



Heritage REPORT

Heritage Days 2013

Heritage Days 2013 was bigger and better than ever! We had beautiful weather and visitors had a great opportunity to enjoy heritage sites all around the county including the Sandy Spring Museum, Glenview Mansion & Rockville Cemetery, and the John Poole House and Poolesville Museum. A true highlight of the weekend was The Civil War Comes to Rockville, a Civil War Sesquicentennial special event with programs and activities at the Beall-Dawson House, Historic Red Brick Courthouse, and Courthouse Square. Kudos to all of our partners for making Heritage Days such a fantastic event!



Latvian Museum



King Barn Dairy MOOseum



Washington Revels' Ann Maria Weems & Dr. Harvey
Photo by Vivian Eicke

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Hm! History where you least expect it!

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Letter from the *Director*

All good things must come to an end and my time with Heritage Montgomery is drawing to a close.

My tenure here has been amazing. We have grown the program and strengthened our role in telling the story of Montgomery County's rich history. I have met so many new people all over the county – people who have truly enriched my life.

Our latest project, *Community Cornerstones*, is a video on African American history in the county from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement. This has been the most rewarding project of my career at HM. The strength of the people we interviewed and the grace with which they faced so many challenges offer lessons from which we all can learn.

Montgomery County has so much to be proud of, but there are many more stories to be told. So stay tuned to Heritage Montgomery and watch for new and fascinating programs highlighting Montgomery County history.

Thank you to my fellow office-mates, HM Board of Directors and all the people who have supported Heritage Montgomery. I will miss you and always be grateful for your friendship.

Peggy Erickson

Gov. O'Malley & Peggy Erickson Credit: Executive Office of the Governor

Support Heritage Montgomery

As we approach the end of 2013, we are once again asking you to remember Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Because Heritage Montgomery is not a membership organization, our annual (and only) fundraising appeal is of critical importance. Donations played a significant part in the production of our *Life in a War Zone* video, our Community Cornerstones brochure and upcoming video project, as well as supporting our annual Heritage Days Weekend.

As we reach out to you directly through snail-mail and email appeals, please consider a year-end gift to Heritage Montgomery. Any donation truly has a significant impact on our organization. Thank you for your support!

MHAA FY 2014

Grants Awarded

National Capital Trolley Museum – \$20,000

For streetcar restoration

Montgomery County Historical Society – \$5,000

For exhibit funding

Town of Brookeville – \$32,400 (pending)

For War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration planning

Heritage Montgomery – \$9,000

For Heritage Days 2014

Heritage Montgomery Management Grant – \$100,000



National Capital Trolley Museum



FY 2014 *Mini Grants*

After receiving another strong slate of Mini-Grant applications for projects in FY 2014, Heritage Montgomery is happy to announce the following grant awards:

Town of Brookeville – \$2,500:

To develop a website for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration in Brookeville

Glen Echo Partnership for Arts & Culture – \$2,000:

To produce two short videos on Glen Echo’s Spanish Ballroom and Dentzel Carousel

King Barn Dairy MOOseum – \$2,000:

To develop a model milk train diorama for the MOOseum’s Milk Transportation exhibit

Montgomery County Historical Society – \$2,500:

For the annual History Conference

Montgomery Countryside Alliance – \$1,000:

For the Growing Legacy short film project

National Capital Trolley Museum – \$1,800:

For interpretive signage and materials

Peerless Rockville – \$2,500:

To produce an historic Rockville wayfinding brochure

Sandy Spring Museum – \$2,500:

For the museum’s Extreme Exhibit Makeover

Sugarloaf Regional Trails – \$625:

For Heritage Days programming and research on a Native American trail

Warren Historic Site Committee – \$625:

To revise and reprint the Warren Historic Site brochure



Glen Echo Carousel

Community Cornerstones Video Project

The last few months have been particularly rewarding as we have worked on our second documentary film project, *Community Cornerstones*, highlighting historic African American communities from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement.

Research for our Civil War video, *Life in a War Zone*, led to an examination of communities established by newly freed African Americans after the Civil War and their focus on schools, social support systems, and churches. Filming took place on location at five historic churches and includes fascinating interviews with descendants of community founders and stirring performances from the rich catalog of historic African American music by local gospel choirs and ensembles.

