Published for the Members and Friends of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association Spring 2015



Back on the Bookshelves: Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal

ur very last copy of the Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal was sold in the Bookshop on June 17, 2006. Ever since then, hikers, bikers, and canal enthusiasts have been popping in to see if we had any of these books available. We are thrilled to finally say, YES!

After many years and volunteer hours in the making, we are proud to announce the republication of the late Thomas F. Hahn's popular guidebook. Hahn first began working on a series of guidebooks in 1971, and the first edition of a guide to the entire 184.5 mile towpath was published in 1982. Sixteen editions (including this latest) of the book have been printed since then. The book remains the most comprehensive guide to the C&O, with step-by-step descriptions of the canal and its structures, nature, geology, and wildlife in the Potomac River floodplain, and historical events that took place along the canal.

The book was last published in 1999 and required a great deal of updating and editing. The revised edition includes new sidebars and photos, updated maps, GPS coordinates to vehicle access points, indexes

to canal features and campsites, a glossary of canal terms, and website links to parks, restaurants, and other places of interest

along the canal. The book also recognizes the Canal Quarters and Canal Towns between Georgetown and Cumberland.

A formal book launch will be held at our annual membership picnic on June 27, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. There we will recognize and thank the many volunteers who spent hours on the towpath, behind their computer, or focusing a camera lens to help us bring this guidebook back to life. See page 4 for more information.

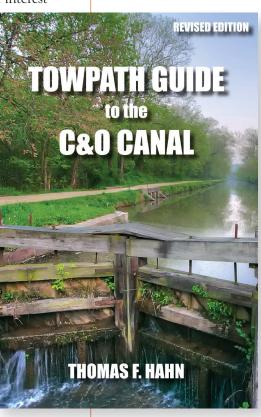
Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal by Thomas F. Hahn (HFHA, 2015) is available in the Park Bookshop, online at www. harpersferryhistory.org, or by calling 304-535-6881.

IN THIS ISSUE:

Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal is Back!

Fourteenth Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards and Concert

Annual Membership Meeting & Potluck Picnic



NPS Centennial: 100 Years ~ 100 Members

The National Park Service has launched a year-long campaign to celebrate its centennial and begin a second century of stewardship of America's national parks. Its centennial mission: "CONNECT with and CREATE the NEXT GENERATION of park visitors, supporters, and advocates" through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

Founded to protect and preserve our nation's "crown jewels," the NPS now manages over 400 cultural sites including monuments, parkways, battlefields, cemeteries, and recreation areas. Each park contributes a unique chapter to our American story. Visit www.findyourpark.com to learn more about these American treasures.

continued on Page 4

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."

Recent Donations

Jefferson County C.V.B. Jefferson County NAACP Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail

David L. Larsen Memorial Fund Donations

Joseph F. Andrews, III
Martha Ellora Balis
Patricia and David Day
Paula Degen
Rebecca Harriett
Ellis Larsen
Steven and Wanda Larsen
Josh McDaid
Bill Nestor
Joseph Onofrey
Mitchell Yockelson
Lisa B. Wieman

Armory Superintendent Members

Dr. Robert Johnson
Harpers Ferry, WV
Mike Hegarty
Our Lady of Sorrows
School
Farmington, MI
Nancy Myers, in Honor of
Don Campbell
Harpers Ferry, WV
Jim & Suzanne Silvia
Taunton, MA
Ed Wheeless & Chris Craig
Harpers Ferry, WV

Paymaster Members

Jo (Kuhn) Curtis in memory of Jim Kuhn and Alexander and Mary Murphy Brandywine, MD

Master Armorer Members

Allison Alsdorf Harpers Ferry, WV William Amesbury Wilkes-Barre, PA Kirk Bradley Sanford, NC

continued on page 3

2015 Don Redman Heritage Awards and Concert

Harpers Ferry National Historical
Park will host the
14th Annual Don
Redman Heritage
Awards & Concert
June 27, 2015, on the
lawn of the Mather
Training Center in
Harpers Ferry. This
year's award recipients are pianist and
composer George

Cables and trumpeter Dr. Eddie Henderson. They will perform with the Howard Burns Quartet.

