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Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County Announces FY 2010 Mini-Grant Awards

Germantown, Maryland: The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is a non-profit organization created to bring the County's rich history to the attention of its residents and visitors. 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 projects that support heritage activities.

Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is pleased to announce seven grants totaling \$12,740 to the following recipients:

Montgomery Preservation Inc., Rockville – \$2500 for a publication on Silver Spring railroad history

Washington Revels Inc., Silver Spring – \$2500 to develop interactive Civil War musical programs

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds – \$1270 to revise & reprint their Introductory Brochure on the history of dairy farming

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville – \$2500 to publish a book on Dr. Edward Stonestreet

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville – \$2500 to research, design & produce a new Farm Trail guide for the Sugarloaf Regional Trails website

Peerless Rockville, Rockville – \$970 to develop & produce a walking tour highlighting women important in shaping Rockville's heritage

Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Poolesville – \$500 for a bronze plaque marking the earliest known grave in the original Historic St. Paul Community Church cemetery

Heritage Montgomery, one of the 11 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 "very pleased to be able to fund both large and small projects in the county. We will continue to work to bring additional state dollars to the county". She added that "this money will continue to fund projects in all sections of our Heritage Areas".

Heritage Montgomery announces a second grant round for programs and projects to be completed in FY2010. Awards will be announced in December.

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