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On Saturday, June 28, Harpers Ferry National Park will present *They Passed This Way: A Celebration of Cultural Heritage*. This event will be held in the Lower Town area and will consist of historical presentations, living history demonstrations, and musical concerts.

Events will begin at 11:00 with “Meriwether Lewis Returns to Harpers Ferry” performed by Dick Cheatham, founder and director of Living History Associations, Ltd. He will portray Lewis as he returns to Harpers Ferry to arrange for his supplies and weapons to be shipped to Pittsburgh, Pa. At 1:00 p.m., actor Bill Barker in the character of Thomas Jefferson will present “This Scene is Worth a Voyage Across the Atlantic,” a dramatic program about Jefferson’s visit to Harpers Ferry. Barker has been portraying Thomas Jefferson for 16 years, most frequently at Colonial Williamsburg. Both Barker and Cheatham will join up at 3:15 p.m. for a dialogue about the Lewis and Clark Expedition entitled “A President’s Vision, A Captain’s Challenge.” During this dramatic hour-long living history presentation, Jefferson and Lewis discuss plans for the extraordinary expedition through the Louisiana Territory to the Pacific Ocean.

A variety of musical performances will be held throughout the day in the Festival Tent on the Green. The Turtle Island Band will perform music of the American Indian at 1:00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., the Wildcat Regiment Band will perform 19th Century music. From 4:30 until 6:15 p.m. the Don Redman Heritage Concert will feature Snooky Young and Sonny Cohn with the Howard Burns Quartet.

Park exhibits, the Bookshop and the Lewis and Clark Store will be open throughout the day. Due to budget constraints, there will be no fireworks display this year.



July 7 and 8—Meriwether Lewis Returns to Harpers Ferry

Visitors who missed the Meriwether Lewis events in March will have another opportunity to learn more about this part of Harpers Ferry’s history at the commemoration of the return of Lewis in July of 1803. On Monday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 8, the Park will present a variety of programs to mark Lewis’ 2nd appearance in the town—this time to arrange for the shipping of the weapons and supplies he had ordered from the Harpers Ferry Armory to Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Monday, July 7, activities begin at 11:00 with a ranger-conducted tour, “Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry,” visiting places in the town significant to the

Bill Barker (left) and Dick Cheatham portray Thomas Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis.

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.”

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Grants and Donations Received

Many of the Park and Association educational activities in 2003 have been made possible by grants from the West Virginia Humanities Council and donations from area businesses and organizations.

A major grant of almost \$9,000 from the Humanities Council helped to fund the March Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration "Supplied for Survival." Funds from this grant provided a full-color brochure explaining the significance of the event, a program for the weekend's activities, funds to support scholars and speakers, and a variety of other needs for the event. The Council also sponsored the lecture presented by Lewis and Clark scholar James Holmberg.

In addition, the Council awarded another grant to the Association to bring the Meriwether Lewis story to the students of Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. This grant provided funding for honoraria and travel for the 2003 Shenandoah Potomac History Seminar. The Bank of Charles Town and Jefferson Security Bank also supported this education program.

For the second year the Harpers Ferry Alumni Association donated funds for the

Storer College History program for 8th and 9th grade students. This educational program immersed students in the experience of Storer College, an early school for freed Blacks established after the Civil War. Dr. Richard McKinney, the Jefferson County Black Preservation Society and Park staff were instrumental in the success of this year's seminar.

The Jefferson County Chapter of the NAACP continued their partnership in co-sponsoring the annual Blues Concert. Revenues from this event are being held to support the 2006 Niagara Commemoration.

The Park Artist-in-Residence program, through the Association, has benefited for the past two years from the financial support of the Arts and Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County. They have sponsored two of the artists who have worked in Harpers Ferry each year.

Without the donation of time and financial assistance from these partners, our association programs would be seriously diminished. We are most grateful for this support and thank the contributors.

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Lewis and Clark story. In the afternoon, Scott Mandrell from the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles will present "Traveling with Meriwether Lewis."

There will also be a lecture entitled "Lewis and Clark: An American Journey" by Dr. Daniel Thorp followed by a book signing. Thorp, author of the book *Lewis and Clark: An American Journey*, is Associate Chair of the Department of History at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he has been a professor since 1986. He has bicycled most of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

On Tuesday, July 8, the tour "Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry" will be repeated in the morning and afternoon. Throughout the day the United States Post Office will operate a Cancellation Station

on Arsenal Square. A choice of cachets available with a special cancellation showing the pipe tomahawk made at Harpers Ferry for the expedition will be available for cancellation.

