

HERITAGE REPORT

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GAITHERSBURG COMMUNITY MUSEUM AND HISTORIC TRAIN STATION

Heritage Days Weekend!

Join us for the 19th annual Heritage Days Weekend – June 25 & 26! Over 30 sites across Montgomery County will be open with FREE admission offering programs appealing to visitors of all ages and interests. It is the perfect time to explore local history, culture, and nature. Family-friendly activities will include special exhibits & demonstrations, crafts & games for children, history tours, live music, and refreshments.

along the C&O Canal, where you can also see the Canal mules; a performance by members of the Piscataway Conoy Native American tribe at Monocacy Aqueduct; and JuneFest at Pleasant View, an African American heritage site featuring an historic church, school, and cemetery. At a dozen heritage sites you will be able to see the work of local plein air painters, artists who work directly from life, capturing the natural beauty around us. On Sunday, join the Silver Spring Historical Society's Bike & Picnic Tour of Historic Silver Spring leaving from the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station at 10am.

Consider a visit to the Sandy Spring/Brookeville area including the new Woodlawn Stone Barn Visitor Center, Oakley Cabin, Sandy Spring Slave Museum, Sandy Spring Museum, and Brookeville Academy.

In response to your suggestions, this year many locations are especially welcoming picnickers and bicyclists.

New events this year include a hard-hat tour of Swains Lockhouse



LOCKHOUSE 10

August 25th marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service! The centennial offers the perfect opportunity to explore Montgomery County's C&O Canal National Historical Park. From the Great Falls Visitor Center in Potomac to historic lockhouses on the way out to Poolesville, you'll find a wealth of options to enjoy both the history and natural beauty of our own national park! Special activities are planned at parks throughout the country to celebrate these national treasures.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Greetings everyone! As we close a chilly and damp spring, it's time to look forward to a warm and sunny summer full of heritage activities!

We're all set for our annual Heritage Days weekend, June 25 & 26, and are already making plans for next year's 20th anniversary of this countywide celebration.

We've been busy with some wonderful projects that we're happy to tell you about in this issue of the *Heritage Report*.

Our African American Heritage Cookbook is really starting to take shape. Over fifty heritage recipes have been submitted, some on the original handwritten recipe cards – and it's not too late to send yours along!

Through a 2016 Mini Grant, Heritage Montgomery helped sponsor the Montgomery County Public School's annual History Day that was presented by the Montgomery County Historical Society in January. We were on hand to help judge the entries – it was a difficult job choosing among many fabulous projects. Please think about signing up to judge next year. It's a fun day and a great way to support the next generation of history professionals!

And ... be sure to take a minute to explore our redesigned website!

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COMINGS & GOINGS



Heritage Montgomery has reluctantly accepted Mary Kay Harper's resignation from HM's Board of Directors. Mary Kay has been instrumental to Heritage Montgomery since day one when, as Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, she helped found our organization. She has served as both Board

President and Treasurer, and has been critical to HM's growth and success. We can't thank her enough for so many years of service and wish her all the best as she enjoys more time with her family both here and at their West Virginia retreat.

MEET YING FANG

Heritage Montgomery Board Treasurer



Ying has been a valuable addition to the Heritage Montgomery Board since joining last year and we are pleased that she has agreed to serve as Treasurer. A Germantown resident, Ying is a CPA and Manager, Supervising Senior Accountant at Snyder Cohn Collyer Hamilton & Associates, PC. She received her bachelor's degree in Finance from Renmin University in Beijing and masters degrees in both Education and Accounting from West Virginia University. In addition to being active in her church, Ying enjoys hiking, history, and reading.

HM'S NEW WEBSITE!



HOME PAGE SCREENSHOT

Heritage Montgomery is very pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website! We hope it becomes an invaluable tool for anyone interested in learning more about the amazing history, culture, and natural areas of Montgomery County.

The site has been designed with several user groups especially in mind – the visitor, our heritage area partners, local educators, and anyone interested in history.

Plan Your Visit includes an interactive map of over 40 heritage sites, as well as information on local parks & trails, farmers markets, plus places to visit with your kids and pets! Our Partners' toolbox contains a myriad of grant information as well as planning, management, and interpretive resources to help make our partner organizations even better and more successful. Educator's resources features details on fascinating field trip options for all grade levels as well as links to primary source materials. And if you're interested in Montgomery County history, Dig Deeper, to learn about the local impact of the Civil War as well as our rich African American heritage.

Please take a minute to check out the new HeritageMontgomery.org – and let us know what you think!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS



COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT AT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

On Friday, March 25 the 2015 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation were celebrated at the Sandy Spring Museum. Sponsored by Montgomery Preservation, Inc. the awards recognize creativity in preservation problem solving in the county.