We are very excited about this special project and look forward to premiering the film during Black History Month in February 2014.



Original Schoolhouse at Pleasant View
Credit: Pleasant View Trustees



Supper with *The Madisons*

On Sunday, October 27, President James Madison and his wife Dolley greeted guests at a special evening honoring Brookeville's role in the War of 1812. Over 300 guests enjoyed a period meal at the Inn at Brookeville Farms based on a menu prepared by the former first lady.

When the British invaded Washington and burned the White House in August 1814, President Madison was forced to stay on the move for days to evade capture by the British. On August 26, 1814, the president and members of his cabinet spent the night in the home of Caleb Bentley, the postmaster of Brookeville, thus making the town "The Capital for a Day."

Proceeds from the dinner benefited commemorative events planned by the Brookeville War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission for August 30 and 31, 2014.



Gov. Martin O'Malley, Brookeville War of 1812 Commission Chair
Sandy Heiler, "Dolley & James Madison"
Credit: Photo by Matthew Paul D'Agostino

Holiday Shopping with Heritage Montgomery



Looking for a special gift for that history lover on your holiday shopping list? Check out the Gift Shop page (under the About Us tab) of the Heritage Montgomery website (HeritageMontgomery.org) for some unique ideas.

Our *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War* DVD and "Hard Times Come Again No More: American Music of the Civil War Era" CD will appeal to everyone, not just the Civil War history buffs!

You'll also find our beautiful Barns of Montgomery County poster and note cards plus the "Montgomery Rural Heritage Byways Tour" DVD – a fascinating tour through the natural beauty of the Agricultural Reserve that you can also load onto your iPod/Mp3 player and use as a personal tour guide and navigational device.

Happy Shopping!



Comings & Goings

Heritage Montgomery would like to extend special thanks to outgoing Board members Fran Abrams and Greg Lewis. Fran brought her valuable knowledge in grant management, as well as her personal experience as an artist, to many Board discussions. Thanks to Greg, the partnership between Heritage Montgomery and Washington Revels has grown and flourished. Thank you, Fran and Greg, for your considerable contributions to Heritage Montgomery.



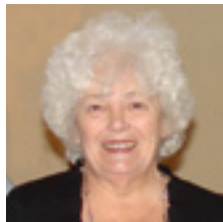
Greg Lewis, Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Fran Abrams

HM would like to welcome new Board members Becky Curtis and Allison Weiss. Becky is Director of Programs & Partnerships with the C&O Canal Trust and Allison is Executive Director of the Sandy Spring Museum. We also look forward to a new Board member representing the City of Rockville.



***On behalf of the Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors & Staff,
Thank You to Peggy Erickson, HM's first and only Executive Director!***
You have been the driving force in making Heritage Montgomery what it is today. Your contributions to the organization are countless and you will be greatly missed. Our very best wishes on your next adventure!

Meet Mary Kay Harper Heritage Montgomery Board Treasurer



As Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Mary Kay was instrumental in founding Heritage Montgomery and was part of the group that hired Peggy Erickson as the organization's first Executive Director in 2003. Mary Kay served as HM Board President for eight years and continues her leadership role as Board Treasurer. Her insights,

institutional knowledge, and passion for Montgomery County history have played a critical role in HM's growth and success. While an active volunteer throughout the community, including with her church, Mary Kay and her husband, Ed, enjoy extended visits to their beautiful retreat in West Virginia.

Fundraising Special Thanks!

Heritage Montgomery would like to thank the following generous contributors to our FY 2013 fundraising campaign:

- Linda Buel
- Judy Christensen
- Becky Curtis
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- Anne Johnson
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Please remember Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Every donation has a significant impact and will be greatly appreciated!

Heritage Montgomery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Heritage Spotlight



Gaithersburg Community Museum

**9 South Summit Avenue
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GaithersburgMd.gov/museum**

The Gaithersburg Community Museum, housed in a restored 1884 B&O Railroad complex, has something for history lovers of all ages. Interactive exhibits include a bank, schoolroom, and general store. Historic rail cars are on display and as well as exhibits on local history. The rail complex was built in 1884 and is included on the National Register of Historic Places. Check their website for hours – and be sure to stop by the gift shop for fun holiday gifts.

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