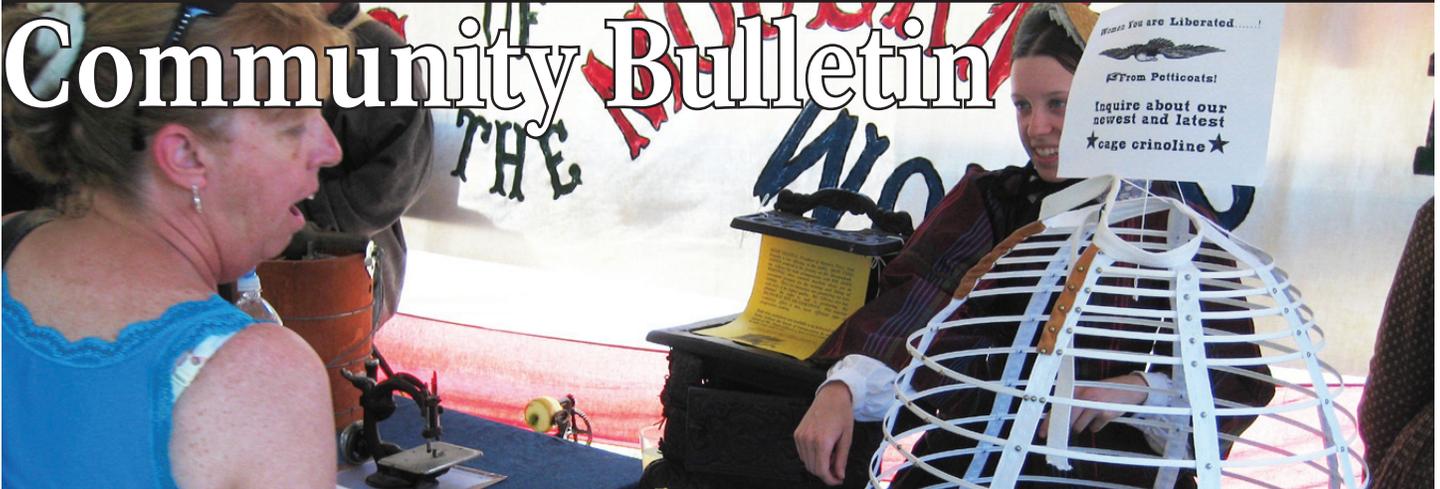




Community Bulletin



Wonders of the Modern World 1860

On Saturday, July 2nd, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites visitors to experience “Wonders of the Modern World 1860”. Tantalizing technology and modern marvels never before seen by the Americans at mid-century! Witness the gizmos and gadgets which enticed Americans and observe the technologies which carried the nation through the Civil War and beyond, laying the groundwork for modern society in the process. This special event showcases a Harpers Ferry of the past--an 1860 town decked out in patriotic finery to celebrate Independence Day,

July 4, 1860. Americans celebrated the nation’s birthday with picnics, band concerts, and patriotic speeches honoring the founding fathers and the glorious republic. Americans looked back to reflect upon nearly a century of progress on the American experiment. Looking ahead, Americans also wondered whether the country would still be one united nation for next year’s celebration or if civil war would tear that nation apart. John Brown’s Raid and execution, as well as the coming Presidential election, stirred fervor and pushed questions about the nation’s future to the forefront.

Volunteers and staff in historic costume will help set the mid-century

scene. Visitors are invited to witness the latest and greatest technology of the 19th century in the Wonders of the Modern World exhibition. Families can enjoy special ranger-guided walking tours throughout the day and sit down to enjoy Patriotism, Pride, and a Slice of Early America, an 1860’s hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Programming Schedule:

11-4 pm “Wonders of the Modern World 1860!” Tantalizing Technology & Modern Marvels: Never Before Seen By the American Public! Witness the gizmos and gadgets which enticed Americans at mid-century and observe the technologies which would carry the nation through the Civil War and beyond, laying the groundwork for modern society in the process. (on the park green, across from the Bookshop)

2 pm “Celebrating the Glorious 4th: Trouble is Brewing at our local Taverns!” Attend a 19th century style Harpers Ferry Total Abstinence Society Play. (Hamilton Street Tent)

3 pm “Reacting to the Raid: Gathering the Militia” Watch the militia in defense of their state and homes following the October 1859 attempt

of Abolitionist John Brown to free the town’s slaves. A Historic Weapons Firing Demonstration. (Guided tour begins on the park green, across from the Bookshop)

1 & 4 pm “Patriotism, Pride, and A Slice of Early America” Discover your July 4th roots with an 1860 hometown band concert featuring the Wildcat Regimental Band, the brass band of the 105th Penn. Volunteers. (Hamilton Street Tent)



What Are Those Purple Boxes?

What are those purple boxes hanging in some park trees? They are traps for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive beetle that attack Ash trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer is native to China and eastern Asia and was first detected in the United States in 2002. It is responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of Ash trees. Several years ago the borer was identified in Virginia near Wolf Trap and the area was quarantined. Currently, it is felt that the beetles are held in check. However, they can take years to detect.

Why the color purple? The Emerald Ash Borer really can't tell the color difference, but through research and use of different color and types of traps the color purple gave the best results. Located inside the trap are two types of lures that smell like an Ash tree in stress. The traps also contain a sticky substance that catches the bugs. By checking the traps for ensnared Ash Borers park personnel are able to monitor the presence of the beetle.



A purple trap designed to detect the Emerald Ash Borer within the park.

This is the park's third year monitoring for Emerald Ash Borers. So far none have been detected in the park. If the beetles were detected, measures would be taken, such as removal of the infected trees, in order to eliminate these exotic pests and prevent the species further spread.

Many states including Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia have placed quarantines and preventive measures to ensure that firewood containing the Emerald Ash Borer does not cross state lines and cause a wider infestation. Because the beetles lay their eggs in the Ash tree bark and the larvae tunnel under the bark to feed and grow throughout the fall, it is possible that cut wood might actually contain larvae.

Ices & Creamed Ice

Join foodways expert Carol Anderson on July 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as she revisits the specialized world of local confectionery Frederick Roder's summer time treats. At mid century ices were growing in popularity, especially with the invention of the ice cream maker. Frederick Roeder would have used ice cream as a special treat to bring customers to his shop in the heat of summer.

Roeder was a German immigrant who arrived in Harpers Ferry, Virginia to begin a new life with his wife and 7 children. They all lived and worked in the confectionery.

Ice cream, ices, and custards formed the basis of cold refreshing treats that appealed to one and all. Even our founding fathers, such as Presidents Washington and Jefferson, took pride in providing their guests with many varieties of these treats. In 1790, George Washington spent \$200.00 on ice cream to entertain his guests. Thomas Jefferson's estate left detailed directions for making ice cream. His home contained a large ice house so plentiful with ice that when one of his home's outside wings caught fire, he ordered ice from his ice house to help extinguish the flames!



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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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Upcoming Events

**July 9 – Military Band Concert:
“Country Current” U.S. Navy Band**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Camp Hill, Mather Training Center grounds
Enjoy the music of one of our country's premier military bands.

July 16-17 – “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry”
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield.
Artillery firing demonstrations at 1,2,3 p.m.

July 23 - “Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson”
Time: 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
An insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson.