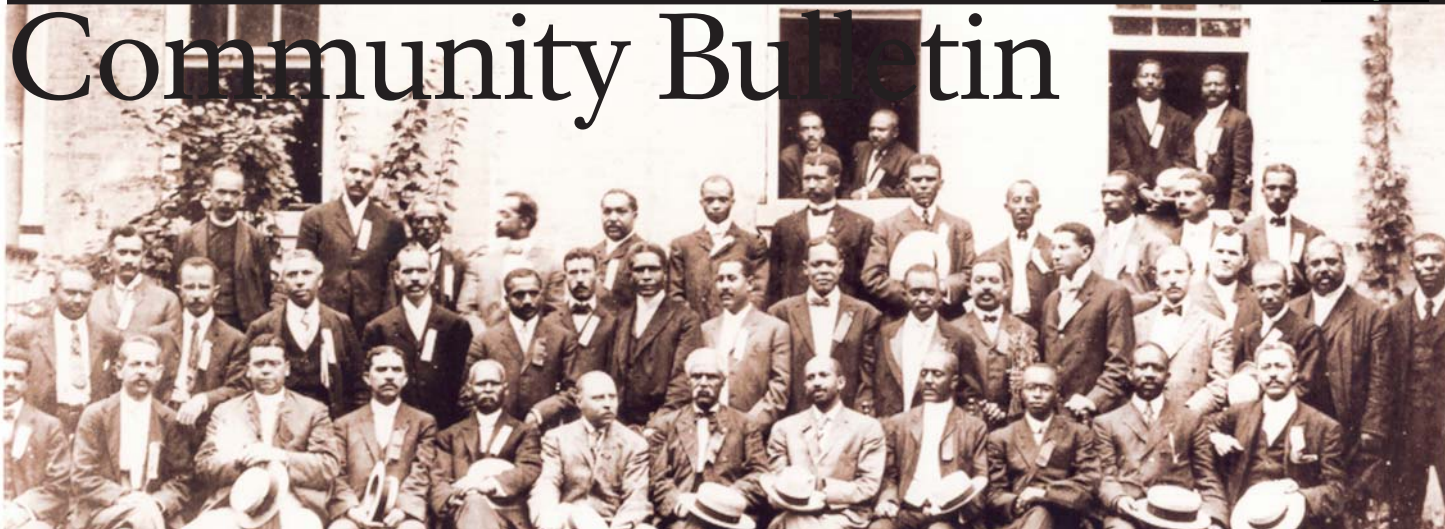




Community Bulletin



Black History Month Honors J.R. Clifford

In conjunction with Black History Month, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is pleased to announce its February 2006 schedule of events. February 5 through 28 a special exhibit entitled *Prepared for Success: A Shining Star of Storer College* will feature the life and work of John Robert (J.R.) Clifford, an 1875 graduate of Storer College.

This special exhibit will open on Sunday, February 5, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Clifford, born in Grant County, West Virginia, in 1848, spent his adult life in Martinsburg, West Virginia. As a Civil War veteran, educator, journalist, publisher, lawyer and civil rights activist, J.R. Clifford devoted his life to making a difference in the lives of fellow African Americans. The program on February 5 will feature a talk by Ms. Connie Rice from the University of West Virginia. Ms. Rice, who is currently writing a biography on Mr. Clifford, will share her research. The program will then be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a small reception.



J.R. Clifford is pictured above and in the masthead photo with members of the Niagara Movement at Storer College in 1906.

In honor of the 2006 Centennial of the Niagara Movement, the Clifford-Niagara Project, Justice Larry V. Starcher, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, Honorary Chair, proudly presents:

"J. R. Clifford and the Carrie Williams Case"

A dramatic reenactment of a historic West Virginia civil rights case, based on original records

Thursday, August 17, 2006
Performances at 4:00 and 7:30 pm

**Curtis Freewill Baptist Church
Storer College Campus
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia**

Admission is free, but space is limited. Securing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. Audience with tickets must be seated 15 minutes before performance time. To request tickets or for more information, please contact Guinevere Roper, National Park Service, 304-535-6166; or the Clifford-Niagara Project, 304-345-7663, www.clifford-niagara.org

A Look Ahead

March 25-26

A Woman's Place: Harpers Ferry 1800-1931. On Saturday and Sunday join "In the Shadows: A Woman's Place" a ranger-guided walking tour. Self-guided walking tour brochures are available at the park visitor center desk. The brochures highlight locations in the town where Harpers Ferry women made their contribution to the town's history.

On Saturday and Sunday members of Frederick Ladies Relief Society living history group will interpret these stories at the following locations:

Ready Made Clothing Store

Exhibit- the lives and work of cotton mill workers, called mill girls

Roeder's Confectionery- the Civil War family life and times of Mary Roeder

Stipes' Boarding House - the story of Cornelia Stipes



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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.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
P.O. Box 65
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

Visitor Center
304-535-6029

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop
304-525-6881 or 800-821-5206

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page
www.nps.gov/hafe/

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New Education Interns Prepare for a Busy Season

The Education Office at Harpers Ferry Park is pleased to announce three new interns will be working with the program through April 29.

Karen Anderson, originally from Ona, West Virginia, will be working full time and is returning to the park for a second intern session, having spent the fall interning with the Curatorial Department. Karen graduated from the University of Louisville (Kentucky) with a master's degree in Critical and Curatorial Studies.

Lisa Berray, originally from Albion, New York, volunteered with the Education Program this past fall and is returning to work part time this spring as a first-time intern student. Lisa is an undergraduate, independent study student at Empire State College, in Saratoga Springs, New York. She is studying American History with an emphasis on Historiography.

Hannah Dixon hails from Searcy, Arkansas, and will be working full time as an intern with the Education Office. Hannah is currently working toward her master's degree in Museum Studies at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. and will be graduating in May.

Information about Education Internships, applications, etc. can be found on the park home page at <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/volunteers/intern-education.htm>

Applications for Summer Education Interns are due March 15. The deadline for Fall Intern applications is May 15.

Shepherd Students Make a Difference

On Monday, January 16, 2006, Harpers Ferry Park and the Education Department greatly benefited from the services of approximately 40 community-minded students and faculty from Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Instead of taking a day off for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, these students graciously gave of their time to improve their community by volunteering in the park. On this Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, they painted furniture, moved educational items, and cleaned spaces to be used as a new educational exhibit at Harpers Ferry Park. This exhibit will educate students by telling the often overlooked story of enslaved and free African-Americans just prior to the Civil War.

The park extends thanks and gratitude to this group for working hard on their day off.



Shepherd University students stuff mattresses with straw for a new African American living history exhibit.

August 18-20 Niagara Movement Centennial Celebration

Join the centennial celebration of the Niagara Movement, the cornerstone of the modern civil rights era, at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. This celebration includes a variety of music, drama and scholarship. **304-535-6026**
<http://www.nps.gov/hafe/niagara/index.htm>