



HERITAGE REPORT

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HERITAGE DAYS 2018

Please join us for the 21st annual Heritage Days on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. We are looking forward to another great weekend celebrating Montgomery County history, culture, and nature!

We are happy to add two new programs to our wide range of activities across the heritage area. Grusendorf Log House (1855) in Seneca Creek State Park is the last surviving structure from the earliest Germantown settlement. They will offer old time crafts and games for children as well as stories of local Civil War history.

Montgomery Parks' Thomas Mill is an archaeological site in historic Brookeville where visitors can explore the ruins and see

recovered artifacts associated with Montgomery County's milling past. Children can make their own grindstone and other crafts.

As you plan your visits, please take a look at the Heritage Days page on our website where we have compiled some suggested "tours" to help you make the most of your weekend. They are organized both by locale and topic. For example, you'll find a variety options if you spend the afternoon in either the Poolesville or Sandy Spring areas, or you may decide to explore the wide range of early schoolhouses scattered throughout the county.

Pack a picnic, load the kids in the car, and celebrate Heritage Days as you explore the fascinating sites that help make Montgomery County great!



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE, HERITAGEMONTGOMERY.ORG, TO FIND FUN AND FASCINATING THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT THE HERITAGE AREA, YEAR-ROUND!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Finally, after a busy winter, we welcome summer! 2018's Mini-Grant awardees are wrapping up some really great projects. Watch for new interpretive panels at Carderock along the C&O Canal, Agricultural Reserve welcome signage at White's Ferry, and program banners at Glen Echo, to name a few. Applications for our next grant round will be

available on our website by mid-August. Please start thinking now about projects you'd like see for 2019.

We are in the early stages of planning a new heritage event for the fall. On Saturday, October 20, we will kick off an annual Harvest Day event. For several years, farmers and visitors to the Ag Reserve have been asking for a fall tour of farms and farmers' markets, creating an opportunity to show off our heritage farms and produce. Thanks to Sophia Watkins of Soleado Lavender Farm and Tony Cohen from Button Farm for helping pull together a fun day of shopping and exploring!

Here in the office, we have been working hard on a boundary amendment to the existing heritage area. Among those who will be joining us "officially" are Montgomery County Parks, including Josiah Henson Park; Seneca Creek State Park; Germantown Historic District; and Pleasant View Historic Site. The amendment will add sites vital to making our heritage area a truly remarkable destination.

Please get out and enjoy Heritage Days weekend, June 23rd and 24th! Nearly 40 sites will be open for free and offering a great time for all! From jazz music to heritage walking tours to a kangaroo at the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, come explore Montgomery County's heritage!

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COMINGS & GOINGS



We are very pleased to welcome Danielle Verbiest who joined our staff as a part-time Administrative Director in March. Danielle brings a wide skillset that includes organization operations, event coordination, and volunteer management. Her extensive experience working in non-profit organizations includes the Literacy Council of Montgomery

County and Voices for Children Montgomery. Originally from the Netherlands, Danielle is multi-lingual and brings an international flair to our office. She lives a hop, skip, and a jump from the HM office with her husband, Ahmed, and daughter, Zahra, a rising high school freshman.

REMEMBERING PEGGY ERICKSON



PEGGY WITH GOV. MARTIN O'MALLEY
IN BROOKEVILLE
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We are very sorry to share the news of the passing of Peggy Erickson, Heritage Montgomery's founding executive director. From HM's inception in 2003 until her retirement in 2013, Peggy was instrumental in developing our organization's mission and establishing the

heritage area as a significant county asset.

Under her leadership, Heritage Montgomery produced two exceptional documentary films: the Emmy Award-winning *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County during the Civil War* and *Community Cornerstones: African American Communities in Montgomery County, Maryland*, which was especially close to her heart.

We owe Peggy a debt of gratitude not only for her tireless efforts on behalf of our organization, our heritage area, and our county, but for the enthusiasm and fun she brought to everything she did.



FUNDRAISING THANKS

Our sincere thanks to the many contributors to our FY18 fundraising efforts. Thanks to your generosity we are able to support a growing number of worthy Mini Grants funding wonderful projects throughout the heritage area.

Bruce Adams	Emily Correll	Susan & Bill Kirby	John Pentecost
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FY 2019 MHAA GRANT PROPOSALS

This spring, Heritage Montgomery was pleased to submit ten strong proposals for State grant funding through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. Grant awards will be announced in June. It is never too early to start planning for the next grant round – give us a call to discuss your next project!



C&O Canal Trust – a \$11,500 non-capital request to design and produce interpretive exhibits at the recently rehabilitated 1916 Swains Lockhouse in the C&O Canal NHP.

Glen Echo Park Partnership – a \$5,700 capital request for professional assessment of the flooring in the restored 1933 Spanish Ballroom.

Menare Foundation – a \$5,000 non-capital request for Phase I of the strategic planning process for Button Farm.

Montgomery Parks Foundation – a \$50,000 non-capital request to fund museum exhibits at Josiah Henson Park's new museum and visitor center.

National Capital Trolley Museum – a \$10,000 non-capital request to upgrade the computer-based Streetcars Only: From Horse to Electric exhibit examining the streetcar's role in history.

Peerless Rockville – a \$50,000 non-capital request to fund exhibit design and development for expanded visitor center space (and future HM visitor hub) in the 1891 Red Brick Courthouse.

Pleasant View Historic Association – a \$100,000 capital request for restoration of the 1888 church at this historic African American heritage site that will be used for special events, programs, and tours.

Sugarland Ethno-History Project – a \$50,000 capital request for renovation of the 1893 St. Paul Community Church, a resource center for this significant historic African American community.

