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HERITAGE MONTGOMERY'S FY 2012 MINI-GRANT AWARDS

Germantown, Maryland: The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County (Heritage Montgomery) is a non-profit organization created to bring the county's rich history to the attention of its residents and visitors. The Mini-Grant Program recognizes county groups and their programs that contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. Heritage Montgomery is pleased to announce nine grants totaling \$15,380 to the following recipients:

Boys Historical Society, Boyds - \$1,550

-- For new signage at the Boyds Negro School

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, Glen Echo - \$2,500

-- To produce and install 19 banners throughout the park

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds - \$1,550

-- To reprint an informational brochure on dairying

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville - \$2,500

-- To help fund the 2012 History Conference

Montgomery County Public Schools - \$500

-- To enhance the school system's Civil War curriculum

Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Rockville - \$1,000

-- To develop a new logo and tagline

Warren Church & Historic Site, Martinsburg - \$1,000

-- To develop a marketing plan

Washington Revels, Inc., Silver Spring

-- To develop a Civil War music and dance program - \$2,500

-- For the development of an Ann Maria Weems historic character - \$2,280

HM Executive Director Peggy Erickson shared that "In these tight financial times, we are very happy to be able to help fund these important projects of small non profits in Montgomery County." Heritage Montgomery is one of 11 designated state heritage areas with a goal of encouraging economic development through tourism.