There will be a musical presentation with Magpie returning to present a new, special selection of songs of the Lewis and Clark Expedition period.

A special ceremony will be held at noon to unveil the Meriwether Lewis West Virginia State Historical Marker to be located on Potomac St., and in the afternoon Scott Mandrell will re-enact the departure of Meriwether Lewis.

There will be additional living history presentations, and activities for children held throughout the two-day commemoration. Plan to make a visit to the Park to enjoy these activities and to learn more about the Lewis and Clark story.

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Lewis & Clark Commemorative Items in New Shop

Visit the new Lewis and Clark Store on High Street. In this charming shop you will find an interesting and unique variety of books for children and adults; educational games, toys, dolls and stuffed animals; apparel; hand-forged reproductions of Armory equipment; maps and posters; videos and music. All of these items tell some part of the fascinating story of the Corps of Discovery, which commenced 200 years ago.

The Association published two new posters especially for this commemoration of Lewis' visit to Harpers Ferry in 1803. The first is a poster of the weapons, supplies and equipment Meriwether Lewis ordered from the U. S. Armory for the expedition. This photo was taken by Eric Long of Montgomery Village, Maryland. It depicts part of the new Park exhibit, and is sold with a color key identifying each item in the photograph. This poster was designed by Dave Gilbert, who also designed the commemorative brochure and program.

The second poster is a composite of artwork by Keith Rocco, famous for his renderings of historic scenes, and Richard Schlecht's artwork of early Harpers Ferry.



The poster was designed by artist Kenlyn Stewart of Knoxville, Tennessee. A specially-produced lapel pin of the bust of Meriwether Lewis in colorful uniform is also available.

Visit this shop to learn more about the "eastern story" of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. All your purchases benefit the Park.

*A look inside the Association's Lewis & Clark Store on High Street in the Lower Town.
Photo by Marsha Starkey.*

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July 19 and 20— Fight for the Valley, 1864

This program tells the story of Harpers Ferry as the supply depot for Union General Philip Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign during the summer and fall of 1864. Members of the reactivated living history group, the 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, 1st Maryland and 3rd Maryland will conduct a living history encampment.

August 9 and 10— Rally for Virginia 1861

This weekend program presents Harpers Ferry as a camp of instruction for Virginia State troops. Members of the living history military group, the Liberty Guards, will portray Virginia soldiers during the opening months of the Civil War.

August 9—Navy Band Military Concert at 6:00 p.m.

August 16 and 17—97th Anniversary of the Niagara Movement at Harpers Ferry

This event commemorates the early history of the Civil Rights movement through ranger-guided tours and displays.

September 6—Marine Band Military Concert at 6:00p.m.

September 13 and 14—Harpers Ferry Under Fire, September 1862

Interpretation of the Battle of Harpers Ferry and the surrender of the Union garrisoned town to Southern forces under General Stonewall Jackson. Members of the military living history group, the Southern Guard, will assist. Activities include artillery firing demonstrations.

Harpers Ferry Websites

Harpers Ferry Historical Association
www.HarpersFerryHistory.org

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www.nps.gov/hafe

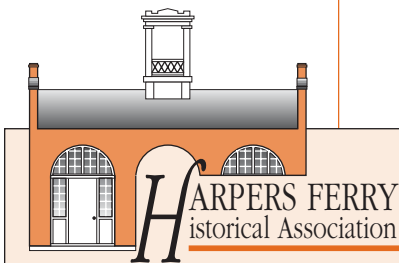
The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

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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2003 Annual Meeting and "Birthday Party" in July

The Annual Meeting of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association will be held on Saturday, July 26, and will celebrate the 20th anniversary of *A Walker's Guide to Harpers Ferry* by David T. Gilbert. First published in 1983, this book has been praised by many park visitors and local residents.

To mark this special occasion, and to celebrate the new 20th anniversary edition of this publication, the Association will be hosting a "birthday party" and book signing

following the business meeting. The business meeting begins at 1:00 p.m., and the party will follow at 2:00 p.m. There will be displays showing the evolution of the guide, remarks, and refreshments.

These events will be held on the 2nd floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah St. in the Lower Town. Members and their guests are invited to attend. No reservations are required, but if you plan to attend please call us at 304-535-6881.

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application

- I wish to join the Harpers Ferry Historical Association (*new member*)
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Please enroll me in the following member category (*check one*):

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