

Heritage REPORT

Heritage Days 2014



Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard

**Mark your calendar for
Heritage Days Weekend
– Saturday, June 28 &
Sunday, June 29!**

This year's 17th annual celebration will feature 40 sites around Montgomery County open with free admission from noon to 4pm.

Take a drive to Poolesville where you'll find local museums in historic structures, lockhouses along the C&O Canal, historic

African American churches offering a variety of exhibits and music, and hiking and biking trails.

Or head to the northern part of the county and the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project where the focus is on "Stone" with demonstrations, crafts and a new exhibit in the Mill Gallery. Stop by the 19th-century Kingsley Schoolhouse or Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard before returning to the Mill for a rousing Song Circle in the evening.

The Sandy Spring area, rich with African American and Quaker history, offers the expansive Sandy Spring Museum and a "Local Traditions" folklife festival, the Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Underground Railroad Experience Trail hike at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park and Oakley Cabin. Nearby Brookeville will

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Welcome Sarah Rogers



Heritage Montgomery is very pleased to welcome new Executive Director Sarah L. Rogers, who joined HM in December after the retirement of founding director, Peggy Erickson. Sarah was most recently Director of Interpretation at the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area in Prince George's County.

Sarah brings a strong background in design, interpretive planning and program development, and project leadership. Her most recent experience with the National

Park Service, Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail project planning and management, and Smithsonian Institution interpretive design will be especially valuable as Heritage Montgomery expands its efforts to strengthen the local heritage tourism experience.

"We are excited to welcome Sarah," stated Heritage Montgomery Board President Thomas E. Kettler, adding *"The Board looks forward to working with Sarah as Heritage Montgomery begins a new chapter."*

Welcome, Sarah!

African American Heritage Preservation Grants

The African American Heritage Grant Program, administered by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust, works to identify and preserve buildings, sites and communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. Grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 are available to non-profit organizations, local jurisdictions, businesses, and individuals working to acquire, construct or improve African American heritage properties. Information on FY 2016 Grants (due July 15, 2014) is available at mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.html.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #6430 was awarded a \$100,000 grant in FY 2014 for renovations of the Sandy Spring Odd Fellows Lodge.

New HM Smartphone App

Now that warm weather is finally upon us, it's the perfect time to get out and explore. And Heritage Montgomery has a new tool to make your travels easier and more fun: the Heritage Montgomery App for your smartphone. Building on the base of our Civil War in Montgomery County App, our updated and expanded App will help you discover fascinating sites and activities all around the county. Not only can you still explore our Civil War history, but you'll also find natural beauty along the C&O Canal, weathered barns, pick-your-own farms, local stories of Quaker and African American history and much more.

This free smartphone App, available for both Android and iPhone, will allow you to stream or download tours throughout the county. Interactive GPS maps that include your current

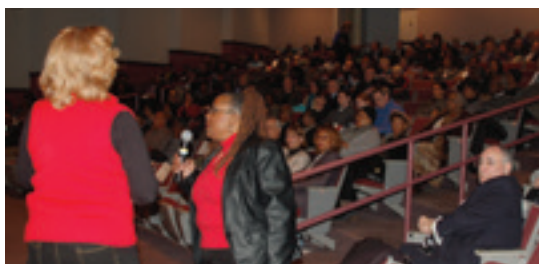
location and all points of interest on the tours allow for easy navigation. Descriptions, as well as contact information including websites and phone numbers for each location, deliver all the information you need for each tour stop.

Using your smartphone, visit Google Play or the App Store and search: Heritage Montgomery, Maryland to download HM's free App and start your tour today!





Community Cornerstones *Video Premiere*



Video Premiere "Sing-Along"

On Monday, March 24, Heritage Montgomery's latest video project, *Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County, Maryland*, premiered to a full house of 300+ at the Universities at Shady Grove in

Rockville. By popular demand, a second screening was added on March 25.

Hosted by Mrs. Catherine Leggett and Heritage Montgomery Board President Tom Kettler, a rousing "flash mob" gospel sing-along started the evening's program.

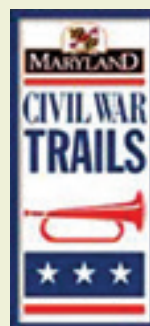
Highlighting the stories of five historic African American church communities with ties back as far as the Civil War era, *Community Cornerstones* includes reminiscences by church elders whose words explain how these communities developed, illustrate life in segregated times, and convey their pride in the accomplishments of their forebearers.

The church communities participating in the project included Emory Grove United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Rockville, Pleasant View Historical Site in Darnestown, Sharp Street United Methodist Church in Sandy Spring, and St. Paul Community Church in Poolesville. Barbara Grunbaum was the producer, writer, and project manager for the video.

HM would like to especially thank Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Hillary Baltimore who hosted a special screening/fundraiser for the project in April.

To purchase the *Community Cornerstones* two-disc set (the 60-minute video plus an hour-long musical CD featuring performances by the churches' gospel choirs & ensembles), call us at 301-515-0753 or visit the Gift Shop page at HeritageMontgomery.org, where you will also find the fascinating interviews with church community members in their entirety.

Scenic Byways & Civil War Trails Signs



It is about to get easier, and more fun, to take an afternoon drive through the Montgomery County countryside. Heritage Montgomery and the Conference and Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County (CVB) are working with the Maryland

Department of Transportation to enhance the Scenic Byways Program in the county.

Thirty-two new directional signs have been approved for Maryland Scenic Byways along the C&O Canal and I-270 corridor directing drivers to points of interest along the way. A goal for both HM and the CVB is to encourage traffic to tourist destinations in the county.

