



Volunteer of the Month

Leslie Carter

For nearly 30 years, Leslie Carter has volunteered her services to various parks including; Glen Echo Park Conservation Center, Antietam National Battlefield and C&O Canal National Historical Park. Finally in late May '09, Leslie made her way to Harpers Ferry's Facility Management Division, where she devotes 24 hours a week to the park's Buildings & Utilities Department.

Leslie has volunteered her services as an assistant carpenter, working feverishly to uphold the standards of park carpenters, John Hammond and Marty Barger, whom she believes to be exceptional craftsmen. Leslie has built several visitor benches, erected a half wall in the basement of one of the park housing units, and most notably restored the boat shed in lower town.

In her spare time, Leslie enjoys spending time with family, mountain biking, gardening, horseback riding, reading and antiquing. She is currently penning a novel on her own family heritage/genealogy. Leslie is also intrigued by American History; specifically interested in the dynamics of the common working class people, their simplicity and resourcefulness.

Growing up in Washington, D.C., Leslie graduated high school in 1980 then continued her education at Shepherd College many years later. In May 2009 she graduated Summa Cum Laude, receiving a Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Historic Preservation. Leslie dreams of becoming an employee of the Park Service one day and until then will continue to offer her services as a volunteer. "Leslie is extremely enthusiastic



National Capitol Regional Director Peggy O'Dell and Volunteer Leslie Carter - NPS PHOTO

about preserving resources within the park which is very infectious" states Micheal Castagnetto, Chief of Maintenance. There's no question that staff and visitors are better served because of Leslie's commitment to the park.



If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Harpers Ferry, please call (304)535-5017.



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If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering at Harpers Ferry Park, please contact the park's volunteer coordinator at the address or phone number listed below. Volunteer today and give back!

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