



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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Upcoming Events

Garden of Lights

November 18 – January 1, 5:30-8pm at Brookside Gardens

Garden of Lights display transforms Brookside Gardens into a magical winter wonderland. Stroll through the one-half mile, outdoor, walk-through exhibit and enjoy the twinkling lights and glimmering one-of-a-kind displays adorning the flowerbeds and grounds throughout the 50-acre horticultural gem in Wheaton. **Ticketed.**

S'more Lights

November 18th – 20th, at Seneca Creek State Park

Begin your adventure with family & friends as you roast marshmallows over a campfire & make delicious s'mores in a beautiful woodland setting. At your leisure, take a stroll through a wonderland of sparkling trees, illuminated arches & animated vignettes that include traditional favorites & awesome fantasy displays. Take selfies with Santa while enjoying hot beverages & collect a holiday craft to take home. **Ticketed.**

Guided Hike UGRR Trail

November 19th, 10:00 – 11:30pm at 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. Roundtrip hike is 2 miles along a natural surface trail. Program lasts approximately an hour and a half. **Ticketed.**

Street Car Rides at National Capital Trolley Museum

November 19th, noon – 5:00 pm, at the National Capital Trolley Museum

All aboard every Saturday at the National Capital Trolley Museum! Learn about a century of DC street car service from 1862 - 1962, enjoy our model railway, and take a scenic ride on our collection of antique street cars on a two mile stretch of woodland track. Fun for all! **Ticketed.**

"Viaducts, Bridges and Trestles: Magnificent Structures of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad"

November 19th, 1:00 pm, from the Germantown Historical Society

A PowerPoint Presentation on the magnificent engineering feats of the railroad running through Montgomery County. This is the kick-off event to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the train line that runs through Montgomery County. Come to the lecture to find out about these engineering feats and learn the difference between a viaduct, a bridge, and a trestle! **Free.**

Walking Tour of the Waring Viaduct

November 20th, 1:00 pm, from the Germantown Historical Society and the Izaak Walton League

The Izaak Walton League of Rockville welcomes the Germantown Historical Society and guests onto their property for an exclusive walking tour of the Waring Viaduct -- the 350-foot-long, 75-foot-high architectural marvel that carries the B&O Railroad over the Seneca Creek, hidden in the woods on the

southern border of Germantown. **Free.**

A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas

November 25th – December 10th, from the Olney Theatre Center

Experience the unforgettable characters and vivid imagery as Charles Dickens originally intended – in his own words – and rediscover this timeless classic presented in a masterful solo performance. Adapted from Dickens' original novella and reading tour, Morella's solo version will transport you back to Victorian England and into the heart of this classic morality tale. This critically acclaimed production has become a holiday must-see. **Ticketed.**

Unwind & Uncork

November 30th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm from the BlackRock Center for the Arts

Spend an hour in an all-levels yoga flow and then enjoy a wellness hour, complete with complimentary wine and snacks! Yoga is held in one of three beautiful BlackRock locations: on the outdoor rooftop terrace, the indoor sunlit yoga room, or the inspiring Kay Gallery. Expect to practice moving the body through creative and personalized sequencing, and end with relaxation and meditation. All levels are welcome! **Ticketed.**

History Happy Hour: Art as Activism: Knitters Speaking Out

November 30th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm from the Sandy Spring Museum

Did you know that even a simple creative act can inspire major social change? Discover how activist knitting (and a little crochet) has tackled some of the largest social issues in recent history. In this program led by mixed-media artist (and former lawyer) Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, you will learn about the roots of fiber art activism and how casual knitters, artists, and entire communities across the nation have come together to speak out for their rights and the rights of others. **Ticketed.**

Evergreen Tree Identification Introduction

December 1st, 7:00 – 8:00 pm from Montgomery Parks

Winter is the time when our evergreens shine! Maybe you know that every evergreen isn't a pine, but is it a cypress? A juniper? A cedar? Join us from the comfort of your couch to learn the basics of evergreen tree identification. **Ticketed.**

Mini Grant Awards



Heritage Montgomery is proud to announce the recipients of this year's Mini-Grant Awards:

- Amazing Theater - \$2,500 for a project on Josiah Henson
- Button Farm - \$2,500 for programming and improvement
- Docs in Progress - \$2,500 for the Village Voices project
- Germantown Bank - \$850 for landscape design

- Glen Echo Park - \$1,690 for rack card translations
- Montgomery Preservation Inc. - \$2,500 for an event on Montgomery County's Historic Rail Line
- MOOseum - \$1,000 for rack cards
- National Capital Trolley Museum - \$2,500 for interpretive repurposing of a trolley car
- Peerless Rockville - \$2,500 for Signage
- Sandy Spring Museum - \$2,500 for crowd-sourced transcription
- Sandy Spring Slave Museum - \$2,500 for an immersive experience project
- Sugarland Ethno History Project - \$2,500 for a bench and signage replacement



Partner News

[34th Annual Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation Showcase Outstanding Achievements](#)

Eight Montgomery County individuals and groups were honored recently at historic Kensington Armory with 2021 Historic Preservation Awards. The annual event, sponsored by Montgomery Preservation (MPI), recognizes outstanding achievements in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors in Montgomery County. Awardees were captured in a creative movie with personal testimonies, photographs, and music. The splendid movie, with stories about each of the award winners, can be accessed at www.montgomerypreservation.org. A collage of Award winners is attached to this release, and more information is available.



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