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Heritage Tourism Mini-grant Winners Announced

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Germantown, Md.—Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is pleased to announce this year's mini-grant recipients.

The mini-grant program recognizes groups in the County that contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. This program funds both capital and non-capital projects for programs which support heritage activities.

Heritage Tourism congratulates the following grant recipients.

Warren Church and Historic Site received \$500

For a Heritage/Family/Friends Day event.

Montgomery County Historical Society received \$2,500.

For installing track lighting in Exhibit Halls and Library.

Adventure Theater received \$ 2,500

For producing a children's play about Clara Barton.

Sandy Spring Museum received \$2,500.

To teach hands-on courses to visitors

King Barn Dairy MOOseum received \$2,000.

To produce brochures.

Sugarland Ethno History Project received \$1,000.

For producing brochures.

Glen Echo Park received \$2,200

To create visual markers for teaching park history.

Radio Jove Project, Inc received \$600.

To produce brochures for Heritage Days.

National Capital Trolley Museum received \$1,200.

Initiate showings of monthly films about the late streetcars.

Heritage Montgomery, one of 10 designated heritage areas, is a partnership among the State of Maryland and Montgomery County government. The goal of Heritage Montgomery is to encourage economic development through resources preservation and heritage tourism.

Peggy Erickson, executive director of the Alliance, said she was Avery pleased to be able to give \$15,000 to fund both large and small projects in the three heritage clusters. We will continue to work to bring additional state dollars to the County.@ She added that Athis money will continue to fund projects in all sections of our Heritage Areas.@

The mission of the Heritage Tourism Alliance is to enhance economic development in the designated Heritage Areas of the County by combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural and natural resource conservation and education.

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