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The Harpers Ferry Historical Association is pleased to welcome Ann Rinaldi, popular author of many acclaimed young adult novels, for the June 27 Author Fest. "I want my readers to discover that history is the best story that there ever was," states Ann when talking about her writing. She is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. to sign copies of her most recently released work, *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, a story based on the diaries of Annie Brown, daughter of abolitionist John Brown.

Ann's years of experience as a journalist influences how she approaches her novels. "I go to the place where something happened. . ." Ann was in western Maryland on a research trip for another book when she happened to visit the farm where John Brown and his followers prepared for the historic raid. "When I saw that log cabin and read the marker about John Brown's provisional army, then found out about fifteen year old Annie Brown being part of this dramatic moment in our history, I knew I had a story."

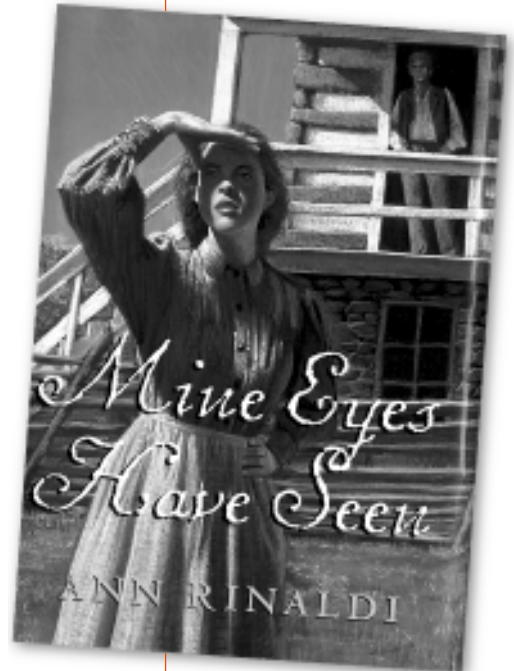


At the Kennedy farmhouse in the hills across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry, Annie was appointed official lookout for strangers in that fateful summer in 1859. The author explores this young girl's observations, motives and emotions while also telling the story of this important event in history, as Annie Brown witnessed it.

Although Ann Rinaldi began writing at a young age, her interest in history began in 1976 while covering the 200th anniversary celebration of Washington's crossing of the Delaware. Her young son was invited to participate in the re-enactment and soon the author found herself traveling around the country with her son and daughter to re-enactments and encampments. "I learned my history hands-on," Rinaldi says, "making the clothes and cooking the food."

For each book, she spends about one week doing on-site research, then about a month doing background reading, to get

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Ann Rinaldi (above left) and her most recent book, *Mine Eyes Have Seen*. Ann will be at Harpers Ferry on Saturday, June 27th.

President Clinton Celebrates Earth Day at Harpers Ferry

President Clinton and Vice President Gore celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 1998, at Harpers Ferry NHP. They joined volunteers from the Appalachian Trail Conference and Potomac Appalachian Trail Club to help restore a section of the Appalachian Trail at Jefferson Rock. For complete details of the President's visit, go to the Harpers Ferry NHP website at www.nps.gov/hafel/home.htm

The picture which appears on our newsletter's nameplate, dating from 1803, is one of the oldest prints of Harpers Ferry. Twenty years earlier, in 1783, Thomas Jefferson had declared that this view was "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."



Items for raffle: (above) *The Grand View*, by Greg Everhart; (right) *Review at Moss Neck*, by Mort Kunstler.

Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

As an added feature of this year's Author Fest, there will be a drawing held at 7:00 p.m. on June 27 for the following prizes:

1st drawing – a limited edition print by artist Mort Kunstler, *Review at Moss Neck*, depicting Lee, Jackson and Stuart at Fredericksburg in 1863.

2nd drawing – a limited edition print by artist Greg Everhart, *The Grand View*, showing a spectacular view of Harpers Ferry from Maryland Heights.

3rd drawing – a private afternoon tour of an area Civil War site, including lunch, led by Park Ranger and noted local historian, John Powell.

4th drawing – a copy of the book *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses* signed by our featured speaker, Bill Everhart.

Also, there will be drawings held throughout the day of the Author Fest for various book titles.

Tickets for the raffle are \$2.00 each or

3 for \$5.00 (see the **Annual Meeting Registration Form** in the center of this newsletter to purchase raffle tickets in advance). Tickets may be purchased at the Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry, from Association staff and board members, or by calling 304-535-6881.

The Association expresses our sincere thanks to John Powell, and to board members Jim and Suzanne Silvia and Doug Perks for their donations. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit interpretive and education programs at Harpers Ferry Park. Please help support this event.



Recent Donations

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New Patron Member

Bruce Hopkins

The Association wishes to thank all of you who have renewed your membership. We also welcome those of you who have recently joined for the first time. Because of your generous support, we have succeeded in increasing our membership for 1998.

