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Throughout this past summer and fall many visitors have enjoyed new park exhibits along Shenandoah Street in the Lower Town. These comprehensive new exhibits were dedicated by U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd during ceremonies held at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on June 28, 1997. The Shenandoah Street Restoration Project dedication included the Presentation of Colors by the 54th Massachusetts living history unit and the playing of a 19th century version of the National Anthem by the Wildcat Regimental Band.



The group Magpie also performed the song *Take Me Back to Harpers Ferry*, written especially for the park's 50th anniversary in 1994. This song is featured in the park video now showing in one of the new Shenandoah Street exhibits, "Harpers Ferry, A

Place in Time." This fascinating exhibit features multimedia stations with touch-screen technology that allows visitors to see the town throughout the many stages of its storied history.

Also reopened during the Shenandoah Street Restoration Project dedication were the Provost Marshal's Office and the adjacent Dry Goods Store. The Lower Town Information Center, now located in the former Master Armorer's House, is also complete. Exhibits here highlight the park's rich and diverse interpretive themes. Please plan to visit these new Shenandoah Street exhibits if you haven't already done so.



Above: U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd presides at ribbon-cutting ceremony during the Shenandoah Street Restoration Project dedication. Bottom: (left) 54th Massachusetts living history unit presents colors as the dedication begins; (right) Senator Byrd speaks at the dedication ceremony while Park Superintendent Donald Campbell looks on. Photos by Noah Mehrkam.



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."

Donations Much Appreciated

In addition to the many new members the association welcomed in 1997, donations were received from the following members, friends, and businesses:

Cash Donations:

Dennis Frye
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Annual Meeting and Author Fest a Great Success

Members of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association were treated to a full day of activities at their annual membership meeting on June 28, 1997. The day began with a membership breakfast at the Cliffside Inn. A business meeting followed which included a review of the impact of two record floods and two government shutdowns in 1996, and a review of the association's efforts to overcome these challenges.

Heather Walters of Charles Town, WV, and Bruce Hopkins of Purcellville, VA, were re-elected as board members. Jim and Suzanne Silvia, patron members from Taunton, MA, were elected as new board members. The meeting concluded with an delightful talk by Peggy Vogtsberger, President of the Pelham Society, and author of *The Dulany's of Welbourne*.

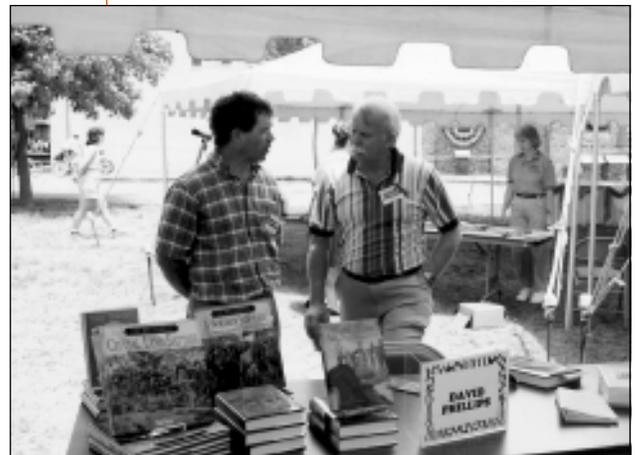
The Association moved its activities to the festival tent in the Lower Town Harpers Ferry, where an Author Fest and silent auction were held. Over 30 authors of books about Harpers Ferry and Civil War history, African American history, the Potomac River, the C&O Canal, archaeology, and children's stories attended throughout the day. We have a few autographed copies of some titles left; please call our toll-free number for a list of available titles if you are interested.

The Silent Auction, held in the tent beside the authors, featured antique cast iron soldiers and cannons, artwork, a web-

page design, handcrafted items, and gift certificates for area restaurants, hotels, and merchants. The item receiving the most attention and highest bids was the book *The Public Life of Captain John Brown*, donated by association member George Fullerton. The entire auction contributed about \$1,200 for the benefit of the association and its activities.

During the evening authors, association members, board members, staff, and old friends gathered at the tranquil setting of the Harpers Ferry Design Center patio for a dinner picnic. Guests enjoyed the Civil War music of Jim Morgan while waiting for the spectacular display of fireworks which concluded the day's activities.

Watch for details of the Second Annual Author Fest in the June issue of *The View*.



Authors Gregg Clemmer (left) and David Phillips at the June 28th Author Fest on the Park Green in the Lower Town. Photo by Noah Mehrkam.

Association Welcomes New Members in 1997

The 1997 expansion of the association's membership categories proved highly successful. The new membership program added 199 Basic Members, 27 Basic Plus Members, and 8 Patron Members to the association. Those Patron Members supporting our association during 1997 include Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes of Falls Church, Virginia; Nancy Myers of Harpers Ferry, Jim Castleman of Martinsburg, West Virginia; Jim and Suzanne Silvia of Taunton, Massa-

chusetts; Sylvia Coleman of Charles Town, West Virginia; Dean Reed of Loudoun Heights, Virginia; Jim and Joanne Baynham of Dallas, Texas; and Ann Chadab of Alexandria, Virginia.

