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HERITAGE MONTGOMERY BRINGS GRANT DOLLARS TO LOCAL HERITAGE GROUPS

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2012 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants totaling \$163,000:

- \$47,000 Capital Grant to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the restoration of the Poole (Seneca) Store in Poolesville
- \$9,000 Non-Capital Project Grant to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Oakley Cabin Archeological Analysis & Interpretation in Olney
- \$7,000 Non-Capital Project Grant to Heritage Montgomery for Heritage Days and Civil War Programs
- \$100,000 Management Grant to Heritage Montgomery

MHAA oversees twelve locally administered, state-certified Heritage Areas that work with local non-profits, governments, and businesses to preserve and promote Maryland's historic sites, unspoiled natural landscapes, and enduring traditions.

Even in difficult fiscal times, Governor Martin O'Malley has supported funding the Heritage Tourism program, recognizing it as a proven economic engine and a tool for preserving Maryland's irreplaceable cultural, historic, and natural legacy.

Heritage Montgomery is particularly gratified to be able to help fund such important projects as the Poole Store restoration and Oakley Cabin Archeological project.

Built in 1901 by Frederick A. Allnutt, the Poole Store has been a fixture in the Poolesville/Seneca area for over 100 years, serving the rural, agricultural and equestrian communities. The restoration of this local landmark preserves an important link to our farming history and provides a gateway to the beautiful Agricultural Reserve.

Oakley Cabin's archeological analysis will help to finally establish a chronology of the log cabin, a 19th-century structure, and the history of its early residents for use in the interpretation of local African American history at the site.

Peggy Erickson, Executive Director of Heritage Montgomery, stated that "in this difficult economic environment, every dollar that we can bring to Montgomery County has a huge impact. We value MHAA's support of these important projects and we will continue to work to bring additional state dollars to benefit the County.

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