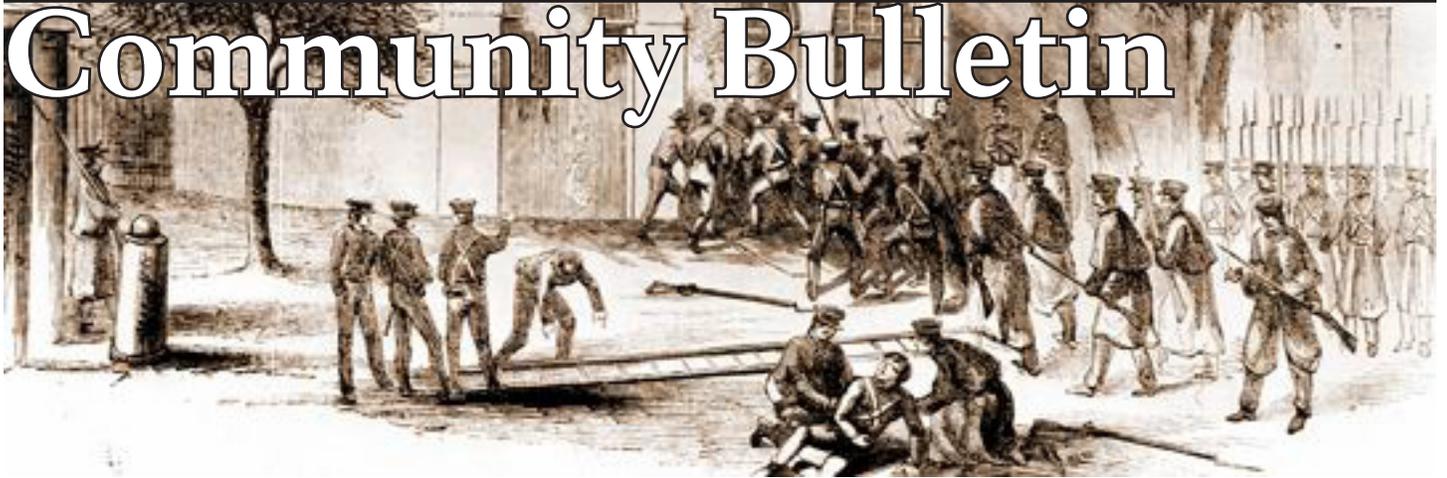




Community Bulletin



John Brown Sesquicentennial Commemoration

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the 150th Quad-State Committee, from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland, are planning and coordinating a range of commemoration events. Events include dramatic productions, exhibits, academic lectures, special tours and much more. Go to www.johnbrownraid.org

John Brown Remembered: An Academic Symposium October 14 -17, 2009 (pre-registered participants)
This symposium will stimulate new and diverse academic research, scholarship, and debate.

Planning Your Visit:

Parking: Visitors must park at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center parking areas and board shuttle buses to the event. The National Park Service expects this to be a busy event, so plan to arrive early and allow for transportation time to reach the event. Parking is on a first come, first serve basis and when the lots are full, parking will be closed until spaces open up.

Maximum crowds are expected for this event. We ask your patience when arriving and leaving the event. Only small lap-sized coolers are allowed on buses, lawn chairs are not permitted.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park at any time.

It is primarily an outdoor venue and will be held rain or shine. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Commemorative items, books and music will be sold at the Harpers Ferry Historical Association's Sales Tent and in the bookshop.

This is a fee free weekend.

Friday, October 16

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Book Signings

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. John Brown as Art: Creative design contest opening and exhibition

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Living History Programs

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. West Virginia John Brown 150th Film Discussion

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body" Jefferson High School Drama Department.

8:00 p.m. "Proceed to the Ferry" (offsite at Kennedy Farm) 150th Anniversary Procession of six-mile trek from Kennedy Farm to Harpers Ferry

Pre-registration Required

9:00 p.m. "The Eve of the Raid"
A lantern lit walk sets the stage of the eve of John Brown's Raid.

10:00 - 10:30 p.m. "Proceed to the Ferry" 150th Anniversary Procession from Kennedy Farm arrives at Harpers Ferry with closing ceremony.

Saturday, October 17

10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Living History Programs

10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. John Brown Creative Family Activities and much, much more!

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Book Signings

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. USPS Cancellation Station

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In the Footsteps of John Brown Join a park ranger for this special 150th anniversary hike.

For a complete description of Oct. 16-18 park activities, including those in the Family and Youth Tent, go to www.nps.gov/hafe. From the front page click on Text Schedule of Events.

of John Brown's Raid" with Park Chief Historian, Dennis Frye.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. "John Brown: An Address by Frederick Douglass"

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Premier of John Brown Travelogue

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. "Reacting to John Brown's Raid"

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. "John Brown's Family Values" A Keynote Address by Dr. Evan Carton, author, historian, Founder & Director, University of Texas Humanities Institute

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. U.S. Marine Band Concert

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. "Reacting to John Brown's Raid"

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. "Tattered Souls" The premiere performance of this John Brown Raid Sesquicentennial theatrical jazz production by Delfeayo Marsalis.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. In the Footsteps

of John Brown Join a park ranger for this special 150th anniversary hike.

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. U.S. Marine Band Concert

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. "Sword of the Spirit" Play based on letters of John and Mary Brown by Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino.

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. "John Brown: 'A Caged Tiger'" A lantern-lit tour.

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Walk of the Descendants This commemorative walk follows the footsteps of John Brown and his men during their raid on Harpers Ferry.

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Living History Programs

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Book Signings

10:00 – 6:00 p.m. John Brown Creative Family Activities and much, much more!

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. "The Final Assault" 150th anniversary of U.S. Marine assault on the U. S. Armory Fire Engine House.

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. "John Brown's Place in History" John Brown scholars Dr. Evan Carton & Dr. Paul Finkelman discuss Brown and his place in history.

11:00 – 12:00 noon "At All Times Ready" History of the U.S. Marine Corps at Harpers Ferry & Marine Band Concert

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. In the Footsteps of John Brown Join a park ranger for this special 150th anniversary hike.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. John Brown Travelogue

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. "John Brown's

Body" by Stephen Vincent Benet Commemorative readings from the Pulitzer Prize-winning work, featuring former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, music by the Maryland Symphony Orchestra String Ensemble

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. "At All Times Ready" History of the U.S. Marine Corps at Harpers Ferry & Marine Band Concert

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Keynote Address The Honorable William T. Coleman Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. "John Brown and the Women in his Life" Dr. Peggy Russo, Penn State Mont Alto, discusses Brown and the women who shaped his life.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Procession and Wreath Laying at Engine House for USMC Pvt. Luke Quinn Featuring Lt. General G.R. Christmas, USMC Ret., President and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Music of Sword of the Spirit Songs and stories of John Brown by Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino



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

"Sword of the Spirit" a one-act play, based on the letters of John and Mary Brown, will be presented at the Old Opera House in Charles Town, WV on Thursday, **October 15 at 4 and 8 p.m.**

General seating **tickets are free** and reservations are strongly recommended. Call 304-725-4420 Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to reserve your tickets.

Reserved tickets must be picked up 15 minutes prior to performances or they will be released to the general public.