



## Sites and Events Participating in “Find Your Freedom” Event

Thursday, March 10, 2016

### Delaware Historical Society (DHS) tours: *Sterling Selections* silver exhibit with emphasis on Thomas Garrett presentation silver and African American themes and Old Town Hall

12:00 noon-1:15

Tour the silver exhibit with DHS curator of objects Jennifer Potts, followed by a guided tour of Old Town Hall by DHS Wilmington campus education curator Rebecca Faye. **RSVP required.** Participants can reserve spaces by calling 302-655-7161 or emailing [deinfo@dehistory.org](mailto:deinfo@dehistory.org) NTF; HTURB

Delaware History Museum, 504 N. Market Street, **Wilmington, Delaware** 19801

### Network to Freedom Markers Unveiling

12:00 noon

The contrasts between slavery and freedom are especially poignant in Denton, Maryland, where several sites recently recognized by the Network to Freedom will have new markers unveiled. At the Caroline County Courthouse, several unsuccessful escape attempts ended with the participants in custody. In 1848, free African American Isaac Gibson was tried and convicted at the Caroline County Courthouse for enticing John Stokes to freedom. Ten years later, Irishman Hugh Hazlett was placed in the adjacent jail for helping a group of freedom seekers, before he was sent back to Cambridge where he was convicted of his crime. The story of Richard Potter, a young African American boy kidnapped into slavery, ended more happily as he was rescued and reunited with his parents. The site of the reunion, formerly a hotel, and now the town hall, has been recognized by the NTF, as well as the home that he lived in as an adult and wrote his memoirs.

Town Square, **Denton, Maryland**

### Re-examining the Meaning of Freedom: Harriet Tubman’s Fervent Quest to Return

4:00 to 5:30 pm

The Maryland Park Service and National Park Service are jointly hosting a Tubman Day Symposium at the Visitor Center featuring a panel of Tubman Scholars who will re-evaluate the historical question of "freedom" within a 21st century paradigm

Location TBD **Church Creek, Maryland**



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***“Harriet Tubman Day and Network to Freedom Stamp Celebration”***

6:00 pm

Join us at the Old State House as we celebrate National Harriet Tubman day and kick-off the release of the new Old State House Network to Freedom Cancellation Stamp. Harriet Tubman is an American hero. In her fight to lead others to freedom, Harriet Tubman came to Delaware in her service for the Underground Railroad. Hear the dramatic telling of the Samuel D. Burris Story by historic interpreters. Don't miss Harriet Tubman Byway Coordinator, Ron Rucker and esteemed Delaware Historian, Robin Krawitz discussing the latest developments in the Harriet Tubman Byway's success and new research involving the Samuel Burris' story and the Delaware Underground Railroad.

[The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, **Dover, Delaware** 19901. Museum open 9 am–4:30 pm Free admission. (302) 744-5054

**Friday, March 11, 2016**

**Tours of Appoquinimink Preparatory Friends Meeting**

Open 10am-4pm

Tours focus on prominent abolitionists, John Alston and John Hunn, and freedom seeker stories. For more information, call 302-365-1330, <http://www.wilmingtondefriendsmeeting.org/odessa.htm>; NTF; HTURB

Appoquinimink Preparatory Friends Meeting, Route 299 west of Route 13, **Odessa, Delaware**

**“The Truth about Harriet Tubman”, presentation by Kate Clifford Larson**

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Tubman biographer Kate Clifford Larson will discuss common mis-conceptions about Harriet Tubman, using historical documents to illuminate details of her life. A question and answer period will be included.

Dorchester County Historical Society, 1003 Greenway Drive, **Cambridge, Maryland** 21613.

**Tours of Faith Community Church, the original Colored People's Methodist Episcopal Church**



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12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

This church is the descendant congregation from the group led by Underground Railroad agent Reverend Samuel Green, who was convicted in 1857 for possessing a copy of Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Green had been suspected of assisting a group of freedom seekers, known as the *Dover Eight* but authorities were not able to convict him on that charge. Harriet Tubman sometimes stayed with Green and he was part of her network of trusted friends. Numerous escapes of enslaved people in the community are connected to Green. The current building was constructed in 1880 on land adjacent to the site of the original structure. The congregation has recently reacquired the original land.