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the flavor of the period and the everyday lifestyles. Then she does extensive character sketches and background notes. At the conclusion of *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, the author carefully separates fact from fiction, and shares with the reader how she researched the book and arrived at her story.

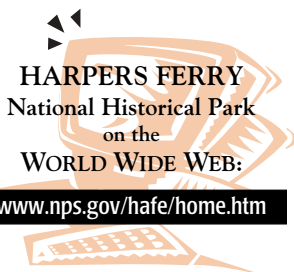
Since the publication in 1986 of her first book, *Time Enough for Drums*, which was chosen ALA Best Book for Young Adults, Rinaldi has written twenty novels. These include *Wolf by the Ears*, ALA Best of the Best; *In My Father's House*, a Civil War story that focuses on the battles within a Virginia family and chosen ALA Best Book for Young Adults; *The Quilt Trilogy*, which covers three generations of a New England family; *Finishing Becca, a Story About Peggy Shippen and Benedict Arnold*; *Hang A Thousand Ribbons*, *The Story of Phyllis Wheatley*; *The Last Silk Dress*; plus many more. All her work will be available for purchase at the Author Fest.

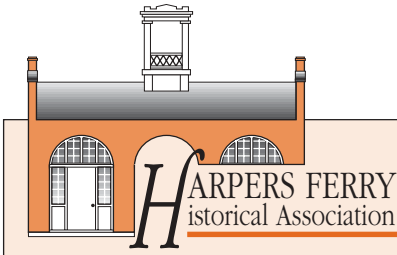
Please plan to visit Ann at the Author Fest on June 27 at Cavalier Heights. She will be presenting a short reading and attending the picnic, and looks forward to discussing her work.

Also appearing at the fest will be Bill Everhart, who is the featured luncheon speaker. Bill will be signing his most recent book, *Take Down Flags and Feed Horses*. Mike Caplinger will also be present to sign his latest work, *Bridges Over Time*, a history of the bridges at Harpers Ferry. Additional authors are confirming for the Author Fest as this newsletter goes to press.

Greg Everhart will be our guest artist throughout the afternoon. Greg is currently participating in the Artist-in-Residence program in Badlands National Park. A lucky raffle ticket holder will win a limited edition print of his work, *The Grand View*.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to have a title personalized by the author, please call the Association and we will take your information and mail your request to you after the event.





1998 Annual Meeting Registration Form

When: Saturday, June 27, 1998

Schedule:

11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting at the Cliffside Inn
12:00 Noon	Luncheon Buffet and Program by Bill Everhart, author of <i>Take Down Flag and Feed Horses</i>
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Second Annual Author Fest at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center Plaza
6:45 p.m.	Evening Picnic in Tent on Cavalier Heights
7:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawing at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center Plaza
7:00 - 9:45 p.m.	Continuous Musical Performances on Cavalier Heights and Bolivar Heights
10:00 p.m.	Fireworks Finale on Bolivar Heights and Cavalier Heights

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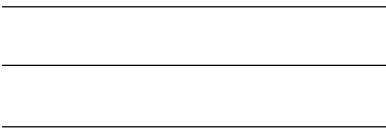
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Annual Meeting (<i>free – please indicate number in your party</i>) | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliffside Luncheon Buffet and Program – \$10.00 each | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Picnic (fried chicken, pork BBQ, salads, and dessert) – \$16.00 each | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Tickets – \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 | _____ | _____ |

1st Drawing: Limited Edition Print of Mort Kunstler's *Review at Moss Neck*
 2nd Drawing: Limited Edition Print of Greg Everhart's *The Grand View*
 3rd Drawing: Area Civil War Tour and Lunch with Tour Guide John Powell
 4th Drawing: Signed copy of Bill Everhart's new book *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses*
You do not need to be present to win.

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If sending a check or money order, please be sure to tape both ends as well. You may also fax us this form at (304) 535-6749.
 For more information, please call the Association at (304) 535-6881.



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Freedom's Birth: An American Experience

