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Heritage Montgomery Awards FY 2015 Mini Grants on Maryland Emancipation Day

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery, HM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting local history, culture, and distinctive natural areas. Each year, individual Heritage Montgomery Mini Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to county non-profit organizations and local government entities. Interpretation, preservation, and research projects supported by Mini Grant funding encourage heritage tourism to Montgomery County.

On Saturday, November 1, eleven FY 2015 Mini Grants totaling \$20,820 were awarded as part of Maryland Emancipation Day celebrations. State Senator Brian Feldman and Delegate David Frasier-Hidalgo joined Heritage Montgomery at Button Farm Living History Center in Germantown and presented the grants to our valued partners. This year's grant round saw an exceptional number of exciting projects that Heritage Montgomery is pleased to support.

Boys Historical Society, Boyds

- \$750 to reprint the Boyds History brochure

Gaithersburg Community Museum, Gaithersburg

- \$2500 to upgrade the historic general store, bank, and schoolroom interpretive exhibits at the museum

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo

- \$1250 to begin an oral history video project covering the park's history from the 1930s to the 1970s

Historic Medley District, Poolesville

- \$2500 for a new interpretive sign at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds

- \$2500 for restoration of a Ford Model T dairy delivery truck

Montgomery County Forestry Board

- \$1250 to print the "Montgomery County Register of Champion Trees 2015" booklet

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville

- \$1900 for the annual Montgomery County History Conference

Montgomery Parks Foundation, Silver Spring

- \$1250 for Maryland Emancipation Day 2014 speakers, demonstrations, and musicians

National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville

- \$1920 to develop three mobile exhibits, Women in Transit, Winter in Washington, and Civil War Street Cars, as well as an informational sign at the driveway entrance to the museum

The Quince Orchard Project, Gaithersburg

- \$2500 for museum design, development, and displays in the former Quince Orchard Colored School (Pleasant View Historic Site)

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville

- \$2500 to continue development of a Native American Trail on the C&O Canal with related events for Heritage Days 2015