



Heritage REPORT

Maryland Emancipation Day!



Washington Revels at Beall-Dawson House

On Saturday, November 1, Heritage Montgomery joined with Montgomery Parks and heritage sites around the county to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Maryland Emancipation Day, when a new state constitution freed enslaved people living in Maryland in 1864. HM celebrated this special day at Button Farm Living History Center in Germantown with music, storytelling, games & crafts, and presentations on

local African American history. Sandy Spring Museum and the Montgomery County Historical Society also offered special programs, funded in part by MHAA grants.

We were especially pleased to be joined by State Sen. Brian Feldman and Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo who presented HM's FY 2015 Mini-Grant awards. Special thanks to Button Farm and volunteers from King Barn Dairy



Bonfire at Button Farm

MOOseum, Boyds Historical Society, Sugarland Ethno-History Project, and Girl Scout Troop 3193 for helping to make the day such a success!

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Heritage Days 2014

We had a fantastic weekend with over 9,000 attendees for Heritage Days 2014! Our partners presented wonderful programs highlighting our themes of African American & Quaker History, Historic Technology, Agricultural Reserve, and Local Gems. We were also pleased to feature Activity Hubs – in Rockville, Germantown, Sandy Spring, and along the C&O Canal – for the first time. We will continue to work to make Heritage Days Weekend – June 27 & 28, 2015 – better than ever!



Boyds Negro School



Oakley Cabin



King Barn Dairy MOOseum

FY 2015 MHAA Grant Awards

Heritage Montgomery is pleased to announce the local recipients of FY 2015 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grants totaling \$155,700:

- **National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville** – \$25,000 Project Grant for restoration of the Lord Baltimore Streetcar Truck
- **Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville** – \$5,000 Project Grant for a Maryland Emancipation Day program
- **Sandy Spring Museum in Sandy Spring** – \$5,000 Project Grant for Emancipation: 150 Years Later program
- **Heritage Montgomery** – \$8,100 Project Grant for Heritage Days 2015
- **Heritage Montgomery** – \$12,600 Project Grant for War of 1812 Bicentennial and Civil War Sesquicentennial interpretive programs
- **Heritage Montgomery** – \$100,000 Management Grant for operating support



Emancipation Day at Mont. Co. Historical Society

Applications for FY 2016 MHAA Grants will be available by January 1, 2015 at mht.maryland.gov/grants.shtml with Intent to Apply forms due January 31. For more information visit the Grants page at HeritageMontgomery.org or call the HM office.



FY 2015 *Mini-Grants*

Heritage Montgomery was pleased to award the FY 2015 Mini Grants on November 1 at Button Farm. Grants totaling \$20,820 were awarded to eleven valued Montgomery County partners. This year's grant round saw an exceptional number of exciting projects that Heritage Montgomery is pleased to support. Special thanks to Sen. Brian Feldman and Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo for joining us for the award presentations.

Boyds Historical Society, Boyds

\$750 to reprint the Boyds History brochure

Gaithersburg Community Museum, Gaithersburg

\$2500 to upgrade the historic general store, bank, and schoolroom interpretive exhibits at the museum

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo

\$1250 to begin an oral history video project covering the park's history from the 1930s to the 1970s

Historic Medley District, Poolesville

\$2500 for a new interpretive sign at the old Poolesville bank building/Poolesville Museum

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds

\$2500 for restoration of a Ford Model T dairy delivery truck

Montgomery County Forestry Board

\$1250 to print the biennial "Montgomery County Register of Champion Trees 2015" booklet

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville

\$1900 for the annual Montgomery County History Conference



Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo & Sen. Brian Feldman presenting to Sugarloaf Regional Trail's Peg Coleman

Montgomery Parks Foundation, Silver Spring

\$1250 for Maryland Emancipation Day 2014 speakers, demonstrations, and musicians

National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville

\$1920 to develop three mobile exhibits, Women in Transit, Winter in Washington, and Civil War Street Cars, as well as an informational sign at the driveway entrance to the museum

The Quince Orchard Project, Gaithersburg

\$2500 for the design, development, and display for a museum in the former Quince Orchard Colored School at the Pleasant View Historic Site as part of The Quince Orchard Project

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville

\$2500 to continue development of an Indian trail on the C&O Canal with related events for Heritage Days 2015

Please Support H.M.!

Thank you, Friends of Heritage Montgomery, for helping to make 2014 such a successful year. December is often a time for looking back on the past year's accomplishments and anticipating good things to come in the new year.

We hope you will consider a year-end, tax-deductible gift to Heritage Montgomery. We are looking forward to new and exciting programs in 2015, including an Arbor Day celebration and a major "Coming Home after the Civil War" event at Riley's Lock in Poolesville.