George Cables was born in New York City on November 14, 1944, and classically trained as a youth. After attending the High School of Performing Arts, he went on to the Mannes College of Music, and by 1964 he was playing in a band called The Jazz Samaritans, which included such

rising stars as Billy Cobham, Lenny White, and Clint Houston. Noted for his fresh interpretations of classic compositions and innovative style of writing, Cables has performed and recorded with great jazz legends including: Joe Henderson, Roy Haynes, Max Roach, Art Blakey, Sonny Rollins, Freddie Hubbard, Woody Shaw, Sarah Vaughn, Tony Williams, Bobby Hutcherson, and Dizzy Gillespie.

Eddie Henderson grew up in San Francisco where he studied trumpet, flugelhorn, and music theory at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. His first trumpet lesson



came from Dizzy
Gillespie, a friend
of his mother, who
was a dancer at the
original Cotton
Club. After three
years in the air
force, Henderson
received a BS in zoology from Berkeley
and an MD from
Howard University.
From 1968 until

the late 1980s, he mixed music and medicine, playing and recording with such greats as John Handy, Tyrone Washington, Herbie Hancock, Art Blakey, Mike Nock, and Charles Earland. In the 1990s he returned to playing acoustic hard bop (touring with Don Redman Heritage Award recipient Billy Harper in 1991) while also working as a psychiatrist.

The free awards ceremony and concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. Stephen T. Mather Training Center, 51 Mather Place, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. For additional information contact the park's Information Center at 304-535-6029.

This event is sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Historical Association, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and the Jefferson County NAACP in cooperation with the Don Redman Heritage Society of Piedmont, WV.

Eddie Henderson (top, photo by Jimmy Katz) and George Cables (photo from georgecables.com)

Summer Historic Trades Workshops

June 13, 2015 – "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" – 11:30am to 1:00pm. \$15.00. Participants will bake and eat leaven rolls or street corner food, large soft pretzels, in a large masonry "beehive oven".

June 20, 2015 – Industrial Revolution: As American as Apple Pie – 1:00 to 4:00pm. \$25.00 (minimum age to participate, 12 years). Step back in time and make pie the continued on page 3

Summer Historic Trades Workshops, continued from Page 2

1860 way. Enjoy a slice of hot fruit pie that you've made in the beehive oven. Learn how the industrial revolution changed forever the diversity and nutritional value of American apples.

July 4-5, 2015 – 1865 West Virginia Union Ladies Aid Society Grand Strawberry & Ice Cream Festival – First class: 12:00 to 2:00pm; Second class: 3:00 to 5:00pm. \$15.00 (children under 6 years old free with paying adult). Join the 1865 West Virginia Ladies Aid Society and Mr. Kern's Proprietor of the Ice Cream Saloon, to make ice cream and enjoy with strawberries.

August 15-16, 2015 – Beat the Heat: Arctic Soda Fountain Beverages – 1:00 to 4:00 pm. \$20.00 (children under 12 years old \$10.00 and must be accompanied by an adult). Learn to make Victorian cooling beverages at Roeders Tavern.

For complete workshop descriptions, including class sizes, registration deadlines, and a registration form, visit the Workshops section of www.harpersferryhistory.org.

display plaque for businesses.

Master Armorer Members, continued from Page 2

Karl Buchspics Willow Grove, PA Donald & Patricia Burgess Harpers Ferry, WV Carole Powell Carter Harpers Ferry, WV Hon. and Mrs. Thomas Curtis and Family Baltimore, MD Kim and Frank Edwards Edgewood, MD Patrice Flynn Harpers Ferry, WV Deborah Hale Harpers Ferry, WV Rebecca Harriett Berryville, VA Ethan James Hilgeman Cumberland, MD

Bruce Kramer Baltimore, MD Anne A. Long Myersville, MD Cynthia K. Mason Baltimore, MD Don Mundev Hagerstown, MD Susan Pannell Harpers Ferry, WV George Rutherford Ranson, WV David and Kathryn Sukites Fairfax, VA Samuel and Grace Tucker Adamstown, MD James Turner Weston, CO Clarke Wilhelm Granville, OH

