



News & Updates from Heritage Montgomery

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## Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory



We are pleased to release the latest video in our Heritage Montgomery sites series. We hope you enjoy this week's video featuring the **Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory**. For more information on the observatory [click here](#).

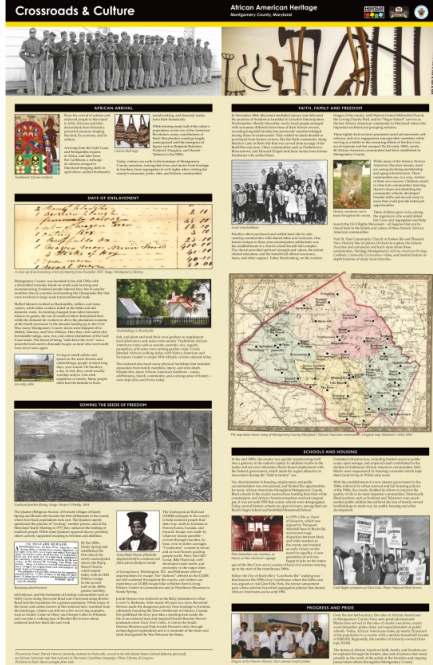
Montgomery County, Maryland's Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory, built in 1899, was part of an international project to measure the earth's wobble on its polar axis. Now restored, the structure is part of Observatory Park, an interpretive public space that highlights the importance of the scientific work that was carried out here.

All videos in the Heritage Montgomery Sites Series are available on our Youtube channel, [click here](#) to view the entire series, as well as through links on the HM website and partner website.

## African American History Brochure

To learn more about African American History in Montgomery County Maryland and to find places to visit please take a look at HM's latest brochure *Crossroads and Culture*.

To order hard copies contact



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You can also find more information on our website  
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## Upcoming Events



### Black History Month Programs

*Virtual Programs All Month Long from the Montgomery County Public Libraries*

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) has programs planned throughout the month for residents to learn more about African-American history and culture. **Free.**

### C&O Canal Scenic Byway

*All Month Long from Visit Maryland*

Traverse "The Grand Old Ditch" connecting Washington, D.C. to Cumberland through rolling countrysides and the scenic waters of the Potomac River. **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 Program from the Josiah Henson Museum and Park*

Join us for a discussion and celebration of traditional African American cooking. Panelists will discuss the slices of enslaved cooks, the impact of racial systems on foodways, and ongoing efforts to engage with African American culinary heritage. **Free.**

## Wonderroom: Valentine's Day Crafts

*February 13, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm from the Sandy Spring Museum*

Brighten up someone's day by making Valentine's Day luminaries! Using colorful tissue paper and paper cups, designs can be as simple or as complex as each artist would like. A perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon, resulting in a fun decoration or gift for a loved one.

## Meet the Reptiles

*February 20th, 11 am - 3 pm at the Patuxent River 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. Free.

## Black History Month Transcribe A-Thon

*February 21st, 11 am - 3 pm, Virtual Event from the Sandy Spring Museum*

Explore the history of Sandy Spring through transcription! For more than 300 years, the Sandy Spring area has been home to generations of African and African American families. In honor of Black History Month, we seek your help in uncovering some of these family stories awaiting discovery by transcribing historic documents. Free.

## Meeting of the Minds

*February 26, 11 am - 12:15 pm Virtual Event from the Josiah Henson Museum and Park*

Celebrate the paralleled legacies and experience of our Maryland Black History titans, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Reverend Josiah Henson for a virtual conversation by first-person re-enactors about the life of these leaders. All born in southern Maryland, these individuals have shaped and impacted the course of history while displaying bravery that continues to inspire generations. Free.

## Heritage Montgomery and Partner News



- Heritage Montgomery sponsored exhibit, the Civilian Conservation Corps Wayside Exhibits, win the National Association of Interpretation Award! Learn more about the exhibits by [clicking here](#).
- *Finding Fellowship* documentary goes national! *Finding Fellowship*, a documentary about the Quince Orchard community has been picked up by PBS for national broadcasting. [Click here](#) to see when it will be broadcast in your community.



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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