



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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Heritage Days 2022 - June 25 & 26



Heritage Days returns! After a two-year break we are pleased to once again sponsor our annual celebration of Montgomery County heritage area parks, museums and historic sites! Join us for a weekend of free events and programs. Explore our miles of trails and scenic Rustic Roads! Discover our unique museums and heritage sites! For more information on this countywide event, visit HeritageMontgomery.org.

Plus, celebrate Montgomery County's extensive collection of cultural and heritage museums all month long with Museum Month in June! Create your own self-guided road trip experience and visit wide-range of participating museums. Extend your weekend with exclusive hotel packages. Head over to VisitMontgomery.com to learn more.

Upcoming Events



Go Birding!

All Spring Long throughout Montgomery County

It's Join the Montgomery Bird Club at some of Montgomery County's top birding spots. Visit their website [here](#) to find the best spots in the county, resources, and more. **Free.**

Plant Sale

At Locust Grove Nature Center, Maydale Nature Classroom, and Friend of Black Hill Nature Programs through April 16th

Locust Grove Nature Center, Maydale Nature Classroom, and Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs in Montgomery Parks will be hosting Native Plant Sales in the month of April. Support your backyard ecosystem by purchasing plants during these fundraising events benefiting all three places. See what and where to buy [here](#)! Check out more events from Montgomery Parks [here](#).

42nd Bloomin' Birdathon

A Throughout Montgomery County from the Audubon Naturalist Society

Calling all ANS members and supporters! Spring is approaching and so are migrating birds! Soon, we will be seeing precious wildflowers. Let's get outside and count nature's wonders in support of ANS's environmental education, conservation, and restoration programs. **Free.**

Art Day

April 23rd at the National Capital Trolley Museum

Call Its Art Day at the National Capital Trolley Museum featuring the Plein Air Artists, free trolley-themed craft activities for children, and an art sale and reception.

Montgomery County Greenfest

April 23rd, 11-5 pm at Brookside Gardens

This free event is one of the county's largest Earth Day festivals and is a chance for residents, businesses, and nonprofits to share ideas, learn together, and have fun! Walk the trails, chill out on the grass, and explore the neighboring Brookside Nature Center, all while discovering how you can go green at home and in the community. **Free.**

Beer & Berries

April 23rd, 4-8:30 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum

Beer & Berries features Maryland craft beer, ax throwing, hayrides, outdoor games, food trucks, and a live music showcase with regional performers. This family-friendly event will be held on museum's grounds.

[Women as Street Car Conductors, Including Maya Angelou](#)

Through April 24 at the National Capital Trolley Museum

Learn how women became Conductors and Operators on Washington DC's streetcars. It was *MEN ONLY* until staffing shortages in World War II forced a change.

[Who's Your Farmer?](#)

Events on April 30th and May 7th from the Montgomery Countyside Alliance

If you are itching to get outside this spring, look no further than the Ag Reserve - which besides the typical recreation opportunities has some farms offering open houses and plant sales at the start of the season plus art and the promise of cherries and berries soon.

[Carousel Day at Glen Echo Park](#)

April 30, 11 am - 4 pm at Glen Echo Park

Join us for a festival event in celebration of Glen Echo Park's 101-year-old Dentzel Carousel as it opens for the season! In addition to riding the carousel, families are welcome to enjoy many other FREE activities throughout the Park, including live music & performances, kids' arts & crafts, open artist studios & galleries, and lots more!

[Cocktails & Confections](#)

May 1st, 5-6:30 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum

Two delectable delights (and experts)! At Cocktails & Confections: A Long Overdue Partnership, we are pleased to welcome two masters in composing after-dinner delights, Annie Clemmons and Mick Perrigo, to make sublime confections and build expert cocktails, crafted to complement one another. Participants will be given unique recipes to create their own harmonious pairings at home, which will add a distinctive note to their next celebration with friends and family.

[Off the Beaten Path in Montgomery County](#)

May 13th, a Virtual event from the Germantown Historical Society

Discover hidden gems in Montgomery County you can visit in this virtual program presented by local historian Ralph Buglass who will discuss the "Top 10" lesser-known spots in Montgomery County with historical importance, amazing natural beauty, or superlative in some other way.

New Grant Announcements



Economic Development Administration Grant

- A new grant from the Maryland Department of Commerce is aimed at places where the travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation industries were hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. To find out more about the funding including funding eligibility and to apply, follow [this link](#) to OTD's industry page. This grant has a rolling deadline (applications will be reviewed monthly).

Trader Foundation Grant

- The Trader Foundation offers grants for a variety of cemetery projects that can provide applicants with the necessary funds they need to see their plans to successful completion. The next application deadline is July 1, 2022, and all project scopes will be considered. Please [click here](#) for the application form and instructions and to learn more about past projects

National Park Service Historic Preservation Grants Funding

- The National Park Service is now accepting applications for the inaugural round of the Semiquincentennial Grant Program. Eligible costs for this program include architectural/engineering services (not to exceed 20 percent of the grant award) and physical preservation projects. The Semiquincentennial Grant Program is funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and is administered by the NPS. Congress has appropriated \$10 million for the Semiquincentennial Grant Program for the fiscal year. Applications are due May 3. [Follow this link for more information and to apply.](#)

The African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP)

- This grant seeks to provide funding to assist in the preservation of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. The AAHPP is administered as a partnership between the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC). Grants range from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000. The deadline to apply to the grant program is July 1, 2022 at 11:59pm. To apply, register for a workshop, view grant documents, or for more information, visit MHT's [website](#).



Heritage Montgomery is dedicated to the mission of preserving and promoting local history, culture, and distinctive natural areas, and fostering stewardship and economic development in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The economic impact of the Heritage Montgomery is \$376.1 million annually.

The employment impact of the Heritage Montgomery is 5,327 jobs supported and sustained.

Heritage Montgomery is one of 13 state-certified heritage areas in Maryland.

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