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HERITAGE MONTGOMERY BRINGS GRANT DOLLARS TO LOCAL HERITAGE GROUPS

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2013 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants totaling \$165,300:

- \$50,000 Project Grant to the Town of Poolesville to help visitors tour the town, it will consist of wayfinding signs and crosswalks.
- \$7,000 Project Grant to the King Barn Dairy Mooseum for the restoration of a circa 1890 milk wagon, this will be a very welcome addition to the collection.
- \$8,300 Project Grant to Heritage Montgomery for Heritage Days and Civil War Programs
- \$100,000 Management Grant to Heritage Montgomery

Even in challenging fiscal times, Governor Martin O’Malley has supported funding the Heritage Tourism program as a tool for preserving Maryland’s cultural, historic, and natural legacy as well as for its positive economic impact. “Tourism generates jobs and revenue in Maryland. One out of every 17 jobs in Maryland is in tourism, with tourism employment providing over \$4 billion in wages and salaries.”

Heritage Montgomery Executive Director Peggy Erickson stated, “Heritage Montgomery is particularly pleased to support these local projects that will enhance the visitor experience at these important heritage sites in Montgomery County. Every dollar we can bring to Montgomery County has a huge impact. We value MHAA’s support of these important projects and we will continue to work to bring additional State dollars to benefit the County.

MHAA oversees the State’s twelve locally administered, state-certified Heritage Areas that work with local non-profits, governments, and businesses to preserve and promote Maryland’s historic sites, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions.

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