

John Brown Raid Sesquicentennial
1859 – 2009

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April 18, 2009 – “*A Prelude to History: The Wedding of Virginia Kennedy*”

Description: Opening event for the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park John Brown Raid Sesquicentennial. A full day of programs and activities focusing on the arrival of Captain John Cook to Harpers Ferry and his subsequent marriage to Virginia Kennedy. Highlights include family & youth activities focusing on Harpers Ferry 1859 and a dramatic presentation entitled, “My Conspirator”, the life of Captain John Cook as told by his sister, Kate.

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

May 2, 2009 – **Rededication of John Brown House**

Description: The rededication and grand opening of the John Brown House will include house tours, a public reception and a walking tour of John Brown sites in Chambersburg.

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: 225 East King Street, Chambersburg, PA

Contact Name: Ann Hull

Contact Number: (717) 264-1667

Website: <http://pafch.tripod.com/>

May 9, 2009 – **Music of “Sword of the Spirit”**

Description: In observance of John Brown’s 209th birthday, the concert will feature songs based on the story of John Brown, his friends and his supporters. All material written and performed by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

May 30, 2009 – “Remembering John Brown”

Description: The 128th Anniversary of Frederick Douglass’ Storer College Address on John Brown will feature Fred Morsell’s dramatic presentation of this address.

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

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June 7, 2009 – “In the Footsteps of John Brown”

Description: Join a park ranger and discover that John Brown's Raid actually covered several miles, over 30 buildings and hundreds of people. Discover some of these places and people on this two hour, two mile walking tour of Harpers Ferry.

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

June 14, 2009 – “In the Footsteps of John Brown”

Description: Join a park ranger and discover that John Brown's Raid actually covered several miles, over 30 buildings and hundreds of people. Discover some of these places and people on this two hour, two mile walking tour of Harpers Ferry.

Time: 11:00 A.M.

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June 17, 2009 – (tentative date) Tri-State unveiling of John Brown Driving Tour

June 21, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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**June 25-26, 2009 - Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War
Commission Kickoff**

Description: The inaugural kickoff of the Virginia Sesquicentennial ACW Signature Tour Series will include tours, programs, receptions and a joint Virginia/West Virginia Sesquicentennial press conference.

Time: TBA

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Cheryl Jackson

Contact Number: (804) 786-3591

Website: <http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/>

June 27, 2009 –Tour of the John Blessing House

Description: John Frederick Blessing was a local baker and confectioner who befriended John Brown during his imprisonment in Charles Town. Prior to his execution, Brown inscribed and presented his jailhouse Bible to Blessing. The Blessing house is now owned by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society. Currently the house is not open to the public on a regular basis. Join a guide for a special sesquicentennial tour of the John Blessing house.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: 303 East North Street, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

Website: <http://jeffctywvblackhistory.org/>

June 28, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

Description: Join a park ranger and discover that John Brown's Raid actually covered several miles, over 30 buildings and hundreds of people. Discover some of these places and people on this two hour, two mile walking tour of Harpers Ferry.

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Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

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Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

June 28, 2009 – John Brown Walking Tour of Charles Town, Jefferson County

Description: Join a guide for a two-hour walking tour of John Brown related sites in Charles Town. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society.

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Meet at Jefferson County Courthouse, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

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June 30, 2009 – John Brown at Hagerstown

Description: The concert will feature songs based on the story of John Brown, his friends and his supporters. All material written and performed by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino.

Time: TBA

Location: University Plaza, 50 West Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD

Contact Name: Kevin Moriarty

Contact Number: (301) 791-3132

Website: <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/>

July 5, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

Description: Join a park ranger and discover that John Brown's Raid actually covered several miles, over 30 buildings and hundreds of people. Discover some of these places and people on this two hour, two mile walking tour of Harpers Ferry.

Time: 11:00 A.M.

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July 12, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

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July 12, 2009 – Kennedy Farm Open House

Description: The 150th anniversary of the arrival “Isaac Smith” and sons. The afternoon will include tours, demonstrations and refreshments. Sponsored by Kennedy Farm Foundation

Time: 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Location: 2406 Chestnut Grove Road, Sharpsburg MD

Contact Name: Todd Bolton

Contact Number: (304) 535-6026

Website: <http://www.johnbrown.org/toc.htm>

July 19, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

Description: Join a park ranger and discover that John Brown's Raid actually covered several miles, over 30 buildings and hundreds of people. Discover some of these places and people on this two hour, two mile walking tour of Harpers Ferry.

