

# HERITAGE REPORT

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COMMON ROOT FARM TOUR IN DERWOOD.



HISTORIAN DR. GEORGE MCDANIEL SPEAKING AT ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CHURCH.

GET OUT AND ENJOY A LECTURE THIS WINTER. SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR A SELECTION OF LECTURE SERIES OFFERED BY PARTNERS INCLUDING PEERLESS ROCKVILLE, MONTGOMERY HISTORY, SILVER SPRING AND GERMANTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, SANDY SPRING SLAVE MUSEUM, SANDY SPRING MUSEUM, AND MONTGOMERY COLLEGE.

## HERITAGE HARVEST

We hope you had a chance to join us for our first annual Heritage Harvest on October 20th. We had a beautiful autumn day for showcasing the unique farms in the Agricultural Reserve – and their products and produce. The event is the culmination of long-term interest in sponsoring a farm-based event to raise the public profile of the reserve and its many resources and destinations.

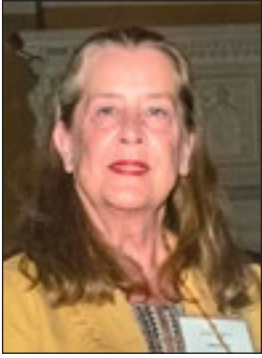
The 12 farms on the tour showcased the beauty and variety of the area and every stop offered great experiences. We toured amazing small-scale specialty farms growing micro greens, heirloom produce,

and lavender. We petted the flock at a sheep farm and visited the happy, rescued farm animals at a sanctuary. Driving along beautiful country roads we stopped at orchards, historic sites, tree farms, and artist studios. We finished the day with a glass of local wine and craft beer at local producers.

Special thanks to Button Farm’s Tony Cohen and Soleado’s Sophia Watkins for all their help getting this event off the ground.

After such a successful first year we’re already making plans for a bigger and better Heritage Harvest in October 2019!

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Greetings everyone!

As you'll see we have a lot of news this season.

This summer we officially enlarged our heritage area boundaries to include many new and not-so-new partners. Representatives from the State along with our staff toured seven parks throughout the county, all in one afternoon. We saw the archaeology digs at Josiah Henson Park, toured the old school at Pleasant View, and took in the sights at Seneca State Park, to name a few. Everyone came away with a deeper appreciation of the wonderful and diverse places there are to enjoy here in Montgomery County!

This year's grant season was one of our best. This time next year you'll see loads of new offerings at our sites including the newly restored Swains Lockhouse, expanded programs at Sandy Spring Slave Museum, and new exhibits at the Trolley Museum.

In other news, we will be working on new signage with the National Civil War Trails Association, adding local stories and refreshing the design of the panels along the Civil War trail in the county. We will be working with the C&O Canal National Historical Park to plan events and celebrations for the park's 50th anniversary in 2021. We are bringing on an intern from Montgomery College's Public History department to round out our African American Heritage Trails programs and a researcher to help with our Interpretive Master Plan.

Throughout the year we have sponsored many exciting events and programs. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who work so hard to bring these things to life for all of us to enjoy. Thanks to all of you who show up with great ideas, tons of energy, and give hours of work to make the projects you love shine!

As we close the year, we begin our annual fundraising campaign. Please remember us in your year-end giving and know that that every dollar you give goes directly to projects in the heritage area.

## COMINGS & GOINGS



JAMIE WILLIAMS

We are very happy to welcome Jamie Williams to the HM staff. Jamie joined us in October and brings extensive expertise in corporate and non-profit marketing communication as well as all aspects of office management. Jamie most recently spent five years with the Warrior Canine Connection, a non-profit

that utilizes service dogs for the treatment of trauma in the military and veteran community. You will see her work on our expanded social media platforms and marketing efforts, as well as in our cheerfully better-organized office procedures. Jamie, who lives in Germantown with her husband and daughter, enjoys any opportunity to get out and explore the Ag Reserve.



JOHN PENTECOST

Many thanks and best wishes to John Pentecost who is retiring from the HM Board of Directors at the end of the year. Since joining the board in 2009, John has been very helpful in HM planning discussions as well as offering valuable input as a regular member of our grant review

committees. Thank you, John, for your years of service to Heritage Montgomery.

