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

 Our 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!

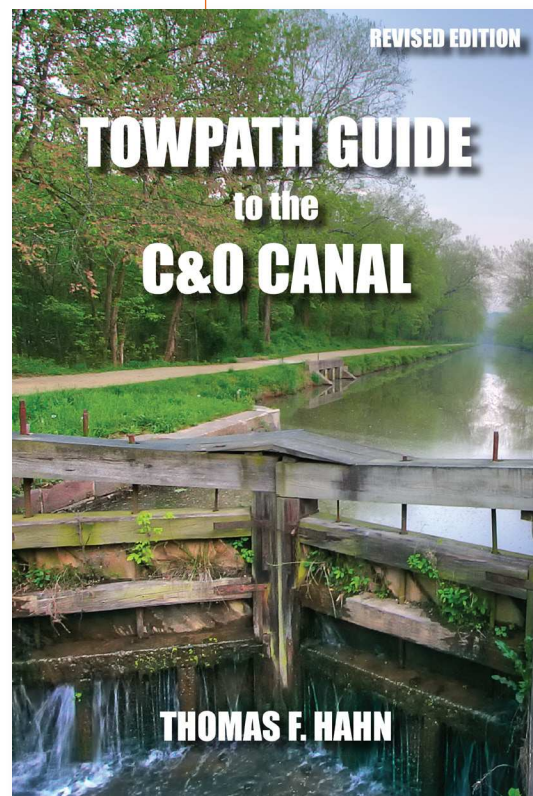
After many years and volunteer hours in the making, we are proud to announce the republication of the late Thomas F. Hahn's popular guidebook. Hahn first began working on a series of guidebooks in 1971, and the first edition of a guide to the entire 184.5 mile towpath was published in 1982. Sixteen editions (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.



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.

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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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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

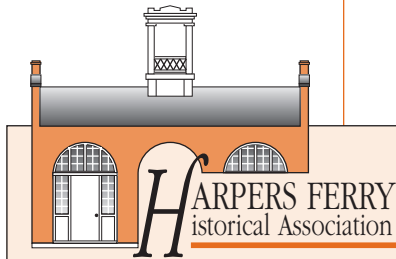
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The Harpers Ferry Historical Association operates the National Park Bookshop in Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Profits from sales are returned to the park to support interpretive and educational programs to enhance your visit.

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

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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!



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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.