



1865 view of Virginus Island from Jefferson Rock.

Virginia Canals & Navigations Society
2010 Annual Spring Conference & Membership Meeting
April 9, 10, 11, 2010

Harpers Ferry National Park, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
Quality Hotel and Conference Center

Please join us for the VC&NS Spring Conference in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Your canal society's membership is shrinking and your ideas and opinions are greatly needed.

We will call the business meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 9, 2010 in the Washington Room at the Conference Center. Dinner is on your own followed by a social hour and brainstorming session. Refreshments will be provided.



Shenlock- Strider's Mill



Bridge to Virginus Is. spans Shenandoah Canal



Lock 33-C&O Canal, 1978

The morning of Saturday April 10 we plan to visit Little's Falls Lock in Bloomery. Services in the area are limited so we plan to carpool to Little's Falls. The afternoon includes touring a building constructed of timbers taken from gundalows, viewing gundalow parts recovered from the Great Dig in Richmond, visiting some sites on Virginus Island along the former Shenandoah Canal, and time permitting, take in some sites on the C & O canal. We will finish off the day with our annual banquet at the conference center at 6 pm.

As an added feature, The Grace of the James will be on display at the Harpers Ferry Living History Center during the conference. Any batteau hands wishing to tend the batteau and interact with the public are welcome! Contact Mason Basten (434.258.5874) if you would like to participate.

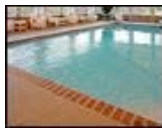
Sunday will be open for more sightseeing in and around Harpers Ferry. A float down the Potomac River on the Grace is tentatively planned. We hope to see the Antietam Creek Aqueduct and run through House's Falls sluice.

Keep in mind that Harpers Ferry has several Bed and Breakfast establishments as well as gift shops, taverns, and whitewater! So, let's have some fun, get creative, and make the spring conference a success!

The registration form and dinner menu for the banquet is below. Please indicate whether you plan to attend the banquet only or both the conference and the banquet.

Hotel Registration

A block of thirty rooms is being reserved until March 27, 2010 at the Quality Hotel and Conference Center, on the right side of US 340 just before you enter Harpers Ferry. A special rate of \$109 (two queen sized beds) plus tax is available until that date. The conference center offers full amenities, including an indoor heated pool, exercise room, free coffee and hot breakfast, and free Wi-Fi. All guest rooms come equipped with refrigerators, microwaves desks, irons, ironing boards, coffee makers, hair dryers, cable television and nonsmoking rooms on request. **For reservations call 304.535.6302 and mention the Virginia Canals and Navigation Society.**



Conference Registration

The VC&NS Annual Conference is packed this year with events. On Friday all members are invited to attend the VC&NS 4th quarterly board meeting in the hotel to hear inter-workings of our organization. After dinner on your own join us in a social hour, and working brainstorm – strategic planning session. Saturday will be a full day touring historic canals and beautiful Harpers Ferry. Saturday night enjoy the banquet and annual meeting with election of new officers. Sunday is free for on your own site-seeing. **Register with VC&NS is for either, the full conference and annual meeting banquet, or annual meeting and banquet only.**

Don't forget to register separately with the hotel for your lodging.

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**VC&NS 2010 Spring Conference Registration Form**

Please indicate which activities you plan to attend and your dinner choice. Please send payment, made out to the Virginia Canals & Navigation Society, to Roger Nelson, 568 Mayo Creek Lane, Wingina, Virginia 24599 by March 27, 2010.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**We wish to attend the:**

**Full Conference** -Friday meetings & social hour, Saturday tours & evening banquet (\$60 per person)

**or**

**Banquet and Annual Membership Meeting ONLY** 6 pm - Quality Conf. Center (\$35 per person)

**Banquet entrée choice:**  Prime Rib,  Chicken Marsala,  Grilled Norwegian Salmon

**NOTE: YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER/PAY ONLINE.**

**PLEASE E-MAIL: [roger@nelsoncable.com](mailto:roger@nelsoncable.com) YOUR DINNER CHOICE.**

**Go to the online store at: <http://vacanals.org/store> and choose the Meeting Fees category on the left side and then the Banquet Choice.**