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Photo Caption: Councilmember Nancy Floreen presents Mini-Grant award to Linda Pepe, Montgomery County Forestry Board, as Heritage Montgomery Exec. Dir. Peggy Erickson looks on

HERITAGE MONTGOMERY ANNOUNCES FY 2013 MINI-GRANT AWARDS

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. Each year, Heritage Montgomery Mini Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to county non-profit organizations and local government entities. Programs supported by Mini Grant funding contribute to interpreting, promoting, preserving, or researching our historical, cultural and natural resources and encourage heritage tourism to the area.

On October 16th Heritage Montgomery hosted an awards reception at the Glenview Mansion in Rockville when the nine grants totaling \$17,940 were awarded. In addition to our honorees, special guests included Councilmembers Phil Andrews and Nancy Floreen, Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Lillian Cruz representing Congressman Chris Van Hollen, and Joy Nurmi representing County Executive Isiah Leggett.

Washington Revels, Silver Spring – \$2,500 to enhance the musical performance repertoire

Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Poolesville – \$320 for a large display board and carrying case

Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring – \$2,220 for redesign of the museum website

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville – \$2,250 for their annual History Conference

Montgomery County Forest Conservancy Board – \$2,250 for design and printing of Register of Champion Trees booklet

King Farm Dairy MOOseum, Boyds – \$2,500 for the silhouette of a milk cart horse, signage, and brochure

Historic Medley District, Poolesville – \$2,500 for website update and computer hardware

Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo – \$2,500 for bi-annual preservation work on the historic carousel

American Latvian Museum, Rockville – \$900 to purchase mannequin and develop Latvian Songs exhibit

“Our Mini Grant Program is one of Heritage Montgomery’s strongest initiatives. These grants can have a major impact on the budget of a small heritage organization and help create and augment a wonderful array of fun and informative programs,” stated Heritage Montgomery Executive Director Peggy Erickson.