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July 25, 2009 –Tour of the John Blessing House

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July 25, 2009 - “Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson”

Description: An insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln & Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson.

Time: 1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.

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July 26, 2009 – John Brown Walking Tour of Charles Town, Jefferson County

Description: Join a guide for a two-hour walking tour of John Brown related sites in Charles Town. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society.

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Meet at Jefferson County Courthouse, Charles Town, WV

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Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

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August 2, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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August 8-9, 2009 – Frederick Militia & Fire Company Days

Description: The city of Frederick will celebrate the militia support provided to Virginia in response to John Brown's Raid. The support came from the militia companies that were part of the city's fire companies. The event will include lectures, living history demonstrations, antique fire equipment and a downtown outdoor celebration along Carroll Creek.

Time: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Location: Linear Park at Carroll Creek, Frederick, MD

Contact Name: George Wunderlich

Contact Number: (301) 695-1864

Website: <http://www.civilwarmed.org/index.cfm>

August 9, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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August 14, 2009 – “Perfect Steel Trap”

Description: A TGIF program featuring Fred Morsell as Frederick Douglass on the Courthouse steps. Evening activities include a reception and a gospel concert followed by an encore performance by Fred Morsell

Time: 12:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Location: Courthouse Steps & Capital Theater, Chambersburg, PA

Contact Name: Ann Hull

Contact Number: (717) 264-1667

Website: <http://pafch.tripod.com/>

August 14, 2009 – Descendants Reception

Description: A reception and program to honor the descendants of John Brown’s Raid sponsored by the Jefferson County NAACP

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Charles Town Visitor Center, 108 N. George Street, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

August 15, 2009 – 16th Annual African American Cultural Heritage Festival

Description: Theme of this year’s parade will be to honor the descendants of John Brown’s Raid

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: West Washington Street, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

August 15, 2009 – “Perfect Steel Trap”,

Description: Special program on John Brown, Frederick Douglass & Shields Green, featuring Fred Morsell

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Location: Festival Stage, Avis & Lawrence Sts., Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

August 15, 2009 – “Dinner with John Brown & Frederick Douglass”

Description: TBA

Time: TBA

Location: Chambersburg, PA - TBA

Contact Name: Ann Hull

Contact Number: (717) 264-1667

Website: <http://pafch.tripod.com/>

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August 19, 2009 – “John Brown’s Body”

Description: An adaptation of the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet, sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Town Foundation.

Time: TBA

Location: Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry, WV

Contact Name: Betsy Bainbridge

Contact Number: (304) 535-2030

Website: <http://www.harpersferryfoundation.org/>

August 21, 2009 – “John Brown’s Body”

Description: An adaptation of the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Town Foundation.

Time: TBA

Location: Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry, WV

Contact Name: Betsy Bainbridge

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August 22, 2009 –Tour of the John Blessing House

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Location: 303 East North Street, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

Website: <http://jeffctywvblackhistory.org/>

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August 23, 2009 – John Brown Walking Tour of Charles Town, Jefferson County

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Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Meet at Jefferson County Courthouse, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

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September 6, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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September 13, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

September 16, 2009 – John Brown Community Forum

Description: Sponsored by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society, the forums will focus on John Brown and the five African American raiders.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

Website: <http://jeffctywvblackhistory.org/>

September 19, 2009 – Opening of Fontaine Beckham Exhibit

Description: Dedication of an exhibit on the life and times of Mayor Fontaine Beckham, one of the casualties of John Brown's Raid. Sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Town Foundation.

Time: TBA

Location: Harpers Ferry Train Station, Harpers Ferry, WV

Contact Name: Betsy Bainbridge

Contact Number: (304) 535-2030

Website: <http://www.harpersferryfoundation.org/>

September 20, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

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September 26, 2009 – Tour of the John Blessing House

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October 4, 2009 – Rededication of John Cook Monument /“*My Conspirator*”

Description: The historic John Cook Monument will be rededicated by members of the Franklin County Historical Society. A dramatic presentation entitled, “My Conspirator”, the life of Captain John Cook as told by his sister, Kate, will follow.

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Location: Emmanuel Chapel, Penn State University, Mont Alto, PA

Contact Name: Ann Hull

Contact Number: (717) 264-1667

Website: <http://pafch.tripod.com/>

October 4, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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Time: 11:00 A.M.

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Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

October 7, 2009 – “*John Brown’s Body*”

Description: An adaptation of the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Town Foundation.

