



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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Button Farm Living History Center



We are pleased to release the latest video in our Heritage Montgomery sites series. We hope you enjoy this week's video featuring **Button Farm Living History Center** located at 16820 Blackrock Road, Germantown, MD. For more information visit ButtonFarm.org.

Historic Button Farm, is situated on 40-acres, inside of Seneca Creek State Park and through their unique interactive experiences, they seek to reveal our nation's social justice legacy, using the story of slavery and the Underground Railroad as a spark for human potential.

Videos are available on our Heritage Montgomery YouTube channel, as well as through links on the HM website, and partner websites.

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.](#)

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.

Additional Grant Opportunities

[Preserving Black Churches: New Project from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund](#)

As the oldest institutions created and controlled by African Americans, Black churches testify to the achievements and resiliency of generations in the face of a racialized and inequitable society. Now, with leadership support from the Lilly Endowment Inc., the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund is investing in historic Black churches and congregations to reimagine, redesign, and redeploy historic preservation to address the institutions' needs and the cultural assets and stories they steward.

[Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program Webinars](#)

[The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program](#) promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. Eligible properties are limited to those which are listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a contributing structure within a district. The program typically receives an annual appropriation of \$600,000 for grants per year. Applications for the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program are typically available in February and due in mid-March, with decisions made by July every year.

[Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund Grant Round Open](#)

The Heritage Fund provides direct assistance for the protection of endangered cultural resources and promotes innovative education projects that can inform best practices across the state. Non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions are eligible to apply. Eligible projects fall into three general categories: education and research, planning and feasibility, and repair and rehabilitation. The next round of Heritage Fund applications will be due Friday, March 18, 2022.

Upcoming Events



[Gallery Openings at Glen Echo Park](#)

January 22-March 27

Check out the new shows on display in the Popcorn, Stone Tower, and Park View Gallery. Current exhibits run through March 27.

[Tory Cowles: Juxtapositions exhibit in the Kay Gallery](#)

January 24 - February 24th at the Black Rock Center for the Arts

Solo Exhibition of Abstract Assemblages, Sculptures and Collages Made from Found Objects and Materials and a video installation of CityDance interacting with the work utilizing original choreography and contemporary dance. **Free.**

[Cemetery Hike](#)

January 29, 11 am at the Patuxent Nature Center

Join a volunteer ranger for a hike of the park's new Red Trail. The hike will be about 3.5 miles round trip, explores a new area of the southern park, and visits the historic Howard family cemetery. **Free.**

[Meet the Reptiles](#)

January 30, 10 am - 1 pm at the Patuxent Nature Center

Many reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about this interesting group of animals and will include the chance to see a live Corn Snake. Come see how corn snakes have adjusted to meet the challenges of their environment. **Free.**

[Takoma Park Farmers Market](#)

January 30 - See website for location

You'll find the freshest local, seasonal produce, bread, pasture-raised meats, artisan cheese, eggs, baked goods and more from farms located within 125 miles of Takoma Park, MD. **Free to Attend.**

[History Rewind: "Gibson Grove: Gone but Not Forgotten"](#)

January 31 - Virtual Program from Montgomery History

The historic African American community of Gibson was built on self-reliance, in a time when African Americans were discriminated against by those outside their communities. Gibson has all but faded in the memories of many and today the few remaining historical sites are being threatened by the expansion of the Beltway. This talk will explore the history of Gibson Grove and the actions being taken to save the two sites associated with this community. **Free.**

Did You Know or Were You Told

February 8 - February 25 at the Bohrer Park Activity Center

Learn about the people, places & events that contribute to Black History. The display is sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Committee to educate & enlighten the community. **Free.**

Cooking with History

February 12, 1 pm - 2:30 pm Virtual Event from Montgomery Parks

Join us for a virtual discussion and celebration of traditional African American cooking.

The program will feature a one-hour panel and question and answer session on the lives of enslaved cooks, the impact of racial systems on foodways, and ongoing efforts to engage with African American culinary heritage. **Free.**

Nesting Habits: From Eagles and Owls to Backyard Birds

February 13th, 2 pm - 4 pm Virtual Event from the Sandy Spring Museum

Explore Maryland and the D.C. area through a bird's eye view with expert and local naturalist Sue Muller. Discover tips and tricks on how to find eagles and owls in your area as Sue discusses her work on the Maryland/ D.C. Breeding Bird Atlas 3. **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 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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