

## ***HDI Electronic Newsletter, February 27, 2004***

Hello Colleagues,

The February 2004 Heritage Development Institute (HDI) Newsletter includes:

- A summary of our February 19th heritage development workshop in Augusta and
- Informative bibliographic references.

### **A Wrap-up of the Augusta workshop**

The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area hosted this year's first HDI workshop on February 19, 2004. Nearly fifty heritage professionals from throughout the Southeast and as far away as Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio gathered to learn about the basics of heritage development—from education and interpretation to conservation stewardship. Augusta Canal NHA Executive Director Dayton Sherrouse welcomed the group and provided superb sixty-degree weather.

The six session workshop began with Carroll Van West, Director of the Tennessee Civil War NHA, discussing the significance of heritage areas and the role of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. Dan Rice, President and CEO of the Ohio and Erie Canal NHA, talked about the importance of building capacity and strengthening ties to communities and regions. The executive director of the Lackawanna Valley NHA, John Cosgrove, shared information about education and interpretation within heritage areas. He highlighted his organization's Traveling Trunks program that provides children hands-on learning experiences. After a working lunch during which workshop registrants discussed heritage development-related issues, Brenda Barrett and Suzanne Copping of the National Heritage Areas Program within the National Park Service addressed the federal role in heritage areas. They provided statistics concerning the twenty-four nationally designated heritage areas and discussed current relevant legislation. Sherrouse concluded the workshop by inviting the group to tour the Augusta Canal Interpretive Center and to take a boat ride along the canal while he discussed conservation stewardship.

The HDI staff is planning future "basics" and "advanced" workshops and needs your input. What issues are heritage professionals interested in learning more about? Board development, building capacity, or resource conservation? Send your ideas and comments to [hdi@mtsu.edu](mailto:hdi@mtsu.edu).

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That's all for February! Thanks for checking in.

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