Town of Brookeville – an \$8,800 capital request to fund rehabilitation of the town's early-1800s one-room schoolhouse and grounds.

Washington Revels – a \$13,340 non-capital request for the development of 10 performances/persona highlighting early 1800s' history associated with HM's new African American Heritage Tours.

MINI-GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Work is progressing well on all of our FY18 Mini Grants.

We had an especially strong slate of projects this year and would like to bring you up to date on just a few:

Montgomery Preservation's project updating the *Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory* is well underway. Project coordinator Glenn Wallace has trained more than 80 volunteers who are surveying, photographing, and researching all known burial sites in the county, including those in several of our historic African American communities. He and project director Eileen McGuckian are working with Montgomery Planning and Montgomery Parks to both coordinate information needed for planning purposes and identify burial sites on park land.



New interpretive signage for Black Rock Mill in Seneca Creek State Park is close to completion. The striking ruins of the 1816 stone mill offer a cut-away look at an old milling operation, complete with reinstalled gears and machinery. New panels being developed by Maryland Park Ranger/Historian Erik Ledbetter will detail the grain trade in pre-Civil War Maryland, the role of the mill as a social center in rural life, and the mill's technological innovations.

Audubon Naturalist Society is working on a video documenting the history of land use at their Woodend Nature Sanctuary. It will also highlight some of the important educational and hands-on conservation work for which the organization is so well known.



LOVING CHARITY HALL

Great progress is being made on the restoration of Loving Charity Hall at the Warren Historic Site in Dickerson. Stop by over Heritage Days weekend for a sneak peek - the official ribbon cutting is being planned for later in the year.

Warren will join over 17 other historic destinations throughout the county as part of Heritage Montgomery's African American Heritage Tours, shining a light on the rich traditions and history of local communities and the lessons passed down to us.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS



EILEEN MCGUCKIAN, SARAH ROGERS,
AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT

Heritage Montgomery was the very proud recipient of The Montgomery Prize at the 2017 Awards for Historic Preservation. The award recognizes HM's work influencing "the quality, proliferation,

and accessibility of heritage and history programs throughout Montgomery County." Co-sponsored by Montgomery Preservation and Save Our Seminary at Forest Glen, the annual rewards were held on March 23 at the National Park Seminary Ballroom. Accepting the award from County Executive Isiah Leggett, Sarah Rogers commented, "It's wonderful to work in a county with so much to offer and with so much support from its citizens and government."

We would like to offer special congratulations to long-time Heritage Montgomery Board Member Scott Whipple and our partner, Peerless Rockville.

Scott won the Wayne M. Goldstein Preservation Advocacy Award. As the former Supervisor of the M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Office, his "leadership has [had] a lasting impact on the County's historic preservation office and commission." Peerless Rockville was recognized for the Outstanding Educational Program Series, "Emancipation to Integration: 150 Years of Advancement in Educational Equality," commemorating the long struggle by Montgomery County African Americans for equality in education

For more information on all award winners, visit MontgomeryPreservation.org.

HISTORY DAY

The 19th annual Montgomery County History Day contest was held on Saturday, March 17 at Richard Montgomery High School. This competition offers middle and high school students the opportunity to apply their interest in history to presentations in the formats of exhibits, papers, documentaries, performances, and websites. This year's theme was Conflict and Compromise. A part of the National History Day program as well as History Day in Maryland, winners advanced to compete at the Maryland History Day Conference in April held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Heritage Montgomery was once again proud to sponsor the African American Heritage category. Junior Division winners from Eastern Middle School Lydia Ye, Paris Ye, and Angelica Frude presented *The FHA's Effect on Black Housing: The Legalization of Segregation in American Neighborhoods*. The Senior Division winner was from The Bullis School. Kianna Dorsey presented *The Conflict at Hand, the Compromise at Heart: Martin Luther King, Jr. vs. Malcolm X*.



Montgomery County History Day, presented by Montgomery County Public Schools working with the Maryland Humanities Council, was supported by a 2018 Heritage Montgomery Mini Grant. This annual event is a great place for a really fun day volunteering as a judge – mark your calendars for next year!

Visit MontgomerySchoolsMd.org and search History Day to see all award winners.

HISTORY CONFERENCE

On January 27, the Montgomery County Historical Society (Montgomery History) presented the 12th annual Montgomery County History Conference to a record-breaking crowd at the Montgomery College Germantown campus.

As always, the History Conference offered attendees a wide range of fascinating topics to consider. From local leaders' roles in launching the American Revolution, African American communities and the Underground Railroad, and the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918 to Thurgood Marshall and early civil rights in Montgomery County, Jewish Developers and the Built Environment (1930-1979), and Latino and Muslim experiences in the county. A discussion of the documentary, *Feast Your Ears: The Story of WHFS, 102.3FM*, brought back fond memories the beloved progressive rock radio station in Bethesda that broadcast from the late '60s to early '80s. A final highlight of the day was noted forensic



HISTORY CONFERENCE 2018

anthropologist Doug Owsley whose research is revealing incredible details about the lives and deaths of early colonial Americans.

Heritage Montgomery is pleased to have once again been a History Conference sponsor.



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HERITAGE PROFILE



SENECA CREEK STATE PARK

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Outdoor recreational activities abound at this 6,300-acre State Park surrounding Clopper Lake and its extensive nature trails along Great Seneca Creek. Park visitors can enjoy hiking and biking, boat access and rentals, picnic areas/pavilions, playgrounds & ball fields, disc golf, and fishing.

There are a number of striking historic sites throughout the park including Grusendorf Log House (1855); the archaeological remains of the Clopper family estate, Woodlands; the Seneca Historic District including ruins of the Seneca Stone Mill and Quarries; the remains of Black Rock Mill (1815); and the stunning Schwartz Peony Garden.

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