

HERITAGE REPORT

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HERITAGE DAYS CYCLISTS, PHOTO COURTESY OF SILVER SPRING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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One of the exhibits in the new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC is "Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom: The Era of Segregation," featuring the Jones-Hall-Sims House. Also referred to as "Freedom House," this 2-story log structure was built circa 1875 by Richard Jones, a former slave, in the historic Jonesville community that is now part of Poolesville. Disassembled and cataloged log by log before being rebuilt in the museum, it is a rare surviving example of post-Emancipation homes that were constructed in newly established free black communities across the country.

HERITAGE DAYS 2016

What a fantastic weekend we had for Heritage Days in June! Not only did we have perfect weather, but our partners across the county really pulled out all the stops and offered a wonderful array of programs and activities for our 7,500+ visitors to enjoy.

Community gatherings at both Pleasant View Historic Site in Gaithersburg and St. Paul Community Church in Poolesville joyfully celebrated "Juneteenth" with live music, good food, and exhibits on family and community history.

C&O Canal Trust's "hard-hat tour" of Swain's Lockhouse, located in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, was a great success. In addition to a behind-the-scenes look at restoration efforts at the historic lockhouse - soon to be a part of the award-winning Canal Quarters overnight rental program - the demonstrations by *plein air* painters and an appearance by the canal pony mule and mule skinnners were a hit with visitors of all ages!

The Germantown Bank saw a great turnout for tours of the 1922 bank building as well as guided

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Greetings, everyone! I hope you had a terrific summer! It was a busy season in the heritage area. Our 19th annual Heritage Days weekend featured a number of new programs and projects – many paid for with HM Mini-Grant funding. Planning is underway now for the 20th anniversary of Heritage Days next year.

We were out and about a lot this summer – working in Annapolis with the Maryland State Archives, cataloging the Civil War Trails signage throughout the county, touring HM partner sites and helping to develop new programs and partnerships, and rolling out our new HM site markers that will be posted at each site, letting visitors know that the places they visit are part of a larger network of great locations to explore.

Our African American Heritage Cookbook is on its way to the editor and we look forward to launching it as part of Heritage Days weekend. We are working with Montgomery Parks to develop heritage food programs featuring recipes from the cookbook – they are coming up with some fascinating and fun food activities to present at their sites!

Keep an eye out for our new ads created in partnership with Visit Montgomery and funded by a Maryland Heritage Areas grant. Be sure to visit our new website to plan your next outing and check the calendar to see what's going on in the heritage area.

Enjoy the holiday season and a safe and warm winter!

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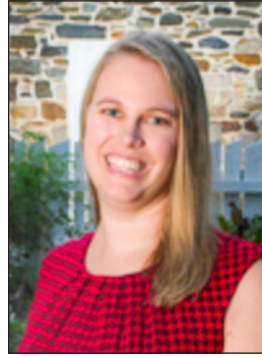


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COMINGS & GOINGS



Heritage Montgomery would like to thank Becky Curtis from C&O Canal Trust for her three years of service on our Board of Directors. Becky's knowledge and enthusiasm for outdoor recreation programming and event planning have been valuable assets to HM's efforts. We're glad to know that we will still be able to call on Becky at

the Trust when we need her expertise. We are happy to welcome Heidi Glatfelter Schlag (pictured), Canal Trust's Director of Communications, as a new member of the Board this fall.

REMEMBERING PEG COLEMAN



It is with heavy hearts that we note the passing of our friend, Peg Coleman. Peg's passion for history and the beauty of nature led to her involvement with a myriad of preservation, history, and arts organizations in the county. She was the driving force behind the important work of Sugarloaf Regional Trails, most recently exemplified in their new Native American Heritage Trail Guide. Peg was a delight to work with and brought a smile to everything she did. She also brought her warm spirit and tireless energy to her beloved Pleasant Springs Farm where she offered a special B&B retreat for visitors to the Ag Reserve. Peg was a beautiful soul and we will miss her dearly.

SUPPORT HERITAGE MONTGOMERY



FY16 MINI-GRANT PROJECT: ARBORETUM AT JOHN POOLE HOUSE

As we approach year's end, we would like to ask that you remember Heritage Montgomery in your end-of-year giving. Because we are not a membership organization, our annual (and only) fundraising appeal is of critical importance. Your donation will contribute directly to outreach programs at HM, from Heritage Days to Mini Grants.

Any donation truly has a significant impact on our non-profit organization and HM's efforts to support and promote Montgomery County's rich historic, cultural, and

natural resources. To donate, visit our website and click on the Make a Donation box at the bottom of the home page. Or if you would prefer, call or email the HM office to receive a donation envelope.

Thank you for your continued support of Heritage Montgomery!

FY 2017 HERITAGE MONTGOMERY MINI GRANTS

Heritage Montgomery Mini Grants of up to \$2500 are available to local non-profit organizations and government entities to help fund heritage programs and projects.

We once again had a strong slate of applicants and are pleased to fund 11 projects this year for a total of \$22,270. On November 1, grants were awarded at a ceremony and reception at the Red Brick Courthouse recognizing the important work of these organizations.

