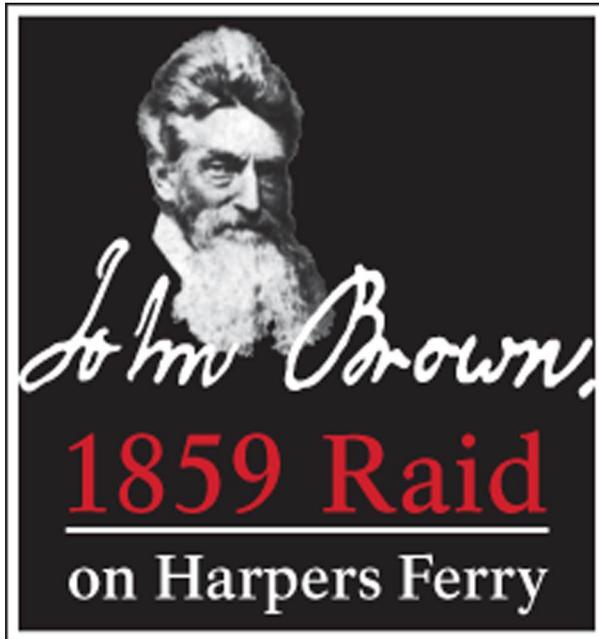


Members of the living history groups, Baltimore Light Artillery, Fredericksburg Light Artillery and the Liberty Rifles will portray Confederate artillery soldiers and conduct the demonstrations. Programs at 12, 2 & 3.

November 7 - 8 “Luxury or Necessity? Victorian Preserved Foods” 11-4pm Join the living history staff and volunteers at Roeder’s Confectionery as they demonstrate the differences between tin can and glass preserved foods.

November 7 “If John Brown did not end the war that ended slavery, he did at least begin the war that ended slavery.” 1 and 3 pm Lower Town. Dramatic debate with Fred Morsell as Frederick Douglass and Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln.

December 5 - 6 “Prospects of Peace: A Soldiers Prayer 1864” Saturday 12-9pm, Sunday 11-4pm A special program focusing on Yuletide 1864 when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create their own version of Christmas on the battle front.



A century and a half after his death, John Brown remains one of the most controversial figures in American history. On October 16, 1859, Brown, along with 21 followers, came to Harpers Ferry, Virginia, to strike a blow against slavery. The raid failed and Brown was hanged on December 2, 1859. Sixteen months later the country erupted in civil war.

Commemorative events are planned in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. These events include:

- Re-enactments
- Dramatic presentations
- Art exhibits
- Academic Lectures
- Special tours and much more

For additional information on upcoming activities and events log on to <http://www.johnbrownraid.org/> or call 304-535-6298.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Schedule of Events 2009

National Park Service
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We invite you to experience our special programs throughout the year. These family events relate the natural and cultural history of the area and give accounts of the men and women whose contributions made Harpers Ferry a significant place in our nation’s heritage.

The 2009 Schedule of Events is made possible through the efforts of the park staff, NPS volunteers, living history groups and the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. We would like to thank these groups and individuals for assisting the park staff in sharing the many compelling stories of Harpers Ferry.

For information call 304-535-6029 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/hafe

April 18 “A Prelude to History: The Wedding of Virginia Kennedy” 10 – 4 pm Programs and activities focusing on the arrival of Captain John Cook to Harpers Ferry and his subsequent marriage to Virginia Kennedy. Family & youth activities and a dramatic presentation entitled, “My Conspirator”, the life of Captain John Cook as told by his sister, Kate.

April 25 Workshop “Elegant Solutions: Animals Replenishing the Kitchen Garden” 10-4pm Join Master Gardener Carol Anderson to discover how to reap the benefits of kitchen gardening with heirloom vegetables. Registration fee of \$20.00 covers instruction and the purchase of heirloom vegetables. To register and for more information, call the living history offices at 304-535-6063. Class is limited to 20.

May 9 Music of “Sword of the Spirit” 2 pm Arsenal Square In observance of John Brown’s 209th birthday, the concert will feature songs based on the story of John Brown, his friends and his supporters. All material written and performed by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino.

