Harpers Ferry

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2011 Schedule of Events

March 26-27 - "Necessity The Mother of Invention"
Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Meet Harpers Ferry's industrial workers and citizens at special exhibits featuring the technological advances in health, food preservation, and arms production.

April 16-17 – "War Comes to Harpers Ferry: The Burning of the Federal Arsenal"
Time: Saturday 10:00 AM – 9:30 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
This two-day event will focus on the April 1861 secession of Virginia from the Union and the subsequent burning of the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry. Activities will include, living history, ranger conducted programs and family/youth activities.

May 7 - "Batteaux on the Rivers: Highways of Trade 1812"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Shenandoah River & Harper House
Virginia Canals and Navigation Society & Park Living History rangers. Wager Family Flour Business used boats to ship flour to Georgetown and Alexandria.

May 21 – "The Ingenuity of John Hall: 200th Anniversary of Hall's Breechloader Patent"
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Special Exhibit and ranger conducted programs throughout the day.

May 28-29 - "Defend and Protect :Arming America's Soldiers"
Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Special exhibits featuring the guns of the Harpers Ferry Armory that defended a young republic. Special tours and demonstrations at 2,3,4 p.m.

June 4 - "National Trails Day"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Special displays and guided hikes to breathtaking overlooks. Bee Hive Oven baking demo.

June 11 - "How Does Your Garden Grow?"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town: Paymaster Garden
Spring planting at the 1810 Armory Paymaster's Garden with Historic Master Gardener Carol Anderson.

June 25 – 10th Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Camp Hill
The event and concert commemorate the internationally acclaimed and influential 1920 graduate of Storer College, Don Redman featuring Dr. Larry Ridley, Larry Willis, and the Howard Burns Quartet.

June 25-26 – "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 2 - "Wonders of the Modern World 1860: Celebrating the Glorious Fourth"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Wonder at the innovations brewing at our Federal Armory and beyond. Special programs @ 1,2,3 and 4 p.m.

July 3 - "Ices and Creamed Ice"
Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Join Confections & Foodways Expert Carol Anderson to discover 1860 summer-time cold treats.

July 9 – Military Band Concert: "The Cruisers" 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.

August 6-7 – "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.

August 13-14 - "Giving Aid and Comfort: Civil War Medical Weekend"
Time: 11:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
20th Maine Hospital and 142nd Pa Vols. Special programs at 1,2 and 3 p.m.

August 20-21 - "Beehive Oven Baking and Rye Straw Bread Basket Weaving"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Learn the basics of making bread and rising in Rye Straw Baskets. Watch how Frederick Roeder was able to run large bake ovens.

August 21 – "Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort"
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Murphy Farm & Curtis Freewill Baptist Church
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 3 – Military Band Concert "Free Country," U.S. Marine Band
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Camp Hill, Mather Training Center grounds
Enjoy the music of one of our country's premier military bands.

September 3-4 - "Eyes of the Army: The Calvary Factor"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Join members of the 2nd US Cavalry as they demonstrate the speed and might of horse and soldier.

October 1 - "Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry"
Time: 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Our 16th president comes to life as Jim Getty portrays Abraham Lincoln.

October 8 - "Reacting to the Raid: Virginia Militia Arming to the Teeth"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Features militia drill and firing demo, martial law, ladies fair booth, and grand civic barbecue. Special tours at 1,2,3 and 4 p.m.

October 15-16 - "In the Shadows of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights"
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM both days
Location: Bolivar Heights
Two years to the day after John Brown's Raid, Union and Confederate troops clashed on Bolivar Heights. The event will highlight the unique parallels between John Brown and participants of the battle. Activities will include, living history, ranger conducted programs and family/youth activities.

October 22-23 - "Basil Williamson's Tavern and the War of 1812"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town, Harper House
Special displays and living history rangers and volunteers help revisit and portray the town's reaction to the British invasion! Special program at 3 p.m.

October 29-30 – "Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield
Join the members of the Baltimore Light Artillery as they demonstrate the might and intimidation of field artillery. Firing demonstrations at 1,2,3 p.m.

November 5-6 - "Roeder's Tavern Cider Making 1860"
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Join living history rangers and volunteers for cider-making demonstration and fall food preservation.

December 3-4 – "Capt. Flagg's US Quartermaster City: Prospects of Peace "
Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Lower Town
Join over 175 living history volunteers as they help present park visitors with a unique window into the magnitude and scope of Captain Flagg's 1864 US Quartermaster city.