



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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MHAA Grant Announcement

Applications Open for FY23 MHAA Project Grants!

Intent to Apply due January 28, 2022

Applications due March 18, 2022

[See more and access the application.](#)

Webinars and Q&A Sessions

Webinar: Dec. 15 at 11 AM

Webinar: Jan. 5 at 2 PM

Q&A Session: Jan. 12 at 11 AM

Q&A Session: Jan. 20 at 6 PM

Q&A Session: Jan. 26 at 4:30 PM

[Sign up for webinar and Q&A Sessions](#)

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grant Program is a source of funding designed to assist and encourage the preservation of historical, archeological, natural, and cultural resources and support economic development through heritage tourism within heritage areas certified by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. MHAA Project Grant awards may be as high as \$50,000 for non-capital projects and \$100,000 for capital projects. This matching grant opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations and local or federal government agencies in the boundaries of the heritage area. Proposals should align with the goals and priorities of Heritage Montgomery.

Have a project in mind? Contact director@heritagemontgomery.org about getting started.

Upcoming Events



Beauty and the Beast at the Olney Theater

November 5-January 2nd, 2022

Be our guest for the holidays as the classic animated story comes to life on the Olney Theatre Mainstage. Our biggest show of the year brings the whole family together for a magical and memorable musical about the redemptive power of love. Join Belle, Lumiere, Cogsworth, and the rest of the gang in the Beast's cursed castle for an escape to a world where beauty is more than skin deep and happily ever after is just a rose petal away.

Adventure Theatre MTC's Winterfest at Glen Echo

November 19th-January 2nd, 2022

Get three shows for the price of one! Adventure brings favorites from the digital Jingle in July festival to the live stage. *Uri & Ora Light the Menorah*, *Connection*, and *Cranky Penguin*.

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The Christmas Revels at Glen Echo Park

December 10-12 & 17-19

The Christmas Revels is back to the stage with a story rooted in the history of our region and our nation. After almost 40 years, The Christmas Revels will be staged in a new venue - the historic Spanish Ballroom.

BlackRock Celebrates the Season; Community Sing-A-Long and Light up at BlackRock

December 11th - 2pm-6pm

BlackRock is excited to bring the community and local artists together for the third annual BlackRock Celebrates the Season outdoor/indoor event. This is a great way to enjoy local entertainment, engage in free seasonal arts-and-crafts for all ages, and enjoy some delicious beverages to warm your soul.

2021 Holly Trolleyfest

December 4th, 11th, 18th, & 19th

Ride the Street Cars, visit with Santa, and see our Winter Garden Railway. Reservations required.

Ticketed admissions every 30 minutes from 12 Noon through 4 p.m. All COVID guidelines will be followed and capacity will be limited.

Fine Arts & Crafts Holiday Gift Show at Sandy Spring Museum

November 26-December 22nd

The annual Fine Arts & Crafts Holiday Gift Show features one-of-a-kind pieces including jewelry, quilts, pottery, and other fine arts and crafts – all created by local artists. Every item for sale is unique and individually crafted by regional artists who use their imagination and talents to make something special for everyone on your gift list. **Free.**

Seneca State Park Festival of Lights

November 26-December 31st

The City's Winter Lights Festival is getting ready to welcome visitors for another spectacular season. The 3.5 mile drive through the enchanted setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 450 illuminated displays and beautifully lit trees that light up the night. The park is located at [11950 Clopper Road](#), conveniently accessible from I-270.

The Puppet Co.'s *The Nutcracker*

November 26th-January 3rd, 2022

Join the Puppet Co. for our 33rd annual The Nutcracker! This time-honored seasonal celebration includes Tchaikovsky's familiar story of Clara and her prince, with some Puppet Co. nursery rhyme spin.

Tree Ornaments

December 18 11am-3pm at the Patuxent Nature Center

Come decorate your own "tree cookie" (made of wood) to take home and use in your house. Stop by the Nature Center before or after you head out on a hike. **Free.**

First Day Hike 2022 - "First to Step Foot"

January 1st 11am and 1pm at the Patuxent Nature Center

Be one of the first hikers to step foot on a new trail here at Patuxent River State Park. Join park rangers on this guided 3- mile roundtrip hike. We will meet at the Nature Center. Be one of the first hikers to step foot on a new trail here at Patuxent River State Park. Join park rangers on this guided 3- mile roundtrip hike. We will meet at the Nature Center. Registration is preferred as parking and supplies are limited. Please email patuxentriver.statepark@maryland.gov or call the park office at 301-924-2127 to register. **Free.**

End of Year Giving



Last summer HM was pleased to offer emergency Mini Grants of up to \$1000 each to fund site re-opening costs. We awarded over \$10,000 to 12 sites. Our ability to step up and offer these grants was due in large part to the generosity of our donors during our annual fundraising drive.

Once again, we ask that you consider a donation to Heritage Montgomery as part of your year-end giving. Some of the programs that provide much needed support to our county's rich heritage resources rely on your gift. Additionally, please let us know if you or your business would like to sponsor a particular project or program. Donate now at HeritageMontgomery.org

Seasons Greetings



We wish you the best for a happy holiday season and a safe and healthy 2022!



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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