Historic Takoma, Takoma Park

\$2000 – for storefront enhancements, exhibit improvements, and brochure development

King Barn Dairy MOOseum, Boyds

\$2500 – to develop a MOOseum Information Management System

Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Poolesville

\$2500 – for the 3rd annual Field & Fiddle Festival



MINI-GRANT RECEPTION IN THE HISTORIC RED BRICK COURTHOUSE

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville

\$2250 – for Montgomery County History Day 2017

Montgomery County Joint Law Enforcement Museum, Rockville

\$500 – equipment for a new law enforcement museum in the Red Brick Courthouse

National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville

\$2500 – to upgrade the "From Streetcars to Light Rail" interactive exhibit

Peerless Rockville, Rockville

\$1200 – for portable pop-up banners to promote Peerless in the community

Sandy Spring Friends Monthly Meeting, Sandy Spring

\$2500 – for research on the historic 1817 Quaker Meeting House

Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring

\$2000 – to install new flooring for social dance programs

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Barnesville

\$1820 – for Heritage Days 2017 programming

Warren Historic Site Committee, Dickerson

\$2500 – for restoration of windows in the historic African American church

Mini-Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Heritage Montgomery website each August, with a deadline in mid-September.

CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA!



ODD FELLOWS LODGE

On September 15th, HM Board Vice President Laura Anderson Wright received a 2016 Maryland Sustainable Growth Award for Leadership and Service. This State award recognizes Laura's 20 years of work preserving African

American history and culture, particularly in Sandy Spring. She was instrumental in establishing the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and led efforts to restore the Odd Fellows Lodge, built in 1906. This cultural center for African Americans in the region from the early 1900s fell into disrepair in the 1970s. Over the past decade, Laura secured funding and managed the renovation of this significant historic structure. Thank you, Laura, for all of your efforts helping to preserve our local heritage!



COMMEMORATING WWI

In 2017, the United States will mark the centennial of our nation's involvement in World War I. In April, the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood will open a new exhibit, "Sowing the Seeds of Victory: Montgomery County Farms during World War I," featuring farm life on the home front, including heritage Victory Gardens.



COCKTAILS, LIPSTICK, & JAZZ

If you haven't had a chance yet, be sure to check out the Montgomery County Historical Society's exhibit on Life in the Age of Fitzgerald – the Roaring '20s! With the Beall-Dawson Museum as a backdrop, the exhibit features items from the Historical Society's collection ranging from period fashions to sports memorabilia. The exhibit runs until January 15, 2017.

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CANAL PONY MULE

walking tours of the Germantown Historic District, a railroad town dating to the 1880s. And it is always fun to check out all of the model trains and transportation exhibits at the historic Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station; this year a bike/picnic tour of historic Silver Spring that left from the station was a fun way to spend Sunday morning.

We have our order in for the same weather for the 20th anniversary of Heritage Days in 2017 – June 24th & 25th. We hope you'll join us then!



WARREN HISTORIC SITE

Over the past few months, considerable progress has been made towards the stabilization/restoration of the 1914 Loving Charity Hall at the Warren Historic Site in Dickerson. Warren is the only site in the State with examples of all three

LOVING CHARITY HALL

pillars of early African American communities – church, school, and fraternal benefit hall. Architectural drawings are complete and approved and the permitting process is underway. With funding in hand from both the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, we hope to see work begin at the site by the end of the year. We will keep you posted on this important restoration project!

NEW PARTNERS



AUDUBON NATURALIST SOCIETY AT WOODEND

HM is pleased to be in talks with two well-respected organizations about becoming part of the heritage area.

The Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) was founded in 1897 in Washington DC and is located at the 40-acre Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase. ANS's storied history and mission of appreciating, understanding, and protecting the natural environment would greatly strengthen the Heritage Montgomery story.

The preservation organization, Historic Takoma, is taking the lead on efforts to include parts of this railroad town dating back to the late 1800s. Takoma Park would add another strong component to HM's Rivers, Roads, & Rails transportation heritage theme.



TAYLOR CULLITON

ARCHIVING PROJECT UPDATES

We are very happy to report on the completion of the first round of Heritage Montgomery's African American historic records archiving project.

After our June intake session, HM's intern, Taylor Culliton, spent 10 weeks working at the Maryland State Archives (MSA) in Annapolis stabilizing, cataloging, and digitizing the historic documents and photographs associated with Pleasant View Historical Site in Gaithersburg. The original records, along with a digitized copy, have been returned to Pleasant View and MSA has retained a digitized copy for their collection. This successful project is being adopted by MSA as an on-going program using this HM project as a model.

Funded in part with a Montgomery County Historic Preservation Grant, HM will next work with the Sugarland Ethno History Project (St. Paul Community Church) in Poolesville to help protect their valuable community history.

BROOKEVILLE WALKING TOUR



BROOKEVILLE STREET SCENE

Discussions are underway to develop a Brookeville Walking Tour linking the town's Quaker and African American history with nearby sites, including M-NCPPC parks and trails. A strong association between the historic locations in and around the town of Brookeville and Montgomery Parks' new Woodlawn Visitor Center will add depth to the rich Quaker and African American heritage stories in the Brookeville/Sandy Spring area and offer visitors an expanded means of exploring this aspect of local history.



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HERITAGE PROFILE



PEERLESS ROCKVILLE

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Peerless Rockville was founded in 1974 as a citizens’ organization to advocate for and support protection of local historic sites. Peerless’ first success story was saving the 1873 B&O Railroad Station from demolition during construction of the Rockville Metro Station. From their offices in the historic Red Brick Courthouse, Peerless Rockville sponsors fascinating programs throughout the year encouraging advocacy, education, and community involvement in protecting Rockville’s heritage.

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