509 Railroad Avenue, **East New Market, Maryland** 21631

### **Ribbon Cutting to celebrate completion of renovations to Webb Cabin**

2:30 pm

In 1852, James Webb, a free African American farmer, built this home for his family. A rare-survivor from the period, it is similar to what many free black and poor white families would have lived in during the nineteenth century. The home stands near several roads, including a route she may have taken from Poplar Neck and the Harriet Tubman byway. The Caroline County Historical Society has recently completed renovations of the structure.

Grove Road, **Preston, Maryland**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

### **"Run for Freedom" tours, John Dickinson Plantation**

10 am-4:30 p.m

For Harriet Tubman Days, the John Dickinson Plantation will be offering special tours, *Run for Freedom*, African American history-based tours that explore the lives of three enslaved individuals who escaped from slavery.

John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, **Dover, Delaware** 19901. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4:30 pm Free Admission. (302) 739-3277

### **Walking tour of "Harriet Tubman's "Tilly" Escape Through Seaford,"**

2:00 pm



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Beginning at the Seaford Museum lobby, the guided tour includes a short walk to the Nanticoke Riverfront and includes Gateway Park; 302-628-9828;  
[www.seafordhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.seafordhistoricalsociety.com) NTF

Seaford Historical Society, 203 High Street, **Seaford, Delaware** 19973

### **“Songs of a Faithful People”**

1:00 pm

Valarie Petty Boyer, Ph.D. will tell the story of a woman traveling on the Underground Railroad performed through spirituals and a monologue. Songs include “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” and “Follow the Drinking Gourd”. In this program Dr. Boyer portrays a runaway enslaved woman trying to escape to freedom via the Underground Railroad and the dangers encountered along the way. Her faith and determination to be free give her the courage to undertake this perilous journey. Due to limited seating reservations are suggested. 302-323-4453.

211 Delaware St, New Castle Court House Museum, **New Castle, Delaware** 19720

### ***Whisper of Angels* film showing**

2:30

Defiant, brave and free, the great abolitionists Thomas Garrett, William Still and Harriet Tubman, along with hundreds of lesser known and nameless opponents of slavery, formed a Corridor of Courage stretching from Maryland's eastern shore through the length of Delaware to Philadelphia and beyond -- making the Underground Railroad a real route to freedom for enslaved Americans before the Civil War. The award-winning documentary *Whisper of Angels*, tells their story.

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### **Annual Harriet Tubman Banquet, sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Organization**

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Harriet Tubman Organization will recognize Dr. Kate Larson for her commitment to preserving the history and legacy of Harriet Tubman. There will also be a tribute to local historian John Creighton.

Dorchester Center for the Arts, 321 High Street, **Cambridge, Maryland** 21613. Tickets \$35 may be purchased from the Harriet Tubman Museum (410) 228-0401 or by calling



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Bill Jarmon at 301-221-1732 or emailing [harriettubman@verizon.net](mailto:harriettubman@verizon.net). Tickets may be purchased at the door.



## Network to Freedom Members with Passport Stamps

### Delaware

#### Dover

Delaware Old State House  
John Dickinson Plantation

#### New Castle

New Castle Courthouse

#### Odessa

Appoquinimink Friends Meeting  
Corbit-Sharp House

#### Seaford

Tilly Escape Site, Gateway to Freedom (stamp at Seaford Museum)

#### Wilmington

Tubman- Garrett Riverfront Park  
Wilmington Friends Meeting

### Maryland

#### Cambridge

Experience Harriet Tubman (stamp at Bucktown Store)  
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (stamp at Sailwinds Visitor Center)  
Choptank River, Bowley Family Escape (stamp at Sailwinds visitor center)

#### Denton

Choptank River, Moses Viney Escape (stamp at Choptank River Heritage Center)  
Denton Steamboat Wharf Site (stamp at Choptank River Heritage Center)  
Caroline County Courthouse and Jail (stamp at town hall)  
Richard Potter Rescue Celebration Site (stamp at town hall)  
Richard Potter Home Site (stamp at town hall)

#### Ridgely

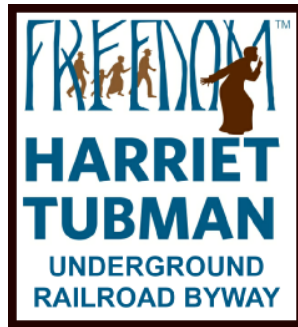
"A Journey Begins: Nature's Role in the Flight to Freedom", Adkins Arboretum



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## Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (HTURB) in Delaware



### Byway Bucks Program

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (HTURB) in Delaware fosters a supportive environment for byway hosts and visitors alike. Byway travelers often have an interest in what locations they visit have to offer. This is often in the way of souvenirs, gifts, food and lodging, refueling, or just looking for something interesting to do while they are touring.

