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### **Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County Announces FY 2010 Mini-Grant Awards, Round 2**

Germantown, Maryland: The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is a non-profit organization created to bring the County's rich history to the attention of its residents and visitors. The Mini-Grant Program recognizes groups in the County that contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. **This year for the first time a second round of grants were awarded to projects that support heritage activities.**

Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is pleased to announce six new grants totaling \$6900 to the following recipients:

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture** – \$2000 for the restoration of an historic trolley car

**Washington Revels Inc., Silver Spring** – \$2000 to develop two characters for Civil War and Underground Railroad program performances

**Latvian Museum, Rockville** – \$1300 for a new outdoor sign

**Gaithersburg Community Museum** – \$700 for a themed railroad history event for Heritage Days

**Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville** – \$500 to print and distribute a new trail guide/website companion piece

**Menare Foundation, Germantown** – \$400 for living history interpreter training

Peggy Erickson, Executive Director of the Alliance, said she was "very pleased to have the opportunity to support some of the many fascinating historic sites and programs based in Montgomery County and bring additional state dollars to the area".

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

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