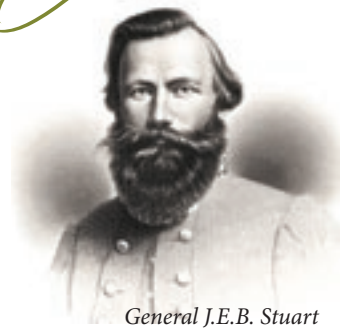




Heritage REPORT

THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO ROCKVILLE



General J.E.B. Stuart

You can always count on Heritage Days for a weekend chock-full of fun for the whole family. But this year's celebration will be even more spectacular with the addition of "The Civil War Comes to Rockville"! On Saturday, June 29th a variety of free programs will commemorate Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's 1863 ride into town on his way to Gettysburg. A full day of activities in downtown Rockville (at Beall-Dawson House, the historic Red Brick Courthouse, Christ Episcopal Church, and the Rockville Town Square) will include reenactments, demonstrations, lectures, games & crafts, and lots of music. One of the highlights is sure to be the reenactment of J.E.B. Stuart's arrival in town and his roundup of local citizens. To cap the day off, join us for a Community Country Dance, complete with a dance caller, in the Rockville Town Square! Check the HM website home page for a detailed program schedule. Heritage Montgomery's partners for this event are the City of Rockville, the Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County, the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Historical Society, Peerless Rockville, and Washington Revels.



Dr. Stonestreet's Office at Beall-Dawson Park

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Image at left: Sandy Spring Slave Museum



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Letter from the *Director*

One of Heritage Montgomery's greatest successes is our Mini-Grant Program. These small grants of up to \$2,500 are available for local heritage projects and can have a huge impact on a small organization.

Every year HM awards up to \$20,000 in Mini-Grants for projects located within the heritage area. Over the last nine years we have awarded \$138,128, making possible projects with a total value of \$475,661. Every dollar funded in these projects has brought a return on investment of \$3.44. This is money well spent!

Oftentimes, a \$2,500 grant allows a small non-profit to fund projects that they otherwise could not afford: a brochure for the King Barn Dairy MOOseum; a display panel for the Sugarland Ethno-History Project; a new sign for Boyds Negro School; Heritage Day activities at Sandy Spring Slave Museum – these are just a few examples.

To be able to help a small historic site enhance their story is one of the nicer parts of my job – I do love giving money away. We would be delighted if you would like to help support Heritage Montgomery's Mini-Grant Program. Please give me a call and we can discuss how you can help enhance this important program.

Peggy Erickson

From left: Peggy Erickson with Board Members Mary Kay Harper and Fran Abrams



MHAA Comes to *Montgomery County* & Rockville joins the *Heritage Area*



*Richard Hughes, Peggy Erickson,
& Sen. Karen Montgomery at
the Madison House*

Heritage Montgomery was pleased to host the spring meeting of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) on April 18. An agenda item of local significance was the addition of Rockville to the Montgomery County heritage area, which was adopted unanimously!

After a morning meeting at the Glenview Mansion in Rockville, HM Executive Director/Tour Guide Peggy Erickson took the group of 40 on an afternoon bus tour of the Sandy Spring area. Stops included the Madison House in Brookeville, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum, and the Sandy Spring Museum.

Meeting participants included Hannah Byron, Assistant Secretary, Tourism, Film & the Arts, Maryland Dept. of Business & Economic Development; Elizabeth Hughes, Deputy Director, Maryland Historical Trust; and Richard Hughes, MHAA Administrator.



*Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio & Robin
Ziek, Rockville Historic Preservation Planner*





“Rebel Rose” O’Neale Greenhow of Montgomery County

By Michael F. Dwyer



Rose and Little Rose

Although she is often recognized as the most famous female spy of the Civil War, few people realize that “Rebel Rose” O’Neale Greenhow was a native of Montgomery County. The O’Neale family was well established in the Poolesville area and attended St. Mary’s Church at Barnesville.

After the tragic death of her father in 1817, Rose eventually moved with her older sisters

to a Capitol Hill boarding house owned by a relative. While still a teenager, Rose met many of the nation’s most powerful politicians, including South Carolina firebrand John C. Calhoun. Rose’s social life expanded after her sister Ellen married James Madison Cutts, a favorite nephew of Dolley Madison, in 1833. As a result, Rose met and married Robert Greenhow, an influential Washington insider, and her skills as a hostess were honed during almost twenty years of marriage. After his death in 1855, Rose moved to a house on 16th Street opposite the “Church of the Presidents,” St. John’s Episcopal.

After campaigning for President James Buchanan in 1856, Rose was rewarded with entrée to the new administration’s inner circle. When Lincoln won the next election, Rose began her

spying activities in earnest. Her greatest triumph was sending a coded message to Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard who credited her with assisting his stunning victory at the First Battle of Bull Run near Manassas on July 21, 1861.

Unable or unconcerned about curtailing her outspoken support for the South, Rose was arrested and held in Old Capitol Prison for several months in 1862, after a period of home detention failed to cool her ardor.

Eventually banished further south, Rose traveled to Europe where she continued her efforts on behalf of the Rebel cause and raised money through sales of her book, *My Imprisonment and the First Year of Abolition Rule at Washington*. Attempting to return home in 1864, she drowned when the blockade runner she was aboard ran aground in the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina.

All during this time, the O’Neale family had maintained the “Cottage” farm which was described in Montgomery County land records as 197+ acres in tracts “Aix le Chapelle” and “Johnny,” located about one mile east of Poolesville. In 1867, former President Buchanan did the family one last favor when he issued a loan to stall a foreclosure on the old family home. Evidently, the “Wild Irish Rose” had not been forgotten.

