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C&O CANAL TRAIL WALKERS

Heritage Days 2015

What a weekend we had for Heritage Days this year! We won't soon forget the deluge on Saturday that forced the cancellation of programs at 12 locations. A shout-out to the intrepid folks who ventured out to the sites that remained open! But when the sun came out on Sunday, so did even more loyal visitors and we had a wonderful day at sites around the county.

on displays at the King Barn Dairy MOOseum as well as the special music program for toddlers. Visitors enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the downpour and explore the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and watch HM's *Community Cornerstones* video. Sunday was a beautiful day to be outdoors, and hikers and bikers took advantage of the day enjoying the C&O Canal and stopping by Seneca Aqueduct and Riley's Lockhouse.

Hyattstown Mill had great turnouts on both Saturday and Sunday for their new "Clay" exhibit in the mill gallery. We saw many families with children enjoying the hands-

Thank you, to all of our partners and loyal Heritage Days visitors - your great spirit and perseverance made the weekend another success!



AS PART OF HERITAGE DAYS, SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS' NEW NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL WAS DEDICATED AT MONOCACY AQUEDUCT. FUNDED IN PART BY HERITAGE MONTGOMERY, THE TRAIL IS THE FIRST IN THE COUNTY TO FEATURE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE. MEMBERS OF THE PISCATAWAY CONOY TRIBE PERFORMED TRADITIONAL DANCES AND SHARED THEIR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS WITH A CROWD OF OVER 200. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HERITAGE DAYS 2016 WHEN THE PISCATAWAY CONOY TRIBE WILL RETURN FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF SRT'S NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings, all. I hope you are enjoying this holiday season! As you can see, we've been busy here at Heritage Montgomery.



Our partner meetings yielded good input that will help guide Phase 1 of the Heritage Area Interpretive Master Plan that we hope to have completed by this time next year. The Master Plan will solidify our themes and goals for the area and put forth recommendations and guides for our future.

We've been working on a new HM website that will launch this spring. The site will be more user-friendly - connecting our sites to their communities, the county, and beyond. It will feature a "Plan Your Visit" section for local and out-of-town visitors, a "Partners' Toolbox" to help heritage area sites with common museum management issues, and an "Educators' Resource" section for teachers to easily access the many wonderful programs and field trip opportunities Montgomery County has for school groups.

We had a really great group of applicants for our Mini Grants this fall and are working with partners on getting an equally strong group of applicants for MHAA grants that open at the beginning of the year.

Finally, please remember Heritage Montgomery with a donation this holiday season. Every contribution, large or small, goes directly into the projects and programs HM supports throughout our heritage area. Your donations are critical to our ability to support the important work of our heritage area partners. So please, make your donation today. Thank you!

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

Many thanks and best wishes go out to Romola Ghulamali. Romola provided nine years of invaluable service to HM and brought a cheerful and caring demeanor to everything she did. Her research talents were invaluable and without her technological skills, the office would still be mired in the 20th century! We wish her all the best at her new position with Visit Montgomery.

We are happy to welcome new hire, Stephanie Webber. Stephanie joined HM in November and will provide administrative, social media, and research support. A native of Montgomery County, Stephanie has a master's degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont and has worked with a Native American tribe in California and in the Army National Guard. She lives in Derwood with her husband, Adam, and sons Ethan (2½) and David (1). Welcome, Stephanie!

MEET BETHANY MANIMBO Heritage Montgomery Board Member



Bethany Manimbo is a Silver Spring native and enjoys discovering the hidden gems in Montgomery County. Bethany earned a bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Maryland College Park and has since worked at advertising/marketing agencies, non-profits, and associations.

In her current role as Director of Marketing for Visit Montgomery, the county's destination marketing organization, Bethany develops advertising, marketing, and website campaigns to attract visitors to Montgomery County. Her colleagues and friends call her the "restaurant whisperer" because she is a true foodie and considers it her duty to help people find good food wherever they are.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S SIX-TO-FIX PLEASANT VIEW



TEACHERS AT PLEASANT VIEW HISTORIC SITE

Maryland's Six-to-Fix is a new program developed by Preservation Maryland to help save threatened resources across the State. "Rather than creating lists of threatened buildings we're [Preservation Maryland] ready to do something about it."

HM is especially pleased that our partner, Pleasant View Historic Site in Gaithersburg, has been included in the inaugural year of this important program. This three-acre parcel featuring the Pleasant View M.E. Church (c. 1914), Quince Orchard Colored School, and Pleasant View Cemetery represents Montgomery County's African American experience over 150 years.

Heritage Montgomery will continue to assist as Preservation Maryland and the Pleasant View Historic Association move forward with strategic planning, including identifying new uses and partnerships, as well as helping secure capital funding to stabilize and rehabilitate the historic buildings.

HM PARTNER MEETINGS

This fall, Heritage Montgomery held four meetings with heritage area partners to solicit input to help shape heritage area planning over the next few years. The meetings were organized by heritage area theme: Transportation/Technology, Agricultural Reserve, African American & Quaker History, and Heritage Gems.

The meetings provided an excellent opportunity to reinforce the support and services Heritage Montgomery can provide, and to get feedback from our partners about what is working well, where they would like to see changes, and any new areas where we might provide assistance.

Each meeting generated valuable discussions and suggestions to be followed up on in the coming months. Of particular interest to many partners is a workshop on using Past Perfect collection management software. HM is working with National Capital Trolley Museum's Ken Rucker and the Maryland Museum Association to present this workshop in Spring 2016 at the Trolley Museum.



