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### **Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County Announces FY 2011 Mini-Grant Awards – Round 2!**

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 county groups and their programs that contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy.

For the first time, a second Mini-Grant round was opened specifically for activities in support of Heritage Days Weekend – June 25 & 26, 2011. This annual Heritage Montgomery celebration features over 40 heritage sites open free-of-charge all around Montgomery County with fun family activities – music, games, children's activities, food, and more!

Heritage Montgomery is pleased to announce three new grants totaling \$3,500 to the following recipients:

**Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Sandy Spring** – \$1000 for musical performances by the Washington Revels at the site where visitors can see the cross-section of a slave clipper ship and log cabin as well as an extensive arts pavilion.

**Clarksburg Historical Society, Clarksburg** – \$1000 for traffic control and trolley car services at the new Dowden's Ordinary Park, the site of a major stop on the Great Road from Georgetown to Frederick where generals, presidents and other notables stopped during the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

**Menare Foundation, Germantown** – \$500 for performances by the 80-voice Mosaic Harmony gospel singers at the Button Farm Living History Center where 1850s plantation life is depicted.

Town of Poolesville, Poolesville – \$1000 for musical performances by the Washington Revels.

Peggy Erickson, Heritage Montgomery Executive Director, is "very pleased to have the opportunity to assist some of our fascinating heritage sites further enhance their Heritage Days programs."

Heritage Montgomery, one of Maryland's 11 designated heritage areas, is a partnership of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County government. The goal of Heritage Montgomery is to encourage economic development through heritage tourism.

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