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Promoting the Preservation, Protection and Enjoyment of Montgomery County's Rich Architectural Heritage and Historic Landscapes

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2015 Montgomery County Awards for Historic Preservation presented on March 25

Thirteen Montgomery County individuals and groups celebrated their Awards for Historic Preservation recently at the Sandy Spring Museum. On March 25, an overflow audience applauded as each recipient described their restoration of a historic place or programs that helped citizens appreciate local history's role in our community. The annual awards program is sponsored by the non-profit Montgomery Preservation Inc.

Presenting recognitions for creativity in preservation problem-solving were County officials, a State delegate, a Mayor, and directors of County and State non-profits. The honorees saved local structures from three different centuries for future generations and inspired others to start new programs, share strategies, and create partnerships that will lead to future preservation successes.

2015 Award Winners are:

Woodlawn, Stone Barn Visitor Center, in Sandy Spring, for restoration of the historic barn and renovation of the historic site for Heritage Area educational use.

Brookeville War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, for continued commemoration of the town's role as "U.S. Capital for a Day."

For Stewardship and Professional Development, Montgomery Parks management and craftsmen for work on historic structures in the Department of Parks system.

The Montgomery Prize to the King Farm Dairy MOOseum for excellence in research and education on the Montgomery County dairy industry.

Montgomery Modern: Modern Architecture in Montgomery County 1930-1979, authored by Clare Lise Kelly for M-NCPPC.

The Wayne Goldstein Preservation Action Award was shared by two local non-profits for sustained efforts to preserve local history and significant architecture through research, advocacy, and education -- Silver Spring Historical Society (estab. 1996) and Germantown Historical Society (1990).

Two residential homeowners for stewardship and improvements -- an early 19th century home in Rockville and a stunning Victorian in Kensington.

Rehabilitation of Darby Store, a rural commercial landmark in Beallsville, by Montgomery Parks.

Higgins Cemetery Historic Preservation Association for rescue of an abandoned 19TH century cemetery.

Sugarland Ethno-History Project, a community history effort by descendants of former slaves in the Poolesville area.

Gymnasium at National Park Seminary in Forest Glen for restoration of the exterior and while rehabilitation of the interior for residential use.

Descriptions and photographs of all 2015 award winners may soon be seen at www.montgomerypreservation.org

Photographs, project summaries, and more detailed information are available for each of these projects and persons involved. Photo credit is www.clarkwdayphoto.com

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