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### **Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County Announces FY 2011 Mini-Grant Awards**

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.

Heritage Montgomery is pleased to announce six new grants totaling \$12,420 to the following recipients:

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Glen Echo** – \$2500 to research and prepare a report on the historic architecture of the park

**Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville** – \$2500 to re-publish the book, *Civil War Guide to Montgomery County, Maryland* by Charles T. Jacobs

**Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring** – \$2500 for a concert series linked to the historic Lyceum movement in Sandy Spring

**Washington Revels Inc., Silver Spring** – \$2500 to develop an Abraham Lincoln "personage" for living history portrayals at heritage sites

**King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds** – \$1670 to prepare Welcome and Information brochures

**Warren Historic District, Martinsburg** – \$750 for research and select a Heritage Days speaker and choir

A second grant round of grant applications specifically for Heritage Days programming is currently under review. Awards will be announced in March.

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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