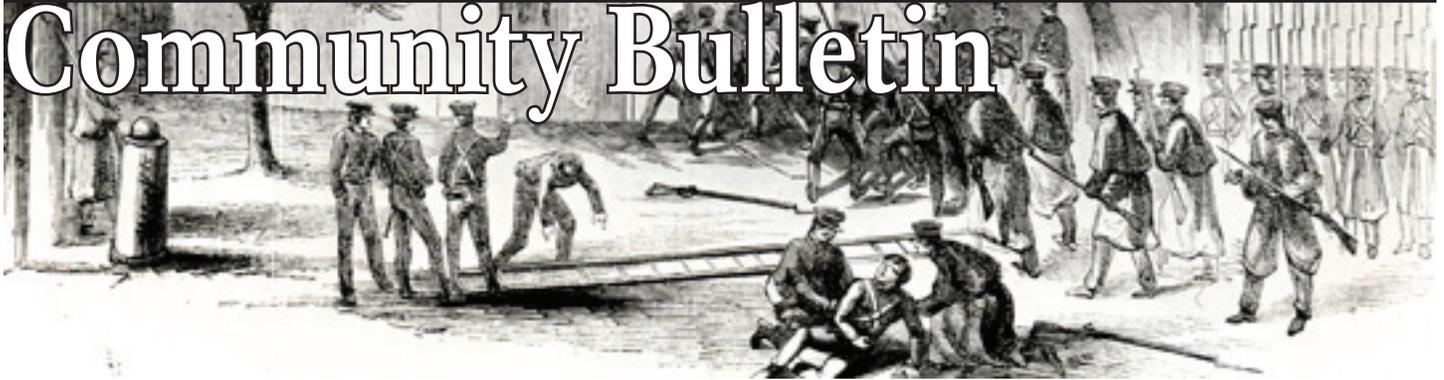




# Community Bulletin



## *Beyond John Brown: The Abolitionist Movement Goes to War*

In conjunction with Black History Month, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is pleased to announce its February 2011 schedule of events. Throughout the month a special exhibit entitled, *Beyond John Brown: The Abolitionist Movement Goes to War*, will focus on the fight to end the institution of slavery after John Brown's 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry.

This special exhibit will open on Sunday, February 6, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The exhibit will highlight Osborne Perry Anderson, Martin Delaney, Frederick Douglass, Mary Ann Shadd, Harriet Tubman and the United States Colored Troops and their determination to provide freedom to all Americans.

The program will feature a showing of the documentary, *Breaking the Ice, the Story of Mary Ann Shadd*, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and light refreshments.

The documentary will be shown every Saturday and Sunday, throughout the month of February, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum.



The movement to abolish slavery swelled in the thirty years prior to the Civil War. Abolitionist organizations, local and national, aggressively called for the end of slavery. Newspapers, such as William Lloyd Garrison's *The Liberator*, assailed

slavery as a moral and political evil. In October of 1859, John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, Virginia, thrust slavery into the nation's limelight, forcing the country to choose sides.

## Education Branch Welcomes New Interns



Anna Rusk, from Lawrence, Michigan, graduated from Beloit College in 2008, and earned an MA in history and museum studies from the University of Delaware in 2010. Anna has participated in Civil War reenactments and living history most of her life, and her historical interests range from military studies to foodways. She enjoys camping, canoeing, music, and cooking.



Casimer Rosiecki was born and raised in Hoosierdom, not far from the banks of Lake Michigan. In December 2010, he graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and minors in Anthropology and English. During the summer of 2010, Cas was an intern with Visitor Services here at Harpers Ferry NHP. Cas enjoys all things Civil War.



Stephanie Salomon interned with Harpers Ferry's Living History program in the summer of 2009 and is now interning with both Education and Living History. Originally from southern California, she graduates in May with a B.A. in History from Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA. She earned her EMT-B in 2009 and is currently taking Firefighter I & II. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, sewing, gardening, and hiking.

## January Volunteers of the Month

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to recognize the volunteer contributions of Jim Prentice and Howard Feldstein, volunteers with the park's visitor service staff .

The partnership of Jim Prentice and Howard Feldstein is an example of the right people in the right place at the right time. Jim and Howard, we salute you!



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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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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

We can always count on Howard and Jim to do anything for the Visitor Services staff , and do it with a smile, but their favorite thing to do is give tours to the public, together. The best day for both of them to volunteer is on Sunday because they both have full time jobs, so their time at Harpers Ferry receives extra appreciation from Park staff.

Howard works for Arlington County, Virginia, helping unemployed people find work. Jim has his own construction company in Fairfax, Virginia. They have both presented tours in the Lower Town by themselves, but this year they discovered a mutual interest in the "Harpers Ferry from the Top Down" tour. They collaborated on a well-received tag team approach to the Top Down tour every Sunday during the spring, summer and fall.



Visitor Services Volunteers, Jim Prentice (L) and Howard Feldstein (R)