

# the Preservationist

Winter 2006

## Tax Credits Can Save You \$\$\$!

### Apply Now!

In 2005 did you paint your house, replace the roof, or finally repair that back stoop? These, and other projects such as storm window/door installation, chimney relining, and foundation repair qualify for the tax credit. As long as you've spent at least \$1,000 over the course of the year (not a hard task) on exterior maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, or other preservation work you could benefit from this County program.



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Each of the projects shown here cost 10% less because of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Don't lose your 10%!

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Before



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Montgomery County rewards preservation activities with this tax credit against real property taxes for 10% of the eligible documented expenses on all individual historic sites and properties in historic districts (including non-contributing buildings) designated on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

**Completed forms must be postmarked by April 1, 2006. Don't miss out.**

Additional forms can be obtained, or questions about any aspect of the program answered, by calling the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission at 301-563-3400, or by visiting our website at: [www.mcmncppc.org/historic/instructions/info\\_tax.shtm](http://www.mcmncppc.org/historic/instructions/info_tax.shtm)

### Tax Credits from the State, Too!

Another significant tax incentive for revitalization and rehabilitation of historic structures is the Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Program administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. This provides Maryland income tax credits equal to 20% of the qualified capital costs expended on exterior and interior rehabilitation work (with a \$5,000 cumulative minimum over a 24 month period). **Unlike the county program, the state applications must be completed before the work begins.**

The required forms and more information are available on the Maryland Historical Trust website ([www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net)) or by calling the Office of Preservation Services at 410-514-7639.

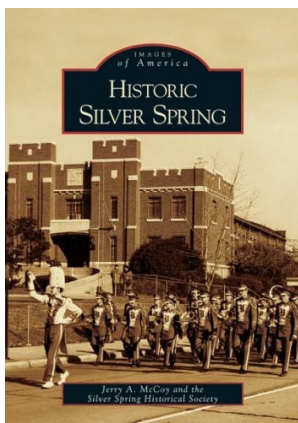


Before



After

# Historic Preservation News and Notes



Jerry A. McCoy's *HISTORIC SILVER SPRING*, published by Arcadia Publishing.

## New Book: History of Silver Spring

The Silver Spring Historical Society announces publication of *Historic Silver Spring* by Jerry A. McCoy. Published by Arcadia Publishing, *Historic Silver Spring* celebrates the community's past, beginning with founder Francis Preston Blair's 1840 discovery of the mica-flecked spring and the 1873 arrival of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Vintage photographs document the progressive growth of "Main Streets" Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road, and the construction of the Silver Spring Armory and National Dry Cleaning Institute in 1927 and the Silver Theatre and Silver Spring Shopping Center in 1938. The volume concludes with modern pictures of downtown Silver Spring's 21st-century revitalization, which continues to preserve the past and secure the future of the area. In a pictorial journey through the community's Central Business District and bordering residential neighborhood of East Silver Spring, *Historic Silver Spring* honors the people and places that have come before. Cost of the book is \$19.99. For information call 301-565-2519.

## Black History Month Programs

The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning is co-sponsoring with the Montgomery County Historical Society the following programs in February (all Friday evening programs begin at 7 PM):

### FEBRUARY 3: UNCLE TOM

A performance of Josiah Henson by reenactor Bus Howard. Henson was the model for Uncle

Tom in the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Ken-Gar (Josiah Henson) Community Center, Ken-Gar Palisades Local Park, 4140 Wexford Drive, Kensington

### FEBRUARY 10:

#### MOVIES, RACE, AND WORLD WAR II

Thomas Cripps, Morgan State University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, presents a video-illustrated lecture demonstrating how Hollywood films such as *Sundown*, *Sahara*, and *Lifeboat* and government propaganda movies like *The Negro Soldier* anticipated the politics of racial activism and offer a documentary record of that aspect of American history. Beall-Dawson House, 103 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville.

### FEBRUARY 11: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

*Magnificent Folks, Animals, and Other Such Tales*, for children in grades PreK-8, celebrates individual and collective magnificence through tales from the Americas and beyond. This interactive, multicultural storytelling program also includes a bilingual tale from South America with Storyteller Diane Macklin. Saturday, from 2 to 3 PM, at Woodlawn Manor, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring.

### FEBRUARY 17: MESSAGE OR MYTH: WERE QUILTS USED FOR COMMUNICATION ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD?

Susan Soderberg, Historian, Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning, looks at the history of quilting, the history of the Underground Railroad, and inaccuracies in the book *Hidden in Plain View*. Sandy Spring Slave Museum, 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring.

### FEBRUARY 24: "IS AFRICA MY HOME?" THE DEBATE ABOUT THE COLONIZATION OF MARYLAND BLACKS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY"

The American Colonization Society was founded in 1816. A Maryland auxiliary of this organization helped about 1,200 African Americans settle in Africa. In this lecture, Debra Newman Ham, Professor of History at Morgan State University, explores the issues of race in antebellum society and examines the reactions of African Americans to colonization. Sandy Spring Slave Museum, 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring.

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## the Preservationist

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### Commission

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Requests to be on the mailing list and content information should be directed to the Commission.