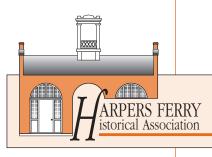
Harpers Ferry Historical Association Membership Application ☐ I wish to join the Harpers Ferry Historical Association (new member) ☐ I am not interested in receiving member benefits, but I would like to make a contribution ☐ I wish to renew my membership (renewal) in the amount of to aid the mission Please enroll me in the following member category (check one): of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. □ \$25 Armory Worker – Basic membership for a family household. ☐ I am a Charter Member and would like to Benefits include a newsletter subscription, a 15% discount on all make a donation of _____. bookshop purchases, a vinyl decal, and invitations to annual meeting and events. ☐ Check if this is a new address for you □ \$25 Sarah Jane Foster – An alternative basic membership for educators. Benefits include the above plus open house for teachers and discounts on programs for teachers. □ \$50 Millwright – For those members who are frequent visitors to Name the park. Benefits are the same as Armory Worker category plus a 12-month Harpers Ferry Park entrance pass. Address □ \$100 Master Armorer – A supporting membership category. Includes all benefits of the Millwright category plus a set of Harpers Ferry note Zip City State cards, member recognition in our newsletter and at our annual meeting, and a special tour. □ \$250 Paymaster – For businesses, vendors or family donors who wish Telephone to contribute to the Association's mission. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases; a newsletter subscription; vinyl de-E-mail cal; invitations to annual meetings, events, and association-sponsored education programs; a 12-month park pass; a set of Harpers Ferry note Please clip and mail to: cards; recognition in newsletter and at annual meeting; special tour; Harpers Ferry Historical Association and additional membership card. P.O. Box 197 □ \$500 Armory Superintendent – For supporters (individual and Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 corporate) who wish to perpetuate Association and Park education Phone: (304) 535-6881 programs. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases; Fax: (304) 535-6749 a newsletter subscription; vinyl decals; invitations to annual meeting, Email: hfha@earthlink.net events, and education programs; a set of Harpers Ferry note cards; recognition in the newsletter and at annual meeting; special tour; an Amercia the Beautiful pass (for use in all parks) for individuals; and a

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, send e-mail to hfha@earthlink.net, or visit our website at www.harpersferryhistory.org

Harpers Ferry Historical Association

Post Office Box 197 Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage **PAID** Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 Permit No. 12



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Deborah K. Piscitelli

EDITORCathy Baldau

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Dave Gilbert

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Gilbert, President
James Silvia, Vice President
Suzanne Silvia, Secretary
George Rutherford, Treasurer
Patrice Flynn
Carol Gallant
Jim Jenkins
Bob Johnson
Anne Long
Wayne Welty
Ed Wheeless

2016 National Park Service. CENTENNIAL

4 🗳

Potluck Picnic, Annual Membership Meeting, and Book Launch!

All HFHA members are invited to this year's Potluck Picnic and Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 27, 2015 on the Stephen T. Mather Training Center Plaza, 51 Mather Place, Harpers Ferry. The picnic precedes this year's Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert, so plan to stay and enjoy some great music on the lawn!

The membership meeting and election of officers will begin at 3:00 p.m. inside the Mather Training Center. Todd Bolton, Harpers Ferry NHP Visitor Services Branch Chief, will discuss the exciting and important National Park Service Centennial.

The picnic on the Plaza will follow from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. At the picnic we will officially launch our latest publication, the *Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal.* Cathy Baldau will relate how we republished the late Thomas Hahn's classic guidebook and

recognize some of the project's volunteers. Chris Hahn, the author's son, will share remembrances. Invited guests include C&O Canal Association members, C&O Canal National Historical Park personnel, and friends from the Canal Towns Partnership.

We will also announce plans for our next publication, which will involve our members like no other project we have done!

Chicken and dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share based on your last name:

A-M: Salad N-Z: Side dish/Casserole

Please RSVP no later than June 19, 2015, to 304-535-6881, or hfha@earthlink. net. We look forward to seeing you there!

NPS Centennial, continued from Page 1

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will commemorate the centennial with various programs leading up to the August 25, 2016, birthday. As its partner, Harpers Ferry Historical Association would like to celebrate by recruiting 100 new members.

Help us now by becoming a member, giving a membership gift to family or friends, or spreading the word about the many ways we support our national park. See page 3 for a membership application or visit www. harpersferryhistory.org.