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## FUNDRAISING APPEAL



A SPRING BLOOM AT THE SCHWARTZ PEONY GARDEN IN SENECA CREEK STATE PARK.

As we approach year's end, we would like to ask that you remember Heritage Montgomery in your year-end giving. Because we are not a membership organization, our annual (and only) fundraising appeal is of critical importance and has a significant impact on HM's efforts to support and promote Montgomery County's unique history, culture, and nature.

Your donation will contribute directly to outreach programs, particularly Mini Grants and Heritage Days activities.

To donate online visit our website and click on the Make a Donation box at the bottom of the home page. Or, for information on how to send your donation directly to HM, contact the office at 301-515-0753 or email [info@HeritageMontgomery.org](mailto:info@HeritageMontgomery.org). Thank you for your support!

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## FY 2019 MINI GRANTS

Heritage Montgomery Mini Grants of up to \$2500 are available to local non-profit organizations and government entities to help fund heritage projects and programs. We are pleased to announce \$26,600 in funding for the following projects in FY 2019:

### **Izaak Walton League - \$1,100**

- Signage interpreting native vs. invasive plants

### **King Barn Dairy MOOseum - \$2,500**

- Stage 3 of the MOO-ISM map project

### **The Menare Foundation - \$2,500**

- Publication of the book, "The Underground Railroad in Maryland"

### **Montgomery Countryside Alliance - \$2,500**

- 2018 Ride for the Reserve Bike Tour

### **Montgomery County Food Council - \$2,500**

- 2018 Montgomery County Food & Beverage Guide

### **Montgomery County Historical Society - \$2,500**

- 2019 Montgomery County History Conference

### **National Capital Trolley Museum - \$1,150**

- New and replacement museum signage

### **Sandy Spring Museum - \$2,500**

- Phase I of a landscaping and hardscaping project

### **Sandy Spring Slave Museum - \$1,850**

- Speakers Series programs and events

### **Sugarland Ethno-History Project - \$2,500**

- Floor repair and mold abatement at historic St. Paul Community Church

### **Washington Revels**

- Interviews & research to develop African American heritage performances - \$2,500
- Development of African American heritage performance pieces - \$2,500



CYCLISTS AT THE 2018 RIDE FOR THE RESERVE.

## HERITAGE DAYS 2018



CANAL MULES AND SKINNERS AT EDWARD'S FERRY.

We were delighted to see great turnouts for Heritage Days events at sites all across the county. The incredibly wide variety of programs and activities offered this year guaranteed that there really was something for everyone!

Visitors to Edward's Ferry/Lockhouse 25 saw the always-popular canal mules and their muleskinners (drivers). The lockhouse, completed in 1830, is part of C&O Canal Trust's Canal Quarters program. Dressed in period clothing, quartermasters Don Street & Linda Bergofsky interpreted life along the canal during the Civil War.

Also on the canal, many of the hikers and bikers out along the towpath stopped to visit with volunteers from the C&O Canal Association and learn more about Riley's Lockhouse and Seneca Aqueduct, the only location with both a lock lift and an aqueduct.

In addition to their fascinating art and history exhibits, Sandy Spring Slave Museum also had a farmer's market with tasty baked goods and performances celebrating the heritage of black music.

In addition to all of the hard work by our partners creating such wonderful Heritage Day programs, the weekend wouldn't be possible without the efforts of so many loyal volunteers. A special shout-out to Historic Medley District and Sugarloaf Regional Trails board member Chet Anderson who was on hand at the 1793 John Poole House giving tours and answering questions at one of the county's earliest trading posts.

Remember to mark your calendars for Heritage Days 2019: June 29th & 30th!