The Byway Bucks program was initiated to direct tourists' attention to small businesses along the HTURB while providing support for the byway and its patrons. Participating businesses along the Tubman Byway corridor are providing discounts, special services, or highlighted offerings to byway travelers. Check the list below for participating merchants who will be displaying the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway FREEDOM™ logo.

Please be advised, the number of Byway Bucks honored per visit is at the discretion of the vendor.

For participating vendors, <http://www.tubmanbywaydelaware.org/bywaybucks.html>



## Sites open for tours March 10-13, 2016

### Delaware

#### **Delaware: Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway**

See [https://www.deldot.gov/information/community\\_programs\\_and\\_services/byways/railroad.shtml](https://www.deldot.gov/information/community_programs_and_services/byways/railroad.shtml) for trip planning information.

The Byway begins where the Maryland Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway ends on Willow Grove Road, Kent County. The route traverses known Underground Railroad sites in Camden and Dover, continues north on US 13, passing through Smyrna, then continues on Rte 15 to Middletown and Odessa. It then follows Route 9 along the Delaware River to Delaware City, New Castle and Wilmington, weaving through 13 Underground Railroad sites. Then it follows Kennett Pike and ends at the Delaware-Pennsylvania State Line.

#### **Camden: Star Hill Museum**

Star Hill Museum, 357 Voshells Mill Star Hill Road, Dover Delaware 19901; 302-697-7821.

For Harriet Tubman Days, the Star Hill Museum will hold an open house March 10-13, 2016, from 1pm-5pm Thursday-Saturday, and 2pm-5pm Sunday. Tours will focus on the Underground Railroad, family life of enslaved persons, and stories of Harriet Tubman. Children's activity packet will be available.

#### **Dover: John Dickinson Plantation**

John Dickinson Plantation, 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover, Delaware 19901. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4:30 pm Free Admission. (302) 739-3277.

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#### **Dover: Old State House**

[The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, Delaware 19901. Museum open Monday – Saturday 9 am–4:30 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Free admission. (302) 744-5054

In celebration of both Harriet Tubman days and the new Old State House Network to Freedom Stamp, the Old State House will be giving special Underground Railroad Tours each day focusing





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on the stories of bravery, courage and freedom among Delaware citizens. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover, DE 19901. Museum open Mon.-Sat.: 9 am–4:30 pm, Sun.: 1:30 pm– 4:30 pm Free admission. (302) 744-5054

### **New Castle: New Castle Court House Museum**

New Castle Court House Museum, 211 Delaware Street, New Castle, Delaware 19720. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am–4:30 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Free admission. (302) 323-4453

For Harriet Tubman Days, the New Castle Court House Museum will be giving special Underground Railroad Tours each day, and features family programs on Saturday at 1pm and 2:30 pm.

### **Odessa: Corbit-Sharp House**

Corbit-Sharp House, Historic Odessa Foundation, Main Street, Odessa, Delaware. Tours available 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Historic Odessa will re- open March 1<sup>st</sup> to the public and our Underground Railroad Exhibit, “Freedom Seekers: the Odessa Story” will be available. If anyone is interested in a group tour or a special tour that would focus strictly on the Corbit-Sharp House and its place in the Network to Freedom, arrangements can be made by calling Jennifer Kostick at 302-378-4119.

### **Wilmington: Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park and Riverwalk**

Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park and Riverwalk, part of the one-mile paved and landscaped riverwalk, with parking near Market Street and the Christina River, and at the Shipyard Shops near Frawley Stadium. Self-guided tour with interpretive history panels and a spectacular sculpture featuring Harriet Tubman and Wilmington “stationmaster,” Thomas Garrett. Note that the **Passport stamp** will be available at the Delaware Historical Society Research Library front desk on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-5pm (500 block of North Market Street, Wilmington).



## Sites open for tours March 10-13, 2016

### Maryland

#### Dorchester and Caroline Counties

##### **Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway**

See [www.HarrietTubmanByway.com](http://www.HarrietTubmanByway.com) to plan your trip. An audio tour is available to download from the website or as a smart phone app from iTunes or GooglePlay.

