



County Executive Isiah Leggett, Senator Rob Garagiola and other guests attended the award ceremony

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Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
Announces
FY 2008 Mini-Grant Awards

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Germantown, Maryland: - The Mini-Grant program recognizes groups in the County that contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. This program funds projects that support heritage activities.

Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is pleased to announce that they are giving away a total of \$17,500 this year to the following recipients.

National Capital Trolley Museum, Silver Spring -
\$1,000 for improved signage for the trolley cars

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville -
\$1,200 for a new brochure for the Waters House located in Germantown

Adventure Theatre, Glen Echo -
\$2,000 for the expansion of the Clara Barton program, enabling more school groups to visit the park

C&O Canal Association -
\$2,400 for a new brochure on the lost towns on the Canal, featuring photographs of the towns at Monocacy Aqueduct and White's Ferry

The Latvian Museum, Rockville -

\$500 for a brochure featuring the Museum's collection

Sugarland Ethno History Project, Poolesville -

\$1,000 for a permanent display of African/American history

Montgomery Back-in-Time 4-H Club, Derwood -

\$1,000 to fund two square dances at the Agricultural History Park

Archaeology Society of Montgomery County, Mid-Potomac Chapter -

\$2,500 for design of brochure featuring the history of Blockhouse Point, a major Civil War site in the county

City of Rockville -

\$1,500 for brochure featuring the historic Rockville Cemetery

Glen Echo Park Partnership, Glen Echo -

\$2,500 for a multi-media display of the history of civil rights in Glen Echo Park

Montgomery Preservation Inc., Silver Spring -

\$1,500 for design of a new brochure featuring historic Silver Spring

Heritage Montgomery, one of the 11 designated heritage areas, is a partnership among the State of Maryland and Montgomery County government. The goal of Heritage Montgomery is to encourage economic development through resources, preservation and heritage tourism.

Peggy Erickson, Executive Director of the Alliance, said she was "very pleased to be able to fund both large and small projects in the county. We will continue to work to bring additional state dollars to the county". She added that "this money will continue to fund projects in all sections of our Heritage Areas".

The mission of the Heritage Tourism Alliance is to enhance economic development in the designated heritage areas of the County by combining quality tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural and natural resource conservation and education.