May 16th, How Does Your Garden Grow? 2-4pm Join the living history staff at the park’s paymaster kitchen garden to see “living antique” heirloom vegetables.

May 23-24 “Defend and Protect: Arming America’s Soldiers” 11-4 pm Special exhibits, firing demonstrations, and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration. Visitors are invited to experience the skills necessary to be a musket lock plate armory worker and munitions workers.

May 30 “Remembering John Brown” 1:00pm Lower Town. The 128th Anniversary of Frederick Douglass’ Storer College Address on John Brown will feature Fred Morsell’s dramatic presentation of this address.

June 6 “National Trails Day” 11-4pm Join Harpers Ferry Park and partners for our annual National Trails Day event. Take a guided hike and enjoy the breathtaking vistas!

June 13-14 “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862”: Bolivar Heights Battlefield Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Programs at 12 noon 2pm & 3pm.

June 20- 21 Workshop “The Art of the Forge: Blacksmithing in the 19th Century” 10-4pm Learn the stock and trade of the early town’s craftsmen. Workshop registration is limited to 10 students. Cost of \$100.00 covers instruction, coal and metal. To register, contact the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

June 27 – 8th Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards 6:00 pm on the grounds of Mather Training Center. Free concert features Phil Woods and Charli Persip with the Howard Burns Quartet.

July 4th “America’s Picnic: Celebrating the Glorious Forth!” 11-4pm A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

July 5 Workshop “Ices, Creamed Ice, and Custards” 2-4pm Roeder’s Confectionery. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Workshop limited to 20 people: 16 yrs or older, 5.00. Under 16 free with paying adults.

July 11-12 “Giving Aid and Comfort: Medical and Relief Work during the Civil War” 11-4pm The living history volunteers will portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the thousands of soldiers fighting during the American Civil War.

July 18 - 19 “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862” Bolivar Heights Battlefield. Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Programs at 12 noon 2pm & 3pm

July 25 “Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson & Lincoln” 1 and 3 pm An insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln & Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson. Arsenal Square

August 1-2 “I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan’s Soldiers 1864” 11-4pm Members of the living history group 11th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties and maintaining military security in a occupied enemy town.

August 8 – 9 “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862” Bolivar Heights Battlefield. Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Programs at 12 noon 2pm & 3pm

August 15 - 16 “A Summer of Fire: Harpers Ferry 1864” 11-4pm Living history volunteers of the 42nd Pennsylvania and 20th Maine Hospital interpret the Union occupation of Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1864. Ranger guided historic weapons, drill and firing demonstrations will be featured.

August 23 Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown’s Fort 8:30-11am Retrace the 1906 footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of the John Brown’s Fort in 1906. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

September 6 U. S. Marine Band “Free Country” will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

September 12-13 “Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Factor” 11-4pm Living History volunteers demonstrate cavalry riding, weapons firing, sabre drill and bugling.

September 26 “National Public Lands Day” 11-4pm Guided hikes rated easy to challenging will be offered to Virginus Island, Jefferson’s Rock, C&O Canal, and for the hearty; the Maryland Heights Naval Battery.

October 3 “Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry” 1 and 3 pm on Hamilton St. Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln reflects back on his October 1862 visit to Harpers Ferry.

October 10-11 Workshop - Wet Plate Collodian Photography Join instructor Todd Harrington to learn the art and mystery of the wet plate collodian photography. Make ambrotypes and tintypes. The course covers instructions, manuals, darkroom, and advice on equipment. All equipment will be provided. Lunch included. Make images of John Brown’s Fort and the Registration is limited to 8 students. Fee: \$350.00. Ages 21 and up. To register, call the living history offices at 304-535-6063. Registration closes September 15th.

October 10 – 11 “John Brown’s Legacy & At All Times Ready The US Marines” 12-5pm Living History Event that features how the citizens, militia, US troops, and the voters reacted to abolitionist John Brown’s October 1859 raid on the US Army.

October 16-18 150th Anniversary Commemoration of John Brown’s Raid Saturday 10-9pm Sunday 10-4pm Public events focusing on the 36 hours of John Brown’s Raid 150 years ago. The weekend includes music, drama, scholarship, living history, family & youth activities, and ranger conducted programs.

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