Heritage Montgomery and the CVB are also working with the Maryland Office of Tourism to add and upgrade local Civil War Trail signage. The Civil War Trail is a five-state system that runs through Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina commemorating Civil War campaigns. The Montgomery County trail "1862 Antietam Campaign: Lee Invades Maryland" runs from Leesburg, Virginia into Montgomery County, up to Frederick County and into West Virginia to Harpers Ferry.

Submit Your Mini Grant Application This September!

Heritage Montgomery's Mini Grant Program supports activities in the county that contribute to interpreting, promoting, and preserving our historical legacy and encourage tourism to the area. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to non-profit organizations and government entities. The FY 2015 Mini Grant guidelines and application form will be posted under the Grants tab of the HM website (HeritageMontgomery.org) in August with applications due in mid-September. Before beginning your application, please call Sarah (301-515-0753) to discuss your project/plans.



FY 2015 MHAA *Grants Submitted*

In March, seven FY 2015 grants applications were submitted to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority by organizations in Montgomery County. Grant awards will be announced in June.

Canal Quarters, *Canal Classroom at Great Falls Visitor Center* – \$20,000 Project Grant

Montgomery County Historical Society, *Maryland Emancipation Day* – \$5,000 Project Grant

National Capital Trolley Museum, *Restoration of 'Lord Baltimore' Truck* – \$25,000 Capital Grant

Sandy Spring Museum, *Emancipation: 150 Years Later* – \$5,000 Project Grant

Heritage Montgomery, *Heritage Days 2015* – \$9,000 Project Grant

Heritage Montgomery, *War of 1812 & Civil War Interpretive Programs* – \$12,600 Project Grant

Heritage Montgomery – \$100,000 Management Grant

MPI Award for *Peggy Erickson*



Peggy Erickson & Mont. Co. Executive Isiah Leggett.

Kudos to retired Heritage Montgomery Executive Director Peggy Erickson, recipient of a 2013 Montgomery County Award for Historic Preservation!

County Executive Isiah Leggett presented Peggy with the prestigious Montgomery County Executive's Award for her Leadership, Vision, and Creativity.

The awards, co-hosted by Montgomery Preservation Inc. and Save Our Seminary at Forest Glen, were held on Friday, March 28, at the National Park Seminary Ballroom in Silver Spring.

During her 10+ years leading HM, Peggy built the organization into one that has brought over \$2 million in grant funding to local heritage, cultural, and natural resource projects and tourism efforts. She also produced two exceptional documentary films on Montgomery County history: the Emmy® Award winning *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War* and *Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County, Maryland*, which premiered in March. Her work at Heritage Montgomery capped off many years of service to the county.

Congratulations, Peggy, on this well-earned recognition!

Fundraising Special Thanks!

Heritage Montgomery would like to extend a sincere "Thank You!" to the generous contributors to both our annual fundraising drive and *Community Cornerstones* video project.

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Letter from the *Director*

It is my sincere pleasure to be taking the helm at Heritage Montgomery! What a great area to learn about and explore.

Since coming on board in December, I have visited many of our wonderful partner sites and met so many talented and interesting people. Now that old man winter has loosened his grip, I will be getting out to visit more sites and meet the rest of you – perhaps guided by our new Scenic Byways directional signage.

A warm spot this winter was the completion and premiere of HM’s *Community Cornerstones* video project. Thanks to the dedication and tireless efforts of HM’s founding director Peggy Erickson and video writer/producer Barbara Grunbaum, this beautiful film was warmly received and will serve our County’s history and people for years to come.

We are hard at work getting ready for the 17th annual Heritage Days Weekend on June 28 & 29. Our partners are preparing a spectacular array of offerings for visitors of all ages and interests!

I want to thank the HM Board for giving me the opportunity to take this vital and important State Heritage Area down the road ahead and into the future.

I look forward meeting all of HM’s many friends, partners and supporters on my continued exploration around the County!

Sarah Rogers

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Meet **Laura Anderson Wright** **Heritage Montgomery Board Member**



Laura brings her passion for education, history ... and people to her work as a longtime member of the Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors. A tireless defender of HM, she played a critical role in the production of the *Community Cornerstones* video. Laura is not

only Executive Director of the Sandy Spring Slave Museum & African Art Gallery (founded by her father, Dr. Winston Anderson), but also University Counsel for the University of Maryland, College Park, despite being a devout University of North Carolina Tarheel. Married to her best friend, Darien, since 1999, they have two beautiful children, Kendall and Kennedy.

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C&O Canal Lockhouse 25

host activities highlighting the town that was “U.S. Capital for a Day” during the War of 1812.

Sites sprinkled throughout the county tell the story of Historic Technology as it developed in our area including the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station,

Gaithersburg Community Museum and Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory as well as many stops along the C&O Canal – a critical 19th-century transportation route.

For details on Heritage Days programs at these and many other locations around the county visit our website, HeritageMontgomery.org, or call our office, 301-515-0753, for a copy of the Heritage Days 2014 brochure.

So, head out on any number of paths that might strike your fancy and enjoy Heritage Days Weekend!



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Heritage Profile



Glenview Mansion

**603 Edmonston Drive
 Rockville, MD 20951
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RockvilleMD.gov/Glenview**

Located in the 153-acre Rockville Civic Center Park, Glenview Mansion is an elegant 1926 home with extensive formal gardens. Included on the National Register of Historic Places, it boasts a rich history with part of the house dating back to 1836. Visit the Art Gallery with new exhibits monthly, enjoy the Sunday Afternoon Concert series and tour the extensive grounds, including an outdoor sculpture garden. Check their website for hours.

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