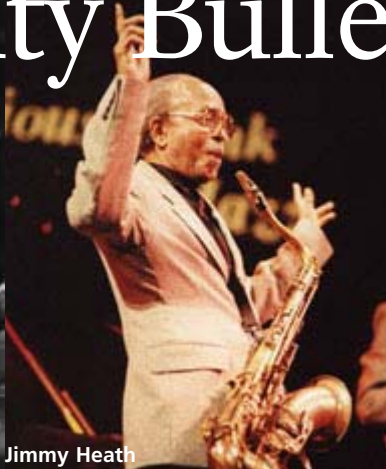




Community Bulletin



Hank Jones



Jimmy Heath



Don Redman

Don Redman Heritage Jazz Concert

On Saturday June 24 Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will host the Fifth Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert. This year's event features legendary jazz pianist Hank Jones and saxophonist Jimmy Heath. The two men will be joined by the Howard Burns Quartet.

Hank Jones began his professional career over sixty years ago becoming the first of the great Detroit pianists. The oldest of the three illustrious Jones brothers (which include Thad and Elvin), Jones was one of the first pianists to take on the language of bebop. He recorded with Charlie Parker, and fast became an influential presence on the emerging bebop scene. Today at age 88, Jones continues to leave his mark on jazz with his dynamic and diverse recordings reinterpreting jazz in all of its varieties.

Jimmy Heath has long been recognized as a brilliant instrumentalist and a magnificent composer and arranger. Jimmy is the middle brother of the legendary Heath Brothers (Percy Heath/bass and Tootie Heath/drums). He has performed with nearly all the jazz greats of the last 50 years, from

Howard McGhee, Dizzy Gillespie, and Miles Davis to Wynton Marsalis.

This free concert will begin at 6:00 P.M. on the lawn behind the Mather Training Center, on the campus of Storer College in Harpers Ferry.

Visitor Access and Interpretation of Harpers Ferry Battlefield

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park proposes to provide visitor access to lands that were recently acquired to protect and interpret the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry. This is part of a larger program to expand visitor access and services to all areas of the park over the next twenty years.

A draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared to analyze alternatives and the potential environmental impacts that would result from the implementation of each alternative. The draft EA is available for public review for a 30-day period from June 5 to July 5, 2006. The public may review

the EA at public libraries in Bolivar and Charles Town, at the Harpers Ferry Town Hall, the park's Headquarters in the Morrell House on Fillmore Street or by mail or email by contacting the park's Natural Resource Program Manager at (304) 535-6038.

Main Street News

The High Street/Potomac Street stairway is officially completed and will be formally dedicated on Saturday, June 3 at 12 noon. This stairway is a vital link to our merchant shops and the train station. Main Street continues to seek grant monies to further enhance and upgrade other items such as Lower Town sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping.

What's New in the Park?

Train Station Update: The next phase of work includes installation of the slate roof, reinstallation of the interior bead board, HVAC and mechanical systems, plumbing and electrical work.

Shenandoah Street Update: Deteriorated section of plaster have been removed and leveling courses are being applied.

Hike Harpers Ferry!

Put on your hiking boots and head for Harpers Ferry National Historical Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3 to celebrate the 14th National Trails Day, sponsored by Harpers Ferry Main Street and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). This year's theme is "Experience Your Outdoors."

Three guided hikes are scheduled and will begin at the Park Green along the Shenandoah River, where Harpers Ferry Main Street, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC)—which maintains hundreds of miles of trails, including 240 miles of the Appalachian Trail in this area—and ATC will have information booths set up for the day.

National Trails Days activities will be centered in the Park's Lower Town District beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a ceremony to unveil a new map/brochure and poster developed by Harpers Ferry Middle School sixth

graders during a "service-learning" project. The ceremony will take place at the bulletin board near the confluence of the rivers on The Point. Funding for printing of the map/brochure was provided by a grant from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia, Inc.

The school's "service-learning" projects, through which young people integrate classroom learning with community-service projects, were developed through a partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), a private nonprofit organization headquartered in Harpers Ferry since 1972.

National Trails Day Hikes

The first hike at 11 a.m., led by ATC's Information Services Manager Laurie Potteiger, starts at the Park Green, follows the Appalachian Trail up to Jefferson Rock, down to ATC Headquarters and then back down to the Lower Town.

The second hike, appealing to history buffs, begins at noon with NPS volunteer Sam Cathy leading a hike up to the Naval Battery on Maryland Heights. View breath-taking vistas and hear about soldiers who defended Harpers Ferry. The hike will continue on to Stone Fort, for those desiring a more strenuous hike, and will return to the Park on a loop trail by around 3 p.m.

The third hike, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and led by PATC president Tom Johnson, will go up to Maryland Heights overlook and back. It is approximately 5 miles round-trip and involves some uphill walking to get to the overlook. According to Johnson, "The overlook affords the hiker a real reward, as it is the best viewpoint of Harpers Ferry, looking directly down on the town from over the railroad tunnel. This is a hike that anyone can do as we will climb slowly and rest frequently."

Harpers Ferry NHP has over 20 miles of hiking trails that include mountains, gently rolling fields and flat walking trails--something for everyone. Stop by the booths for more information on hiking on your own or to sign up for organized hikes. If you plan to join one of the hikes, please come prepared with water, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes. Insect repellent will be available at the ATC booth. Demonstrations on how to pack your pack, how to dehydrate food and how to filter water will be ongoing throughout the day.

Children will have the opportunity to enter the National Trails Day Coloring Contest by stopping by the Harpers Ferry Main Street booth. Prizes include a pair of kids LEKI hiking poles and other American Hiking Society merchandise. Drawings will be held at the various information booths for other prizes, including a women's pack, donated by Marmot, and a first aid kit, donated by Adventure Medical Kits.

Further information about National Trails Day is available at www.americanhiking.org.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the 2,175-mile Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a 250,000-acre greenway extending from Maine to Georgia. Further information can be found at www.appalachiantrail.org.

Designated in 2001, Harpers Ferry Main Street's mission is to encourage and support the efforts of local residents and businesses by providing resources to maximize the quality of life in the community. Its goal is to provide the best climate possible for healthy businesses, resulting in restored and maintained historic buildings, a pristine natural setting and a lively enjoyable town for everyone. More information is available at [ww.harpersferryinfocenter.org](http://www.harpersferryinfocenter.org).



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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