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway shares the remarkable stories of freedom seekers who risked their lives to escape slavery in the 1800s. With more than 30 sites that include the newly designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park, the self-guided driving tour shows you the places where Tubman grew up, worshiped, labored, and led others to freedom. Maps and guides can also be obtained from the Dorchester County Visitor Center.

##### **Cambridge: Dorchester County Visitor Center**

2 Rose Hill Place, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Hours 8:30 to 5:00 pm daily. Admission free. 410-228-1000.

Overlooking the Choptank River, just past the Route 50 bridge into Cambridge, the Dorchester County Visitor Center is the perfect place to begin your Harriet Tubman Byway adventure. An exhibit provides background information on Harriet Tubman and Underground Railroad activity in the area. You will be able to pick up your special Network to Freedom “Find Your Freedom” Passport Map and the Harriet Tubman Byway Map and Driving Tour Guide here.

##### **Cambridge: Bucktown Village Store**

4303 Bucktown Road, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Hours 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday, Saturday.

##### **“Site of Harriet Tubman’s First Act of Defiance”**

At this crossroads, sometime around 1835, Harriet Tubman was almost killed by a blow to her head that she received while attempting to assist a fellow enslaved man flee from an angry overseer. Because of the injury, Harriet experienced life-long health problems and seizures that sparked vivid dreams, changing her views and motives the rest of her life. At the time, Bucktown was a busy community with two stores, a shopkeeper’s home, blacksmith shop, farms, and shipyards on the nearby Transquaking River.



### **Cambridge: Harriet Tubman Museum**

424 Race Street, Cambridge, Maryland 21613. Hours noon to 3:00 pm Friday, Saturday, 6:00pm to 8:00 pm Saturday; closed Sunday.

Operated by the Harriet Tubman Organization, a local group dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of Harriet Tubman, the museum provides a setting to learn about her life and gain an understanding about the complexity of the Underground Railroad. The museum focuses on the contributions of this Dorchester county native and introduces the visitor to other Underground Railroad figures from the county.

### **Preston: Linchester Mill Campus**

3390 Linchester Road, Preston, Maryland 21655. Hours 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday.

“Enslaved and Free Blacks Working Side by Side”

Hunting Creek divides Dorchester and Caroline Counties. A series of water-powered grist and sawmills operated here from the 1680s until 1979. In addition to the mill, Linchester supported a general store, post office and homes. Mills and dams provided important crossing points over creeks for freedom seekers heading north through the county. The mill is situated amidst a secret network of safe houses: the Levertons (Jacob and Hannah Leverton House is an NTF site), the Hubbards and the Kelleys on the west side, and Harriet Tubman’s parents Ben and Rit Ross at Poplar Neck on the east side. A professional docent will be at the mill for Harriet Tubman Days.

### **Ridgely: Adkins Arboretum, “A Journey Begins: Nature's Role in the Flight to Freedom” Audio Tour**

12610 Eveland Road, near Ridgely, Maryland, 21660. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students 6-18, and free for children 5 and under. (410) 634-2847.

**With endless picturesque scenes that reflect the conditions that runaway slaves had to travel through en route to freedom, Adkins Arboretum serves as the ideal backdrop to provide information about the little-known historical relationship that exists between nature and the Underground Railroad.**

This educational and thought-provoking self-guided tour examines how nature provided both obstacles and opportunities for freedom seekers. The story of nature and the Underground Railroad also interprets the profound connection between landscapes and historic conditions





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and events, emphasizing the importance of preserving native landscapes throughout the Chesapeake Bay region.

The *A Journey Begins* audio tour is included with Arboretum admission.

### Other Area Events

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

#### **Cambridge: Blackwater NWR 16th Annual Eagle Festival**

2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

Get an up-close view of birds of prey, such as eagles, hawks and falcons at the home of one of the largest breeding populations of bald eagles in the United States. Plenty of hands-on nature-inspired fun for children. Kid's programs & archery range, kid's bird box construction, Eagle Prowls & Wildlife Drive tours, wildlife exhibits, live bird exhibits, and food all day! Free.

#### **Cambridge: Second Saturday and Art Walk**

Shops and galleries stay open until at least 8:00 pm with specials, free nibbles, and more. Every Second Saturday of the month, 5-9pm, on the 300 block of High Street, 500 block of Poplar Street, and 400 block of Race Street.