

Heritage REPORT

Heritage Days 2015!

**Join us for Heritage Days
Weekend, Saturday, June 27
& Sunday, June 28!**

We are looking forward to offering a weekend full of fascinating, fun, and free activities all around the County!

On Saturday, spend a special afternoon at **Monocacy Aqueduct** (Dickerson) when Sugarloaf Regional Trails dedicates its new Native American Heritage Trail. Members of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe in ceremonial regalia will perform traditional dances and talk about their heritage.



Brookeville



Hyattstown Mill Art Gallery

In Boyds, tour the Victorian **Boyd-Maughlin House** (Sat. & Sun.) and garden where the whole family will enjoy country crafts, period games, and fishing with a bamboo pole! See the new Model T milk delivery truck and wooden milk wagon at the **King Barn Dairy MOOseum** (Sat. & Sun.) and enjoy special activities for children.

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Image at left: DC Radio Control Club in Boyds



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Visit Rockville on Saturday and celebrate the 200th birthday of the **Beall-Dawson House** with tours, activities, and games for all ages. Bike to the **Red Brick Courthouse** for Peerless Rockville's 10am guided bicycle tour of historic Rockville, or join a walking tour of the Courthouse Square Historic District at 11am or 1pm.

Stop by Olney and visit **Oakley Cabin** (Sat.), the restored 1880s home to African American tenant families, with storytelling by the Griots' Circle of Maryland and string band folk music. The **Olney Theatre Center** offers hourly tours on Saturday from 1-4pm. At 5pm, enjoy "Musicals from Stage to Film and Back Again," a look at the history of musical comedies with excerpts from *Guys and Dolls*, *On the Town*, and *Chicago*.

See the new "Clay" exhibit in the gallery at the **Hyattstown Mill** (Sat. & Sun. in Clarksburg), with clay art & pottery demonstrations and crafts for kids. Music throughout the day on Saturday.

Pack a picnic, grab your Heritage Days brochure, and enjoy the day exploring Montgomery County!



Boyd's Negro School

FY 2016 MHAA *Grants Submitted*

We were very pleased to submit eight FY 2016 grant applications to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority in April. Grant awards will be announced by MHAA in June.

- **C&O Canal Trust** – for adding a "Plan Your Visit" website feature – \$7,500
- **Glen Echo Park** – to renovate the historic carousel organ room – \$15,753
- **National Capital Trolley Museum** – for restoration of Capital Transit car 1430 – \$27,740
- **Seneca Creek State Park** – for interpretation and site improvements at the historic Black Rock Mill – \$9,058
- **Heritage Montgomery** – for a 2016 Humanities Fair – \$14,000
- **Heritage Montgomery** – for African American heritage interpretive programs – \$15,000
- **Heritage Montgomery Management Grant** – \$100,000



Black Rock Mill



2015 *Maryland Preservation* Awards

Congratulations to the Montgomery County awardees of 2015 Maryland Preservation Awards! Each year, the Maryland Historical Trust celebrates the best efforts in historic preservation from around the state.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Office was cited for Excellence in Community Engagement for Montgomery Modern, a web page, video, and guidebook educating the public about local mid-century modern buildings and communities.

Owners Sandy and Duane Heiler were recognized for Excellence in Residential Rehabilitation for their work with architect Miche Booz repairing, rehabilitating, and adding to the historic Thomas-Bentley House in Brookeville, where President Madison sought refuge during the War of 1812.

The National Institutes of Health's Historic Preservation Program was noted for Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency for efforts in the historic preservation of its Bethesda campus.



Montgomery County Historic Preservation Office Awardees

Historic Preservation Awards

On Friday, March 27, Montgomery Preservation, Inc. hosted the 2014 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation at the historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station. Congratulations to this year's award winners!

Awardees included the Bentley-Heiler House in Brookeville (Owners Sandra & Duane Heiler) for Stewardship of a Historic Resource; Seneca Schoolhouse Museum in Poolesville (State of Maryland, Historic Medley District) for Restoration and Rehabilitation of a Historic Resource for Educational Use; Peerless Rockville for Outstanding Creator of an Educational Program Series; and Brookeville "U.S. Capital for a Day" War of 1812 Bicentennial Program for Outstanding Creator of an Educational Event.

For more information on the Awards and to see a complete list of awardees, visit MontgomeryPreservation.org.



Seneca Schoolhouse Museum



Thank You!

A special thank you to our many supporters for helping to make Heritage Montgomery's year-end fundraising campaign such a success. Your generous contributions help us to continue our efforts sponsoring new and innovative interpretive programs and promoting our heritage area partners.

Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County	Barbara Grunbaum	Bethany Manimbo	Jack Price
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Applications for *2016 Mini-Grants*

Heritage Montgomery's Mini-Grant Program supports activities in the county that contribute to interpreting, promoting, and preserving our historical legacy and encourage tourism to the area. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to non-profit organizations and government entities. In August, the FY 2016 Mini-Grant guidelines and application form will be posted under the Grants tab of the HM website (HeritageMontgomery.org). Before beginning your application, please call Sarah to discuss your project/plans.





Letter from the *Director*



Here's hoping everyone has recuperated from the long, chilly visit from Old Man Winter and is ready to get out, stretch their legs, and enjoy our Heritage Area! We are wrapping up planning for the 18th annual Heritage Days events – our partners are offering so many great ways to experience Montgomery County this year!

You may have noticed our new logo. As we move into our second decade, a brighter crisper brand seemed in order. The design is based on four

colored blocks that represent each of our Heritage Area themes: Transportation Trails, African American Heritage, Agricultural Reserve, and Heritage Gems (a new “theme” to unify all of the sites that don’t quite fit into the other groups). The colors will go a long way to branding HM’s partner sites as destinations.

We are continuing our “branding” efforts with a redesign of our website. The new website will be organized to provide users fluid access and easy exploration of our offerings. Look for it to roll out this fall.

In July we will begin a series of HM partner meetings. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the site managers to meet one another, compare notes, brainstorm solutions for common issues, and, most importantly, tell HM what they need from our organization and how we can serve them better.

I look forward to seeing everyone out and about this summer and especially at Heritage Days!

Sarah Rogers

Meet Sheila Bashiri Heritage Montgomery Board Member



Born and raised in Detroit, Sheila learned to appreciate historic architecture and interior design from an early age. After earning a Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts and a Master’s in Urban Planning, she has worked as an architectural historian in Detroit, as a City Planner/

Preservation Planner for the City of Birmingham, Michigan, and has taught planning and preservation planning at the university level. In 2014 Sheila relocated to Maryland to become the Preservation Planner for the City of Rockville where she especially enjoys working with residents to help get projects approved by the Historic District Commission while making sure that their property retains its historic integrity. Sheila travels extensively studying preservation and planning and enjoys live jazz and binge watching shows on Netflix.

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Montgomery Parks

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The Barn at Woodlawn Manor
Credit: Donna Will

Montgomery Parks, a division of Maryland-National Capital Parks & Planning Commission, includes more than 400 parks on over 34,000 acres of parkland in Montgomery County. In addition to playgrounds, trails, campsites, and sports facilities, a number of sites tell stories of local history. Oakley Cabin African American Museum and Park in Olney, Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, Harpers Cabin at Brookside Nature Center in Wheaton, Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park in Sandy Spring, and Josiah Henson Park in N. Bethesda are just a few of the unique sites waiting for you to explore!

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