Mike, author of Montgomery County, Maryland, was the Historic Resources Manager for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for 35 years.

Community Cornerstones Video Project

We hope that by now you have had a chance to take a look at our “Community Cornerstones” brochure. (You can find it on our website, or call the office for a paper copy.) Incredible positive feedback has encouraged us to proceed with plans for a follow-up video. We will take a closer look at some of these churches, their historic communities, and the beautiful music that is part of their story. The documentary will include interviews with church members descended from community founders as well as recordings of gospel choir performances.

As always, projects like these are contingent on securing funding. Heritage Montgomery has applied for grant funding for this project, and is pursuing private donations as well. We will keep you posted on progress on all fronts!



Pleasant View Historical Site

16TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAYS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 *AND* SUNDAY, JUNE 30 * NOON TO 4 PM



Beall-Dawson House garden

Heritage Days 2013 is right around the corner! The 16th annual celebration will be held on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 from noon to 4pm. Family-friendly programs will be offered at 35 sites all around Montgomery County. (A special addition to this year's Heritage Days Weekend is The Civil War Comes to Rockville; see p. 1.) Heritage Days gives visitors an opportunity to sample many of the fascinating and fun heritage sites in the area, all open for free! A few of the highlights to consider in your weekend planning include:



Damascus Heritage Museum

Visit the beautiful C&O Canal National Historical Park and stop at Lockhouse 10 (Sunday) and Lockhouse 25/Edward's Ferry (Saturday) to learn about the history

of the Canal. Hear Civil War-era music performed at Lockhouse 25 throughout the afternoon on Saturday.

Celebrate local history at Clarksburg Heritage Day on Saturday with tours, exhibits, music, and children's activities in the town's Historic District.

Discover local railroad history at the Historic Silver

Spring B&O Railroad Station (Saturday & Sunday) and the Gaithersburg Community Museum (Saturday), a restored 1880s railroad station complex with displays, model railroads, and children's activities.

Explore historic Sandy Spring at the Sandy Spring Museum (Saturday & Sunday) and Sandy Spring Slave Museum (Saturday), with fascinating exhibits and hands-on activities; enjoy a walking tour of the historic village on Sunday.

Take in Hyattstown Mill's exhibition of artifacts and contemporary metal works, metal-crafting program for children, metal casting and fabrication demonstrations throughout the day on Saturday, plus a heavy metal concert with regional band that evening. The Mill will also be open on Sunday, with folk singers performing in the afternoon.

So start planning now for your fun-filled Heritage Days Weekend!



Hyattstown Mill

THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO ROCKVILLE



SATURDAY, JUNE 29 * 10AM TO 8:30PM * FREE!
**A FULL DAY OF ACTIVITIES ON THE
 150th Anniversary of
 Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's March
 INTO TOWN ON HIS WAY TO GETTYSBURG!**



Lockhouse 25



FY 2014 MHAA *Grants Submitted*

At the beginning of April, Heritage Montgomery submitted nine FY 2014 grant applications to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) for a total of \$281,200. This is a very strong slate of grants and we are optimistic about bringing significant state monies back to Montgomery County.

Heritage Montgomery

- \$50,000 for the “Community Cornerstones” video project
- \$9,000 for Heritage Days
- \$100,000 Management Grant

Town of Brookeville

- \$29,600 for War of 1812 commemoration planning
- \$7,600 for a War of 1812 archaeology project



Madison House in Brookeville

National Capital Trolley Museum

- \$20,000 for streetcar restoration

Sandy Spring Museum

- \$10,000 for a War of 1812 house tour

Montgomery County Historical Society

- \$5,000 for a “Seen but Not Heard” museum exhibit

Menare Foundation

- \$50,000 Capital Grant for portable buildings

Meet Judy Christensen

Heritage Montgomery Board Secretary



Judy’s work as an architectural historian and preservation planner has impacted important projects throughout Montgomery County. She has served Montgomery Preservation, Inc. as President, board member, and in her current role as Executive Director. Judy was a founder of the Gaithersburg Community Museum, where she currently serves as museum historian. Judy brings

her valuable knowledge of local history and historical sites to her role on the Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors. With three grown sons (and two grandchildren) settled in Miami, Seattle, and Munich, Germany, Judy and her husband, Chris, have many opportunities for varied travel!

Fundraising Special Thanks!

Thank you, to our generous supporters, for making Heritage Montgomery’s fundraising campaign such a success. These donations will help us keep sharing the important Montgomery County stories that make history come alive.

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**Remember the
 16th Annual Heritage Days Weekend!
 Saturday, June 29 & Sunday, June 30**

Heritage Spotlight



**King Barn Dairy
 MOOseum**

**South Germantown Rec. Park
 18028 Central Park Circle
 Boyds, MD 20841
 301-528-6530
www.mooseum.org**

The King Barn Dairy MOOseum is a local treasure. In 1913, James King purchased 350 acres of land and thrived as part of the area's dairy "boom" in the early to mid 20th century, when there were 300 commercial dairy farms in Montgomery County. The current dairy barn, considered "state of the art" in its day, was built in 1930. With its grand opening in 2010, the MOOseum's hand-on exhibits and special programs tell the story of dairy farming in a way that appeals to visitors of all ages. The latest addition to their collection, a milk wagon dating back to the early 1900s, will be on display for Heritage Days Weekend!

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