Time: TBA

Location: Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry, WV

Contact Name: Betsy Bainbridge

Contact Number: (304) 535-2030

Website: <http://www.harpersferryfoundation.org/>

October 10, 2009 – “*John Brown’s Body*”

Description: An adaptation of the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet sponsored by the Harpers Ferry Town Foundation.

Time: TBA

Location: Camp Hill United Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry, WV

Contact Name: Betsy Bainbridge

Contact Number: (304) 535-2030

Website: <http://www.harpersferryfoundation.org/>

October 10-11, 2009 – Exhibit Opening, “*The Secret Six*”

Description: Opening of the temporary exhibit on, “The Secret Six”. The exhibit and special programs will shed light on the men behind John Brown’s Raid

Time: Throughout the weekend

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

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October 11, 2009 – “*In the Footsteps of John Brown*”

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October 14-17, 2009 – Academic Symposium “*John Brown Remembered*”

Description: A three and a half day Academic Symposium featuring plenary sessions with Dr. David Blight, Dr. Spencer Crew and Dr. Paul Finkelman.

Time: Daily

Location: Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Contact Name: Dr. Peggy Russo

Contact Number: (717) 749-6231

Website: <http://www.ma.psu.edu/>

October 15, 2009 – “*Sword of the Spirit*”

Description: John Brown’s final and colorful last days of life are brought back to life in this drama based on the letters of John and Mary Brown. The play is written and performed by Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Old Opera House, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: Park Information

Contact Number: (304) 535-6029

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/index.htm>

October 16, 2009 – Anniversary Procession from Kennedy Farm to Harpers Ferry

Description: Following in the footsteps of John Brown and his men on this historic recreation of John Brown's procession from his headquarters in Washington County, Maryland to Harpers Ferry.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Kennedy Farm, 2406 Chestnut Grove Road, Sharpsburg, MD, to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

Contact Name: Jim Neville

Contact Number: (301) 797-8782

Website: <http://www.mdwchs.com/wchs1.html>

October 16-18, 2009 – Sesquicentennial Commemoration of John Brown's Raid

Description: Three days of public education events, focusing on the 36 hours of John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry 150 years ago. The weekend will include a full slate of music, drama, scholarship, living history, family & youth activities, and ranger conducted programs.

Time: Day and evening activities throughout weekend

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

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October 17, 2008 – "Frederick Reacts"

Description: The city will recreate the confusion and alarm when news of John Brown's Raid reached Frederick. Living historians will gather at the downtown fire companies to ring the alarm bells and relate the arrival of the first news of the raid. A dedication ceremony for a Civil War Trails Marker will take place the same morning near the old train station and then a delegation of fire and city officials will leave to take part in the events at Harpers Ferry.

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Location: Carroll Creek & Market Street, Frederick, MD

Contact Name: George Wunderlich

Contact Number: (301) 695-1864

Website: <http://www.civilwarmed.org/index.cfm>

October 21, 2009 – John Brown Community Forum

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Location: Charles Town, WV

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October 24, 2009 –Tour of the John Blessing House

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October 24-25, 2009 – “Remembering Private Luke Quinn and the U.S. Marines”

Description: Programs and demonstrations focusing on U.S. Marine participation in John Brown’s Raid. A wreath laying ceremony by the United States Marine Corps Historical Company will be held at the grave of Private Luke Quinn in St. Peter’s Catholic Cemetery

Time: Daily

Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park/St. Peter’s Cemetery, Harpers Ferry

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November 7-8, 2009 - “*If John Brown did not end the war that ended slavery, he did at least begin the war that ended slavery.*”

Description: Dramatic debate with Fred Morsell as Frederick Douglass and Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln.

Time: 1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.

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Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

Website: <http://jeffctywvblackhistory.org/>

December 2, 2009– NAACP John Brown Observance

Description: Procession and ceremony from the site of the Charles Town jail to the John Brown hanging site

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Meet on Courthouse Lawn, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

December 2, 2009– Freedom Fighter –v- Traitor?

Description: A debate on the John Brown legacy sponsored by the Jefferson County NAACP

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Charles Town Library, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

December 16, 2009– NAACP Green/Copeland Observance

Description: Procession and ceremony from the site of the Charles Town jail to the Shields Green and John Copeland hanging site

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Meet on Courthouse Lawn, Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: George Rutherford

Contact Number: (304) 725-9610

Website: <http://www.harpersferrywv.net/NAACP.htm>

December 16, 2009 – John Brown Community Forum

Description:. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society, the forums will focus on John Brown and the five African American raiders.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Charles Town, WV

Contact Name: James Taylor

Contact Number: (304) 725-7242

Website: <http://jeffctywvblackhistory.org/>