Any donation truly has a significant impact on our non-profit organization and HM's efforts to support and promote Montgomery County's unique historic, cultural, and natural resources. To donate, visit our website and click the red "Support Heritage Montgomery" button on the home page, or email (HeritageMontgomery@gmail.com) or call us to request a donation envelope.

We thank you for your support!



Brookeville's U.S. Capital for a Day Celebration

Labor Day Weekend 2014 saw a remarkable celebration in Brookeville, Maryland.

Crowds of over 10,000 came to town for a taste of life in Brookeville during the waning days of August 1814 when President James Madison fled Washington, then under siege by British soldiers, and took refuge in Brookeville.

Visitors saw the arrival of President Madison and his mounted guard and his departure with Secretary of State James Monroe the following day, costumed living historians portraying Brookeville residents and refugees from Washington, craft demonstrations, children's games, and technology exhibits of life in Brookeville in 1814.

This event was funded in part by MHAA and co-sponsored by Heritage Montgomery. Congratulations, Brookeville, on a fantastic War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration!



Montgomery Co. Executive Isiah Leggett and Sen. Paul Sarbanes talk with President Madison & his aide.



Reenactors at Brookeville 1814

Comings & Goings

Heritage Montgomery would like to extend thanks and best wishes to outgoing board members Judy Christensen, Bobby Donovan, Chris Goodwin, Tom Kuehhas, and Cathie Titus.

Judy was a founding board member and brought considerable expertise to HM as a preservation planner and historian. Bobby, Executive Director of the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, has been an important voice for the arts on the HM board since 2007. Chris, a noted archeologist and owner of the Comus Inn, joined the HM board in year two and offered both business and historic preservation perspectives to board discussions. Tom, in representing the Montgomery County Historical Society, was a vital partner to HM. Cathie has been a valued contributor to Heritage Montgomery since 2004 as both a board member and for four years as Deputy Director. Thank you all for your years of service and dedication to Heritage Montgomery.

We are very pleased to welcome four new members to the Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors: Sheila Bashiri, Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Rockville; Anthony Cohen, President of The Menare Foundation, headquartered at Button Farm Living History Center; Ying Fang, a CPA with Snyder Cohn Collyer Hamilton & Associates; and Jason Green, Director and Producer with 1331 Productions and co-founder of SkillSmart.



Letter from the *Director*

Wow, it has been quite a year – busy, fun, and exciting! Our 17th annual Heritage Days event was great. Over 40 HM partners really pulled out all the stops this year and are already planning for 2015!

In November, Heritage Montgomery co-sponsored the 150th Maryland Emancipation Day celebration with Montgomery Parks (M-NCPPC). HM partners Sandy Spring Museum and the Montgomery County Historical Society each had special commemorative programs funded by MHAA grants.

Plans are underway for a “Coming Home to Montgomery County after the Civil War” event to be held in mid-May 2015 at Riley’s Lock in Poolesville. We already have more than 10 partners participating including NPS, C&O Canal Trust, M-NCPPC, and Md. Dept. of Natural Resources. Highlights of the day will include a hike to Civil War sites at Block House Point, a bike ride along the Seneca Creek Trail, a performance by the Piscataway Native Dancers, and an appearance by the mules of the C&O Canal.



HM Board President Tom Kettler & Exec. Dir. Sarah Rogers

Last month we held our first HM Board retreat. We brainstormed ways to make HM an even more vital organization and how to connect with and serve our partners more effectively, and reviewed new logo and rebranding strategies.

I would like to welcome our new Board members Sheila Bashiri, Tony Cohen, Ying Fang, and Jason Green and thank outgoing members Judy Christensen, Bobby Donovan, Chris Goodwin, Tom Kuehhas, and Cathie Titus for their many years of service to HM!

Now, at years end, is the time we traditionally ask for support from our HM friends. Please remember us with a tax-deductible donation that will help us continue promoting and supporting the unique historic, cultural, and natural areas in Montgomery County. Thank you!

Sarah Rogers

Meet John Pentecost Heritage Montgomery Board Secretary



John has been an important member of the Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors since 2009.

His thoughtful and insightful participation in HM grant review committees considering applicants for both MHAA and Mini Grants has been particularly valuable. John

is especially adept at evaluating the all-important details of a project while still keeping an eye on the big picture. Currently serving on the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, John is a retired Community Development and Housing professional. As a volunteer he led the effort to designate Washington Grove as a National Historic District. John and his wife, Phyllis, live in the Agricultural Reserve, enjoying their four grandchildren and raising chickens and assorted pets.

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Please remember Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Every donation has a significant impact and will be greatly appreciated!

Heritage Montgomery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Heritage Profile



Olney Theatre Center

**2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
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The Olney Theatre Center was founded in 1938 and was known as “The South’s First Professional Summer Theatre.” Today, this award-winning regional theatre offers diverse theatrical productions as well as extensive apprenticeship and educational outreach programs at its beautiful 14-acre campus.

Heritage Montgomery Board of Directors

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