



# The Lowell Volunteer Partner

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Lowell National Historical Park

## Lowell NHP's Mail Guys - Ready to Serve.

Lowell High School's Life Skills Class has been assisting the park with numerous projects for the past few years. They help us with envelope stuffing when we have a major mailing, collating inserts for the Lowell Offering and delivering interoffice mail. Under the guidance of their teachers Lenny Rapone and Joe Tuccolo, Algenius, Pedro, Danny, Kojo, Alberto, and Nicholas have come to value their roles and look forward to any project sent their way. Pictured below are (l-r) Alejandro Barretto, KoJo Baafi, Nick Alemesis, Lowell NHP Youth Program Coordinator Amy Glowacki, Dan Touzin, Algenis Peralta, and Lenny Rapone. The boys have just received appreciation certificates from Park Ranger Amy Glowacki.

Keep up the good work guys !



## 2 Volunteer Appreciation Nights at Boardinghouse Park . . . FREE !!

Lowell Summer Music Series has graciously offered two concerts this year for Volunteers-In-the-Parks to attend as appreciation for all that you do to assist Lowell National Historical Park in meeting its mission goals. On Friday, August 21, Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul perform Celtic music with a world beat and on Saturday, September 5, folk legend Tom Rush performs his tunes and tales.

Each volunteer is entitled to two tickets to either or both concerts. You will need to provide your e-mail address, if you have one, so we can e-mail your e-ticket to bring to the gate. Your name will be put on the Will Call list. You can get in with an ID, but it is best for you to get the e-ticket so we know that you are on the list and for how many tickets. The deadline for tickets is three days prior to each show; Tuesday, August 18 for the Eileen Ivers show on Friday, August 21 and Tuesday,

September 1 for the Saturday, September 5 show by Tom Rush. Please contact the Volunteer Office @ 978-275-1740 or email [Lowell\\_NHP\\_Volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov) to reserve your seats for either of these shows.



## Want to volunteer at the 2009 Lowell Folk Festival?

If you love music, sign up to be a Performer guide, Music Logger or Stage Assistant. Maybe the Recycling area would interest you. Are you familiar with Lowell? You may be a Site Rover or Information Staff. Numerous opportunities are available to suit all interests. You can fill out the application form directly on the web site,

[www.lowellfolkfestival.org/volunteer](http://www.lowellfolkfestival.org/volunteer) and E-mail it to [Lowell\\_NHP\\_Volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov). Please return form to: Volunteer Office, Lowell National Historical Park, 246 Market Street, Lowell, MA, 01852 or Fax it to 978-275-1745. For more information about volunteering, call 978-275-1740.

# Stewardship Saturdays

## Lock Tending Training

Stewardship Saturdays began with a great turnout of volunteers on April 4th 2009 for Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust Lock Tender Training. After a presentation and safety information



from LPCT's Brian Cutler and Jane Calvin and LNHP Volunteer Coordinator Jim Roberts, the volunteers donned gear and went outside to Lower Locks for hands-on training. They filled and emptied the lock chamber several times and could then assist the white water rafting tour.

**Boston Cares** is an organization that coordinates volunteer opportunities with businesses. This year, Collaborative Consulting volunteers came out on May 16 and participated in a clean-up with



the Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners at the Merrimack Canal. They also did a gardening project with the Community Gardens Greenhouse along the walkway at Swamp Locks.

**Metabolix**, a "sustainable, clean solutions" company with offices at the Wannalancit Mills building in Lowell, contacted the Park to do a canal clean-up and beautification project on Earth Day, April 22. Working with Lowell NHP Maintenance Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Carmen, LCC Executive Director Bill Moreau and Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners, several Metabolix employees donated their day to clean nearby sections of the Northern and Western Canals and to plant flowers and rake the grounds at the end of the trolley line. Thanks for your great contribution and the invitation to a catered lunch, yum!



**Earth Day** was a great success! Various groups came out to take part in cleaning up areas around the city. Lowell Canalwaters Cleaners, Lowell Celebrates Kerouac, UMass Hiking Club, Spindle City Corps, and Lowell Unleashed just to name a few of the organizations along with many individuals that were out lending a hand.



## New for 2009! LNHP Volunteer First Mates

After a 13 year absence, Lowell National Historical Park has returned First Mates to its Canal Boat Tours Program using local students and volunteers in the National Park Service Volunteers-in-the-Parks Program. University of Massachusetts, Lowell Federal Work Study Program students, interns from Boston University, Northern Essex Community College, and students from Lowell Public Schools all



join other volunteers spending their summer on the park boats. First Mates assist the Park Rangers and Boat Captains with the safe loading and unloading of visitors, tying up at the boat dock, and in the lock chambers. They also offer another, much-needed, set of eyes and hands for visitor safety. From all reports the program is well received by all participants, especially the Volunteer First Mates, who enjoy the opportunity to be part of the canal boat program.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Miriam Perkins

Miriam Perkins joined the Lowell National Historical Park as a volunteer shortly after she and her husband moved here from Boston Massachusetts. They were drawn to Lowell because of its abundance of historically preserved buildings and offerings of the many outdoor events, festivals, and musical concerts held year around. It was their goal to find a home within one of the many renovated mill buildings in downtown Lowell and, as a bonus, they are now able to walk to our beautiful Triple A baseball park to watch the Lowell Spinners play.

Miriam has brought valuable database and organizational skills to the Volunteer Office as well as to the Park's Maintenance Department. Her love of horticulture has led her to being part of a team at the Keep Lowell Beautiful Community Gardens Greenhouse, which provides seedlings to be planted in and about the city gardens, as well as periodic sales to the public.

But that's only a small part of Miriam's story. She is a graduate of UNH with a BS in Math and Economics, and is currently preparing for the Master's Program at UML in the Biotech field. And last but not least, Miriam enjoys being an artist, finding a quiet place to paint in her loft home, and is quite excited to have her art currently being exhibited in a local gallery.

Whatever paths this busy lady may take, we all hope she will continue to bring her calm presence to the Volunteer Office of the Park.