# Historic Preservation Commission

## Awards 2006 Grants

The following grants were awarded by the Historic Preservation Commission for 2006:

**Chevy Chase Historical Society** for the collection and transcription of eight Oral Histories.

**Gaithersburg Historical Association, Inc.** for production of 5,000 coloring books on the history of Gaithersburg for elementary school children.

**Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County** for the enhancement of the organization's web site.

**Historic Takoma** for digitally scanning their collection of photographs and manuscripts to enter into a database.

**Kensington Land Trust** for the creation of a Web Site.

**Lincoln Park Historical Foundation** for the creation of a computer database of the organization's collections.

**The Menare Foundation** for the production of 1,500 tri-fold brochures on the living history site administered by the Foundation

**Montgomery County Historical Society** for a Spanish Language traveling exhibit

**Montgomery Preservation, Inc.** for the 20th annual Preservation Awards Reception

**National Capital Trolley Museum** for an exhibit on streetcars during the War years for Memorial Days.

**Peerless Rockville** for Rockville's Recent Past project, phase IV— to expand and adapt the 20th century properties database and formulate a way of sharing the information.

**Peerless Rockville and Historic Takoma** for the Inventory of Historic Burial Grounds in Montgomery County, phase III— completion of the inventory and devising a plan for the protection and preservation of the cemeteries.

**Save Our Seminary** for the Archiving of the Forest Glen Seminary collections and interpretation of the site, phase II.

**Seneca Community Church** for the Creation of a Masterplan for the preservation and restoration of the Church Cemetery.

**Town of Brookeville** for the installation of interpretive signage and the clearing of the mill race for the Thomas Mill in preparation to restoration.

**Warren Historic Site Committee** for the Annual Homecoming Celebration reception, and oral history collection, photography, and video taping at the event.

### E-TRAINING FOR NEW OAKLEY CABIN DOCENTS

Beginning this Spring, people wishing to volunteer as docents (guides) for Oakley Cabin in Brookeville can begin their training through the internet. This training is a simple interactive informational session with tests at the end of each of two segments: "Basic Training" and "Cabin Profile." It takes about 35 to 45 minutes to complete. Upon completion your information will be forwarded to the Volunteer Office and you will be invited to the 3-hour on-site training where you will receive a Handbook. Upon completion of the on-site training you will be qualified to volunteer at the Cabin. Oakley Cabin is a slave quarters that was constructed in the 1820s. It is Montgomery County's premier African American site open to the public and is operated through the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning. For information on this training please contact Susan Soderberg, Education and Outreach Planner at 301-563-3405, [susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org).

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### Preservation Awards Nominations

March 31, 2006, is the deadline for submitting nominations for 2006 Montgomery County Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Montgomery Preservation, Inc., the awards honor individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the preservation or restoration of historic resources in the county, or to educate the general public in the value of our local heritage during the past year. Anyone can nominate an individual or group for an award. Selection of the winners is made by a panel of expert judges. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact the 2006 Preservation Awards Chair, Judy Christensen, email: [Jchriste@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:Jchriste@rockvillemd.gov), 240-314-8232, 6 Walker Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

To nominate "Endangered Historic Sites" for the annual list to be presented at the ceremony please contact Wayne Goldstein, 301-942-8079. The deadline for the Endangered Historic Sites nominations is March 31.

### Bussard Farmhouse Restoration Nears Completion, Docents Needed

The historic Bussard Farmhouse at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood is being restored to its 1910 appearance in preparation for opening to the public in the spring. Handicapped access and restroom have been installed. The parlor, dining room and hallway are getting new period wallpaper, floor coverings and lighting fixtures. Most of the furnishings have been collected, but a few items are still needed. The attached kitchen, which is much older than the house, will be restored at a later time. The farmhouse and outbuildings will eventually be a part of an Interactive Agricultural History Museum. If you are interested in volunteering at the farmhouse, or in donating pre-1910 furnishings or decorative items please call or e-mail Susan Soderberg, 301-563-3405, [susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org).

# Calendar

## Exhibits

**February 21 through July 30** *Handiwork From the Collections*. Items with needlework, lace, knitting, crocheting and mending will be displayed. The exhibit will also explore the importance of handiwork as part of a woman's daily chores. Beall-Dawson House, Rockville. Tuesdays through Sundays, 12:30-4:30 PM. Call 301-762-1492. [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org)

**February 4 through April 26** "Montgomery County's African American Churches" sponsored by the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation. Waters House in Germantown Wednesdays 2PM-9PM, Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM. Call 301-762-1492. [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org)

## January

25 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. [www.mc-mncppc.org](http://www.mc-mncppc.org)

## February

8 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. [www.mc-mncppc.org](http://www.mc-mncppc.org)

18 Black History Day in Damascus. 1-4 pm. Damascus Recreation Center, Rt. 27 & Oak Drive. For information call Warren Fleming, 301-916-4522.

22 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. [www.mc-mncppc.org](http://www.mc-mncppc.org)

## March

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31 Deadline for Montgomery Preservation, Inc. Preservation Award nominations.

## April

11 (Tuesday) HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. [www.mc-mncppc.org](http://www.mc-mncppc.org)

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