For those of you who would like to become members or renew your membership at a higher level to support association and park activities and educational programs, please complete our membership form on the back of this newsletter.

New Titles at the Park Bookshop

Christmas Special! *The American Spirit*. Mort Kunstler presents the history of America in vivid, highly-detailed, and carefully researched paintings. 200 full-color reproductions, 236 pages. (\$39.95 original price) \$24.95, hardcover.



Back to Harpers Ferry Video. A short tour through Harpers Ferry's history and park highlights. This video is shown in the new park exhibit. 16 minutes. \$12.95.

Two new Belle Boyd titles—*Siren of the South*, a biography by Ruth Scarborough, 212 pages, \$19.95 paperback; and a reprint of her memoirs, *Belle Boyd in Camp and Prison*, 14.95, paperback.

Bravest Girl in Sharpsburg, by Kathleen Ernst (author of *Night Riders at Harpers Ferry*), tells what happens to the friendship of Teresa Kretzer and Savilla Miller when it is tested by the Civil War. (For middle grade readers). 225 pages, \$8.95 paperback.



Civil War Battle Flags of the Union Army and Order of Battle. A beautiful reproduction of original classic guides published by General C. McKeever shortly after the Civil War. \$60.00, hardcover.

Geology of the Harpers Ferry Quadrangle, Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia, by Scott Southworth and David Brezinski. Detailed study of the area's geological history by the USGS, NPS, and Loudoun County Department of Environmental Resources. A large colored map is included. \$7.95.

The Great Victorian Cookbook is beautifully photographed with original and modern recipes and descriptions. 248 pages, \$19.95, hardcover.

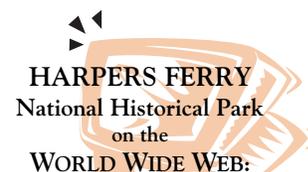


Norton Anthology of African American Literature, edited by H. L. Gates, Jr. and N. Y. McKay. A rich overview of African American literature featuring 120 authors and spanning 1746 to the present. 2,664 pages, \$49.95, hardcover.

Robert E. Lee: A Life Portrait by David Eicher (author of *The Civil War in Books*). Photos, portraits, and engravings of Lee, family members, and associates beautifully reproduced in this volume enhance the narrative by Henry Steele Commager. 238 pages, \$29.95, hardcover.

Make the Park Bookshop one of your stops during the Christmas season. In addition to the above new titles, you will find a large selection of children's books, games, and educational packages. Christmas titles will inspire cooking and decorating for the holidays. There are many biographies as well as the award-winning *Undaunted Courage*, the story of the Lewis & Clark expedition, by Stephen Ambrose, available in both paperback and hardcover. A varied selection of beautiful 1998 calendars, notecards, audio tapes and CDs, videos, and artwork is available for those on your Christmas list.

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New Harpers Ferry Art Print Now Available

Artist Greg Everhart has recently completed his painting entitled "The Grand View," a panoramic perspective of Harpers Ferry as seen from Maryland Heights. This work was created on location atop the cliffs over a seven year period. According to Everhart, "It was a struggle climbing up that mountain so many times with easel and supplies, but in the long run it was worth it." We think so, too. Greg will be visiting the Park Bookshop during the holiday season to sign limited edition prints of this marvelous new painting.

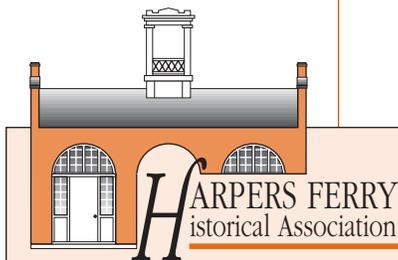
The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

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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Association Invites Input to Help Develop Strategic Plan

In January, the association board of directors and park representatives will meet to develop goals and objectives to help direct the association during the next five years. If you are interested in participating, you may obtain and complete a questionnaire that will be the basis for much of the process. Please call the association and request that a questionnaire be sent to you. Your time and thoughts will be very much appreciated.

Park Adds Searchable Image Database to its Web Site

The award-winning *Harpers Ferry NHP Virtual Visitor Center* recently added a searchable image database to its extensive World Wide Web site. Using a simple online search form, users can now browse through hundreds of historic photographs, illustrations, and postcards.

To access the park's extensive online image database, point your Web browser to www.nps.gov/hafe/hf_visit.htm.

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).
- \$50 Contributing 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 and the *Back to Harpers Ferry* video).
- \$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.

By notifying us of your change of address, you'll continue to receive this newsletter at your new location.

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