



# Volunteers of the Month

## The Victorian Dance Ensemble



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Victorian Dance Ensemble led by Lawrence Keener-Farley

For the month of December, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Living History staff would like to showcase the significant music and dance contributions of the Victorian Dance Ensemble!

While most of their formal engagements are paid performances, the Ensemble, led by Lawrence Keener-Farley, has volunteered year after year to help visitors step back in time during the park's Yuletide Event. The town comes to life with music and dance during this weekend of tradition, history and Christmas merry making.

The Victorian Dance Ensemble demonstrates and teaches dances of the mid-19th century. Many of the members belong to Union, Confederate or civilian Civil War reenactment units, while others are interested in the Victorian era or vintage dancing.

The group began in 1995 after a retired school superintendent teaching Civil War Dance at various community colleges, brought students to the Harrisburg Civil War Expo. Almost immediately after the group's first demonstration, the group was asked to give other dance programs and the Victorian Dance Ensemble was born.

The Victorian Dance Ensemble has since grown to over forty dancers and its schedule includes more than two dozen demonstrations and balls each year in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C.

For more information on The Victorian Dance Ensemble, their dance schedule or Civil War period dance, look for them on the web at [www.civilwardance.org](http://www.civilwardance.org)



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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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