history when social and racial discrimination was widespread. As a working single woman, she faced social prejudice and discrimination. Miss Barton fought for her own rights and for others who could not help themselves. She immersed herself in the major social issues of the day – women's suffrage and equal rights for African Americans. Miss Barton

lectured with other civil rights activists including Frederick Douglass and Frances D. Gage. After establishing the American Red Cross, Clara Barton led a massive relief expedition to the Sea Islands of South Carolina after a Category 3 hurricane struck. She labored for 10 months helping the predominantly African-American population recover and reestablish their agricultural economy.

Join a park ranger for a special tour which will focus on Clara Barton's contributions to African American history.

Clara Barton the Teacher, What Can We Learn from Her

Clara Barton was a school teacher for 15 years, starting at age 17. She taught in both her native state of Massachusetts, as well as in New Jersey where she pioneered public schools. Learn the

inspiring story of Clara Barton's legacy and how we can still learn from her example. This 45-minute tour of the house will place emphasis on how Miss Barton's career as an educator would influence her later work from the Civil War to the American Red Cross and the National First Aid Association of America.

Clara Barton in Her Own Words

Clara Barton kept a diary from the age of 13 until she was 90. She wrote thousands of letters and several books that tell us about her life. This 45-

minute tour of the house will feature the use of Miss Barton's own words to tell her story.

Perceptions of Clara Barton

What did other people think of Clara Barton? Was she a compassionate angel? A demanding employer? What would it have been like to be her neighbor,

a member of her household, or a disaster victim? Take a look at this complex woman through the eyes of those who knew her.

Upon Request

Junior Ranger Activity Booklet

Available in the Glen Echo Park Ranger Station and Clara Barton National Historic Site. Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton National Historic Site share a unique history. Children ages 7 to 12 can explore both sites through a Junior Ranger

Activity Book. Pick up a book, complete five activities, and earn a badge and certificate for one park. Then, do the same for the other.