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

June 27, 1998

Proposed Schedule

- 8:00 Park opens, no fee will be collected
- 10:00 - 11:00 "A Stroll to Jefferson Rock," with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson
- 11:00 - 4:00 Archeology Exhibition on the Pre-History of Harpers Ferry (Lower Town)
- 11:00 - 4:00 United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.) Living History presented by the 54th Massachusetts Living History Unit (Shenandoah St., Lower Town)
- 11:00 - 4:00 "Wonders of the Modern World," A 19th Century exhibition featuring industrial achievements of the time period (Arsenal Square Tent, Lower Town)
- 11:00 - 4:00 "Navigating our Waterways," exhibition and demonstrations of the Batteaux (Shenandoah Canal)
- 11:00 - 3:00 Civil War Engineers (Lower Town)
- 11:00 - 12:00 "The Potomac: The Path to the West," with Bill Summerfield as George Washington (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 11:00 - 12:00 19th Century Music Concert: Wildcat Regimental Band (Arsenal Square Tent, Lower Town)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Magic Show, Dr. Fred Smart (Arsenal Square Tent, Lower Town)
- 12:30 - 1:30 "Hand in Hand," Children's Program with Magpie (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 1:00 - 2:00 Fred Morsell and the 54th Massachusetts (Shenandoah Street)
- 1:45 - 2:00 Author Reading (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 2:00 - 6:00 2nd Annual Author Fest (Cavalier Heights Plaza)
- 2:00-3:00 "This Scene is Worth a Voyage Across the Atlantic," with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights Visitor Center)
- 2:30 - 3:30 19th Century Music Concert: Wildcat Regimental Band (Shenandoah Street Stage, Lower Town)
- 3:15 - 3:30 Author Ann Rinaldi Reads from *Mine Eyes Have Seen* (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 3:30 - 4:30 Larry Johnson, Piedmont folk blues and stories (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 4:00 - 5:00 Magic Show, Dr. Fred Smart (Arsenal Square Tent, Lower Town)
- 5:00 - 8:00 "Harpers Ferry and the American Civil War," Quartermaster wagon, signal corps, and Engineer Corps interpretations (Bolivar Heights)
- 5:00 - 6:00 "The Rebellious Disposition," George Washington and Thomas Jefferson at Harpers Ferry (Outdoor Theatre, Cavalier Heights)
- 7:00 - 7:45 Larry Johnson, Piedmont folk blues and stories (Main stage, Cavalier Heights)
- 8:00 - 9:45 Kim and Reggie Harris Concert (Main Stage, Cavalier Heights)
- 8:30 - 9:45 Wildcat Regimental Band Concert (Bolivar Heights Stage)
- 9:45 - 10:15 Fireworks Finale (Bolivar and Cavalier Heights)



Artist-In-Residence 1998 Schedule

June 20 - July 20

Tony Sweet, published professional outdoor, nature photographer from Baltimore, Maryland. He plans to conduct outdoor photography workshops in the park.

July 25 - August 25

Patricia Canelake, from Duluth, Minnesota, paints directly observing from nature using oils on linen. She is looking forward to painting a series of scenes showing the Park in lush, colorful oils.

August 30 - September 30

Jane Allen, sculptor from Hamilton, New York, creates public art projects. Jane is interested in how art and people are affected by the passage of time. She will present a papermaking workshop to the visiting public.

For more information about the Artist-in-Residence program and the schedule of the various presentations and workshops, call Judith Mueller at 304-535-6223.

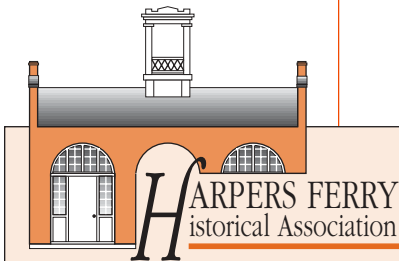
The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

You are invited to join this unique organization and be a part of Harpers Ferry's special family. For more information call (304) 535-6881 or send e-mail to: hfha@intrepid.net

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association will be held at the Cliffside Inn on Saturday, June 27, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. The agenda for the business includes the adoption of the newly drafted Strategic Plan and election of board members. A buffet luncheon will follow the business portion of the meeting, with Bill Everhart the featured speaker.

Following the meeting at the Cliffside everyone is invited to the Independence Day celebration and Author Fest to be held

at the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center. Entrance fees will not be collected by the Park. A schedule of activities is included for your convenience. A picnic for members, authors, and registered guests will begin on Cavalier Heights at 6:45 p.m. Dress for all events is casual. You may wish to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to view the fireworks.

Please plan to come and enjoy this day with us. A registration form for all membership events is enclosed. Please return it to the Association or make reservations by calling 535-6881 (Jefferson and Berkeley Counties) or 1-800-821-5206 (toll-free).

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application

- I want to join the Harpers Ferry Historical Assn. Please enroll me in the following member category:**
- \$10 Basic Member** – (includes *The View* newsletter and a 15% discount on all items sold in the Park Bookshop).
 - \$27 Basic Plus Member** – (includes *The View* newsletter and a 15% discount on all items sold in the Park Bookshop, plus a 12-month Harpers Ferry Park entrance pass).
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 - \$100 Patron Member** – (includes *The View* newsletter and a 15% discount on all items sold in the Park Bookshop, plus a 12-month Harpers Ferry Park entrance pass, an Association Totebag, and member recognition in our newsletter and at our Annual Meeting).

- I'm already a member; please note my new address below.**
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