



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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New Grant Opportunities



Heritage Montgomery Mini-Grants

- Applications for FY 2023 Heritage Montgomery Mini Grants are now available. These grants provide project/program funding of \$500 to \$2500 to county non-profit parks, museums, sites, and friends groups as well as local government entities. The grant guidelines are available on the Mini-Grant page of our website, <http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/partners/mini-grants/> The deadline to submit your application is Thursday, September 23, 2022. We're looking forward to supporting another great group of projects this year! Please contact director@heritagemontgomery.org before beginning your application.

Resilience and Restoration Grant

- The Grants Gateway application is open for local governments and organizations for Fiscal Year 2024, which begins July 1, 2023. Funding is available for projects that restore local waterways, increase communities' resilience to climate change and storm impacts, strengthen local economies, develop the next generation of environmental stewards, and foster sustainable development and use of Maryland waterways with projects that benefit the general boating public.

Upcoming Events



[Whitetails Farm Sunflower Fields](#)

All August at Whitetails Farm

Our sprawling sunflower field has trails and large swings tucked into the sunflowers making it the perfect spot for photos. Take home cut flowers, visit our little flower shack/farm market and enjoy the local vendors who have teamed up with us this year to make your visit memorable! **Ticketed.**

[Guided Underground Railroad Tour](#)

August 20th, 9:30 - 11AM at the Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park

Learn about the experience of 19th century freedom seekers and Montgomery County residents in a guided hike of the Underground Railroad Experience Trail. Discover techniques used for navigation, eluding detection, and finding food/shelter on the perilous journey. **Ticketed.**

[Open House at Button Farm](#)

August 20th, Noon at Button Farm Living History Center

Thank you for your interest in the Button Farm Living History Center. Button Farm is set on 40-pristine acres inside Seneca Creek State Park, and is Maryland's only hands-on history center depicting 19th century slave plantation life and the inspirational story of the Underground Railroad. **Free.**

[Take Me Fishing at Seneca Creek State Park](#)

August 21st, 8:30 - 10:00 am at Seneca Creek Boat Center

Join an expert angler for a beginner's course in fishing. Rods, reels and bait will be provided by the park, or you may bring your own. Appropriate for all ages and skill levels. **Free.**

[Herman Rabbitt: The Man, The Money, The Legend, and The Legacy](#)

August 23rd, 2:00 pm Virtual Event from Montgomery History

When eccentric Montgomery County cattle farmer and land speculator Herman Rabbitt died in 1972, part of his \$2.5 million dollar estate was found buried in milk cans on his property. The rest was part of a 3-year legal battle between bickering heirs. But the story of his unlikely millions was only one of the strange and legendary tales from Rabbitt's life still told and retold by old-timers today. Join Sarah Hedlund to hear more about the battle for Herman's money and other anecdotes from his unusual life. **Free.**

[Fiesta in the Park](#)

August 26th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Poolesville Commons

Join us at the last event of the season. We'll have bounce houses, kids activities, Beer & Wine Garden, Tippy's Taco Truck, a HOT Sauce eating contest, and more. We'll end the evening with Encanto on the

big screen. **Free.**

Hyattstown Mill Art Project Drawing Group

August 27th, 10:00 - 12:30 pm at the Hyattstown Mill Art Project

Known as HMAP, the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project operates out of historic Hyattstown Mill located in a rustic country setting near the historic town of Hyattstown, Maryland. Call ahead to confirm space. **Free.**

Canal Boat Rides at Great Falls

August 27th, 11:00 - 2:00 pm at the C&O Canal Historical Park

All aboard! Canal boat rides are returning to Great Falls next weekend! Join us for a memorable experience aboard the replica Charles F. Mercer excursion boat and enjoy a scenic trip along the canal. Boat riders will hear the history of the C&O Canal and learn about the people who lived and worked along the canal during its construction and operation. So, mark your calendars and join us for a boatload of fun this summer! **Free.**

Oakley Cabin Guided Tour

August 27, Noon - 4:00 pm at the Oakley Cabin African American Museum and Park

Step inside Oakley Cabin, a living history museum, and learn about the African American roadside community that lived and worked on this historic site from emancipation well into the 20th century. Their culture and traditions heavily influenced those of surrounding communities, and their story is deeply woven into Montgomery County's rich history. **Free.**

PCC Day at the National Capital Trolley Museum

August 28th, Noon - 5:00 pm at the National Capital Trolley Museum

Marking the 85th anniversary of PCC Cars' arrival to DC, Celebrate the arrival of the Presidents' Conference Committee street cars in the Nation's Capital. 6 PCC cars are on display, including 3 in service. **Ticketed.**

Weekly Mindfulness Meditation

August 30th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Sandy Spring Museum

Explore the benefits of mindfulness by learning how to meditate. Mindfulness can promote a healthier mind and body, reduce stress, foster compassion, and increase our memory skills. Together we will focus on many different aspects of meditation, including the practice of "letting go." **Free.**



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 Heritage Montgomery is \$376.1 million annually.

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

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

