



# Community Bulletin



## October Volunteer of the Month: Greg Aylsworth

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to recognize the volunteer contributions of Greg Aylsworth, volunteer with park media and design specialist, Elizabeth Kerwin-Nisbet.

Sticky like glue - that's how Greg Aylsworth describes his approach to visual communications. More than a year ago, Greg approached the park's volunteer coordinator with interest in volunteering his unique skill set. A few months after initial conversations, Greg was able to team up with park media and design specialist Elizabeth Kerwin-Nisbet becoming an integral part of the design team for the upcoming arsenal wayside series of 4 new exhibits. Greg worked along side Elizabeth and the whole wayside team at the National Park Service's Interpretive Design Center. He developed layouts



Greg Aylsworth (left) works with a member of the Harpers Ferry Design team. NPS Photo

for the project and worked tirelessly to edit and revise the designs.

Elizabeth comments "Greg always brings creative ideas and a cheerful attitude to the job. He shows true Park Service grit attending site visits in the rain and cold. He is dedicated

to a fault, taking work with him on vacations and working from home while caring for his son. Greg stuck with the project through periods of inactivity and through demanding deadlines. Greg has a love for the national parks which has lead him to target the National Park Service as an employer."

Greg offers the National Park Service, and any lucky park that hires him, dedication, creativity, enthusiasm and great project management skills. He believes that designers can be pioneers of communication. With his extensive design experience, the National Park Service has barely tapped into Greg's reserve of talent. We look forward to working with Greg again and seeing where his pioneering spirit will take him and the National Park Service.

## Veterans Day Free for Veterans and Military

WASHINGTON – Come visit one of America's almost 400 national parks on Veterans Day. In recognition of current and former servicemen and women, all national parks are waiving entrance fees on November 11, 2010.

"From everyone in the National Park Service, I extend gratitude to all who have served in the U.S. armed forces and defended the people, freedoms, and resources of this country," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. "In honor of veterans, entry to the national parks,

which preserve many of our nation's finest natural and cultural resources, will be free on Veterans Day, November 11. I invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and savor places that our veterans have kept safe for us."

## Upcoming Events at Harpers Ferry Park

**November 6-7 - Fall Cider Making**  
11am - 4pm Lower Town

Enjoy this fall tradition that harks back to happier times for German immigrant Frederick Roeder and his family when the tavern business was thriving.

**December 4-5 - Captain Flagg's US Quarter Master City: Approach of Peace 1864** Sat. 12-8pm Sun. 11am-4pm Lower Town

Join this special Yuletide of 1864, when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create Christmas in a war zone. Programs feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War-style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.



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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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P.O. Box 65  
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Visitor Center  
304-535-6029

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop  
304-535-6881

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page  
[www.nps.gov/hafe/](http://www.nps.gov/hafe/)

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

## 2010 National Christmas Tree Lighting

Washington, D.C. -- The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation announced recently the annual National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. Tickets for the general public will be awarded via an online lottery system, providing a chance to obtain free tickets to the ceremony.

The online lottery will be available beginning at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, November 5th. The ticket lottery remains open through 11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, November 7th by going to [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org) and following the link to the online ticket lottery application page at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). The National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony marks the opening of the four-week event sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's National Parks.

The lottery at [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org) will include 3,000 ticketed seats and 10,000 standing room tickets. The website will contain all necessary information to apply for 2010 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony tickets. Additionally, any ticket seeker without access to a computer may also call (877-444-6777 or for TDD 877-833-6777) beginning Friday, November 5th through Sunday, November 7th to place their name into the lottery. Once the lottery is completed, ticket lottery seekers who submitted their request via computer will be notified via email. Successful ticket seekers who applied by calling the above-listed number will receive a notice sent via U.S. Mail. Beginning Wednesday, November 10th, all ticket seekers may check the status of their request online or through the call center after the conclusion of the lottery. The tickets are free and may not be sold.

Tickets will be mailed by Monday, November 15 to ticket winners through the U.S. Postal Service. The package

that ticket lottery winners will receive provides their tickets and other important event information including directions, map, event schedule, restricted items, and other planning information. Please be advised tickets are required for every attendee, including all children.

The National Park Service is also pleased to announce there will be 10,000 additional public tickets in a standing room area. Ticket seekers are advised this area will be a strictly standing-room only, as there are no chairs nor are portable chairs allowed in the event site. The standing room only section will have a clear view of the National Christmas Tree, and a large screen showing the stage production, but will have a limited view of the event stage. Tickets for the standing room area will be available through the same ticket lottery described above.

The gates for the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will open for all ticket holders at 3:00 p.m. and all ticket holders must be in their seats or in the standing room area by 4:30 p.m.

This year's talent line up for the lighting ceremony will be announced in November. Talent announcements, as well as other event details and a live webstream of the ceremony will be available at [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org).

Guests are reminded that aerosols of any kind, fireworks/firecrackers, animals (except guide dogs), duffel bags/suitcases/backpacks/coolers, real or simulated ammunition, knives of any kind, mace/pepper spray, laser lights/pointers, chairs, and glass containers are prohibited. Guests should be prepared for a search of all items carried onto the site.

For questions about the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, please call the White House Visitor Center at (202) 208-1631, or visit the National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov/whho](http://www.nps.gov/whho) or the event-related web site at [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org).