This year's award winners include:

Brookeville War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission,
Montgomery County Executive's Award

King Barn Dairy MOOseum,
Montgomery Prize for Historic Preservation

Silver Spring Historical Society and Germantown Historical Society,
Wayne Goldstein Preservation Action Award

"Montgomery Modern: Modern Architecture in Montgomery County, 1930-1979,"
Heritage Education Publication

Higgins Cemetery Historic Preservation Association,
Rescue of an Endangered Historic Resource

M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks, Cultural Resources Stewardship, Facilities Management,
Stewardship & Professional Development

Sugarland Ethno-History Project,
Outstanding Local History Educational Program

Darby Store, M-NCPPC,
Rehabilitation & Re-creation of a Rural Commercial Landmark

Woodlawn Stone Barn Visitor Center,
Restoration of Historic Barn & Renovation of Historic Site for Heritage Area Educational Use

For more information on the Historic Preservation Awards, visit MontgomeryPreservation.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

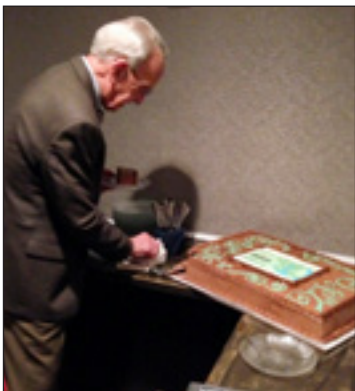
Heritage Montgomery would like to thank all of our donors for their generous contributions to our efforts supporting and promoting the heritage area. Thanks to your donations, HM can help fund important local projects with Mini Grants as well as support wonderful community programs like Poolesville History Day, pictured below.



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| Sheila Bashiri | Catherine Titus |
| John Carman | Allison Weiss |
| Judy Christensen | Scott Whipple |
| Becky Curtis | Mary Wolfe |
| Bill & Mary Duvall | Laura Anderson Wright |
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| Jason Green | Montgomery County |
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| Patricia Littlefield | Gift Baskets include: |
| Matthew Logan | C&O Canal Trust |
| Bethany Manimbo | Latvian Museum |
| Casey McCormick, | Montgomery Countryside |
| McCormick Paints | Alliance |
| Eileen McGuckian | Montgomery Parks |
| Bernie Mihm | National Capital Trolley |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mroczka | Museum |
| John Pentecost | Olney Theatre Center |
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MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS 20TH ANNIVERSARY



J. RODNEY LITTLE, RETIRED STATE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

2016 marks the 20th anniversary of the enabling legislation establishing the Maryland Heritage Areas Program. On February 1st, Maryland's 13 heritage areas, along with the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and Maryland Historical Trust, celebrated with a reception at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis.

Heritage area directors sponsored a meet-and-greet celebration for State elected officials. Reenactors and an anniversary cake helped commemorate two decades of impact and investment in our State's historic communities.



WOODLAWN STONE BARN VISITOR CENTER

Grand Opening: Saturday, June 11
Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park
16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring
HistoryintheParks.org

MHAA COMES TO OUR HERITAGE AREA



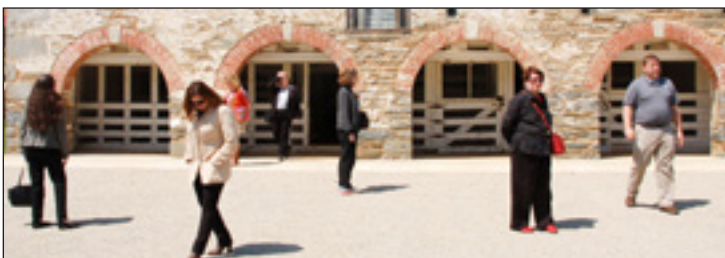
RIDING THE STREETCAR AT THE TROLLEY MUSEUM

Heritage Montgomery was pleased to host the spring meeting of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority on April 14. After a morning of meetings at the Sandy Spring Museum, attendees grabbed boxed lunches and set off on a heritage area bus tour. First stop was the new Woodlawn Stone Barn Visitor Center, a project funded by MHAA capital grants. The visitor center, a Montgomery Parks site with a grand opening planned for June 11, will be the hub for exploring the agricultural, African American, and Quaker heritage of the Sandy Spring/Brookeville area. Next stop was the nearby Oakley Cabin African American Museum & Park, part of an African American tenant community dating to the 1800s. The day finished off with a trolley ride and behind-the-scenes tour of the National Capital Trolley Museum.

HERITAGE DAYS, *continued from page 1*

Cyclists can enjoy our rustic roads and scenic byways as they peddle from site to site and picnickers can plan a relaxed afternoon in one spot, taking in nature and maybe some music with food and friends.

For details about Heritage Days 2016, visit our new website, HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753 and we'll be happy to send you a brochure.



WOODLAWN VISITOR CENTER

PASTPERFECT WORKSHOP



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Last fall, HM held a series of meetings with partners representing each of our four heritage themes, in part to identify areas where we might provide assistance. As a result, HM was pleased to facilitate a workshop for heritage area partners on using PastPerfect museum collection management software. Hosted at the Sandy Spring Museum on Saturday, May 21, this free seminar was geared to address the particular concerns of workshop participants. Special thanks to Allison Weiss and Lydia Fraser from the Sandy Spring Museum and National Capital Trolley Museum's Ken Rucker for helping to make the program such a success.

ARCHIVING PROJECT UPDATE



MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES

Work continues on our project to protect the historic documents of local African American church communities. HM will partner with the Maryland State Archives (MSA) using their staff and equipment to help catalog, digitize, and stabilize records collected from the Pleasant View Historic Site. MSA staff will supervise our Montgomery College intern who will work at the Archives. The original records along with a digitized copy will be returned to Pleasant View, and MSA will retain a copy for their collection. Montgomery County Historic Preservation Grant funding has made this important project possible.



Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County

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HERITAGE PROFILE



SANDY SPRING MUSEUM

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Sandy Spring Museum was incorporated in 1981 by volunteers seeking to preserve their community's history. Located in the heart of Sandy Spring, the museum complex with its striking exhibition and meeting space, state-of-the-art research library, and collections storage facility was completed in 2007. Its beautiful post and beam construction is reminiscent of buildings on Quaker farms in old Sandy Spring. The museum is a community gathering place, offering a wide variety of cultural arts activities.

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