WOODLAWN STONE BARN EXHIBIT

NEW VISITOR CENTER AT WOODLAWN MANOR

Save the date! Montgomery Parks' new Visitor Center at Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park in Sandy Spring opens to the public in April 2016. The Visitor Center, funded in part by a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) grant, encompasses the newly restored 1832 stone barn, the Federal-era Woodlawn Manor and its historic outbuildings, and the popular Underground Railroad (UGRR) Experience Trail.

The stone barn provides three levels of interactive exhibits featuring video and audio presentations. Exhibit topics include Quaker Heritage, 19th-century Agricultural Practices, Life during Enslavement, Emergence of Free Black Communities, and the Underground Railroad.

Programming will include school field trips, guided hikes along the UGRR Experience Trail, annual public programs, and special offerings. Contact Montgomery Parks at 301-650-4373 or visit HistoryInTheParks.org for updates.

FY 2016 MINI GRANTS



MOOSEUM MODEL T MILK DELIVERY TRUCK

Each year, Heritage Montgomery awards Mini Grants of up to \$2,500 each to local non-profit organizations and government entities. These grants help fund heritage programs and products throughout the county. HM is pleased to award FY 2016 Mini Grants to:

Germantown Historical Society, Germantown – \$718
... for a portable display for use at off-site events

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo – \$2,000
... for Phase 2 of their oral history video project about Glen Echo Park

Historic Medley District, Poolesville – \$1,225
... for the reclamation and replanting of the Edward L. Stock Arboretum at the John Poole House

Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, Clarksburg – \$748
... to purchase and install an outdoor bulletin board at the mill

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds – \$2,250
... for a trailer for their restored 1919 Model T delivery truck

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville – \$2,000
... to help fund Montgomery County History Day

Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Poolesville – \$2,250
... for equipment and printed materials for screenings of the "Growing Legacy" documentary

National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville – \$1,000
... for new museum rack cards

Peerless Rockville, Rockville – \$1,200
... for equipment, including portable microphones and a projection screen, to be used for programs including Heritage Days

Pleasant View Historic Association, Gaithersburg – \$2,250
... for the restoration of an historic 1880s Bible

Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring – \$2,250
... for interior and exterior wayfinding signage

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville – \$2,250
... for a new Native American Heritage Trail brochure

Town of Brookeville – \$2,250
... for gateway/National Register of Historic Places signs at town entrances

FY 2016 MHAA GRANTS

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) capital and non-capital grants are available annually for non-profit organizations and government entities in the certified heritage area. Grants range from \$5K to \$100K for capital projects and \$5K to \$50K for non-capital projects and all require a 75% cash match. Online applications are due to the local heritage area in March. Details can be found on the HM website. FY 2016 MHAA Grants were awarded to:

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture - \$15,753
... for Carousel Band Organ Room Renovation Plans

Heritage Montgomery Program Grant - \$14,000
... for a Humanities Fair

Heritage Montgomery Program Grant - \$15,000
... for African American Heritage Programs

Heritage Montgomery Management Grant - \$100,000



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SUPPORT HERITAGE MONTGOMERY

With the year drawing to a close, we hope that you will include Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Your generosity contributes directly to the important programs HM supports across the county. Every contribution to Heritage Montgomery will be used specifically to help fund HM Mini Grants, Heritage Days, and educational programs in 2016. To donate, visit our website and click the red "Support Heritage Montgomery" button on the home page, or - email info@HeritageMontgomery.org or call us to request a donation envelope. We thank you for your support!

MCPS EDUCATORS' TOUR

On July 10, Heritage Montgomery sponsored a tour for Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) teachers to historic sites in Montgomery County. Our goal was to acquaint and reacquaint county teachers with the wide variety of educational sites and school tour opportunities available close to home here in the county. We had a great day traveling with over 70 teachers to the Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville (Beall Dawson House, Stonestreet Museum, and Jane C. Sween Library), Pleasant View Historical Site in Gaithersburg, and Josiah Henson Park in N. Bethesda. All participants were provided packets of HM products including the *Community Cornerstones* and *Life in a War Zone* DVDs.

The Educators' Resources section of HM's new website was discussed and feedback was solicited from the teachers about the services and information they would find most useful. This valuable input has been incorporated, helping design a one-stop-shop for field trip planning in the heritage area.



BEALL DAWSON HOUSE GARDEN

HM UPDATES



HM Gift Baskets

Many thanks to our partners for their generous donations to Heritage Montgomery gift baskets. If you or your organization would like to donate items to our heritage area baskets, please contact us. These baskets are donated to partners for their fundraising events – a great way to get your organization noticed!

African American Heritage Cookbook

Inspired by the stories of our *Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County* video project, Heritage Montgomery is producing an African American foodways cookbook. The cookbook will include traditional recipes and stories collected from local communities. Visit our website to learn more about the African American Foodways Cookbook and how you can send us your recipes. This project is funded in part with a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Archiving Project

Heritage Montgomery has received a county Historic Preservation Grant to inventory, digitize, catalog, and protect historic documents and photographs in the collections of local African American church communities. Working with Maryland State Archives, HM will develop protocols that will be used locally and can be applied to similar projects across the State and nation.



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HERITAGE PROFILE



ARCADE BUILDING

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Glen Echo Park

7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Glen Echo, MD 20812

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GlenEchoPark.org

Glen Echo Park is a lively visual and performing arts site dating back to 1891. Initially home to a Chautauqua program dedicated to providing “the masses” with opportunities for education and recreation, by 1900 the site had become a popular amusement park, in operation until 1968. Part of the National Park Service since 1971, Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. oversees extensive art, history, and recreation programs at this unique site. Check website for detailed operating hours and calendar of events and programs.

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