## FY19 MHAA GRANTS



SWAINS LOCKHOUSE

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) capital and project grants are available annually. Including HM's Management Grant, over \$286,000 in FY19 funding was awarded to:

**C&O Canal Trust** – \$11,500 for interpretation and exhibits at Swains Lockhouse in Potomac as part of the Canal Quarters program

**Glen Echo Park Partnership** – \$5,703 for an assessment of the flooring in the historic Spanish Ballroom

**Montgomery County Parks Foundation** – \$50,000 for museum exhibits at the Josiah Henson Park in N. Bethesda

**National Capital Trolley Museum** – \$10,000 to update the "Streetcars: From Horses to Electric" exhibit at the Colesville museum

**Pleasant View Historic Association** – \$100,000 for building stabilization at the Pleasant View Historic Site in Gaithersburg

**Town of Brookeville** – \$8,800 for renovations at the Brookeville One-Room Schoolhouse property

## BLACK ROCK MILL



DEDICATION CEREMONY AT BLACK ROCK MILL.

On Thursday, November 8th, new interpretive panels were dedicated at Seneca Creek State Park's Black Rock Mill in Germantown. Located along the banks of Great Seneca Creek, the remains of this 1815 grain-grinding

mill feature reinstalled period gears and machinery and represent the park's agricultural heritage.

HM is pleased to have supported this project with an FY18 Mini Grant as well as providing technical support in developing the panels. The project is an excellent example of working partnerships between Heritage Montgomery and the Friends of Seneca Creek State Park, Montgomery County government, and the Maryland Park Service. Thanks to Ranger Erik Ledbetter and volunteer extraordinaire Bonnie Bell for pulling together a great, much-needed project!

## CONGRATULATIONS!



AWARD CEREMONY AT BUTTON FARM.

The Menare Foundation has been recognized with a Governor’s Proclamation for its work at Button Farm Living History Center promoting the Underground Railroad legacy through unique living history experiences.

State attendees at the September 25th ceremony at Button Farm included Maryland Commission on

African American History and Culture Chair Dale Green and Vice Chair Tamara England-Wilson; Chanel Compton, Director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum; and Winston Wilkinson from the Governor’s Office of Community Partnerships.

“Thank you for all that you do to preserve, present, and celebrate African American history and culture in the great State of Maryland,” said Compton in presenting the proclamation to Menare Foundation president and HM board member, Anthony Cohen.

Also on September 25th, Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Robert McCord and Special Secretary for Smart Growth Wendi Peters visited the Odd Fellows Lodge in Sandy Spring, presenting a Governor’s Citation to HM board president Laura Anderson Wright. Laura, who was instrumental in establishing the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and spearheaded restoration of the 1906 Odd Fellows Lodge, was recognized for her community service and dedication to preserving and celebrating the history of Montgomery County.

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## HM BOUNDARY AMENDMENT

In June, HM submitted a proposal to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) amending the heritage area’s boundaries. This amendment addressed the fact that a number of important sites thematically and physically linked to Heritage Montgomery had been omitted from the 2002 Management Plan and were therefore ineligible to apply for MHAA capital and project grants. The first of these omissions was remedied in 2013 when HM’s boundaries were amended to include Rockville and its heritage assets.



SENECA CREEK STATE PARK

This latest proposal recommended the inclusion of:

- Montgomery Parks (M-NCPPC) – all sites, excluding modern sports facilities (partially included in the 2002 plan)
- Seneca Creek State Park – all sites, excluding modern sports facilities (partially included in the 2002 plan)
- Pleasant View Historic Site
- Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery
- Smithville Colored School
- Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary
- Germantown Historic District

The HM boundary amendment request was considered and passed unanimously at the quarterly MHAA meeting in July. While these additions represent many sites and organizations with whom Heritage Montgomery has important long-standing relationships, we are very happy to “officially” welcome all of our new partners to the heritage area!



## Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County

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## HERITAGE PROFILE



### BEALL-DAWSON MUSEUM

103 W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville  
301-762-1492  
MontgomeryHistory.org

The Beall-Dawson Museum (c. 1815) was built for Upton Beall, Clerk of the Court for the county. Daughters Margaret, Matilda, and Jane Beall lived in the home their entire lives, later joined by a cousin, Amelia Dawson. Purchased by the City of Rockville in the 1960s, the Montgomery Avenue property is home to the Montgomery County Historical Society (Montgomery History). The museum offers rotating, traveling, and online exhibits on county history; tours; a Speakers Bureau; Genealogy Club; lectures; and a gift shop. The Stonestreet

Museum of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Medicine and the Jane C. Sween Research Library are also located on the site.

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