

My job is to make sure that you're getting this email because you have expressed an interest in the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area. Don't forget to add jen@garrettchamber.com to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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Find out what's new with the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area.



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We are looking forward to some warmer temps in the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West! With spring comes a season of change and we are ready to welcome those changes. Taking a look back over the last three months, we have much to celebrate.

The Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West attended several advocacy events in the early part of 2019 including the annual PACE Reception & Breakfast, Heritage Area Coalition Legislative Reception and Tourism Day in Annapolis. These events were successful and led to great discussion about the heritage program.

If you haven't already been to our new website, we encourage you to explore our new look along with an updated navigation to make it even easier to find information about our local history, tours, podcasts, maps, grants and so much more. Visit www.garrettheritage.com today to begin exploring today!

We just returned from the Pennsylvania Bus Association Marketplace and Maryland Motorcoach Association Group Leader shows in York, PA and Dover, DE. We had the opportunity to speak with hundreds of group leaders while distributing information about visiting our heritage area and county.



It is also bittersweet to announce that I will be leaving Garrett County next month. I was honored to serve as Heritage Area & Groups Director over the past several years and am grateful for the opportunity to work with wonderful folks in the county as well as throughout the State. I'm very proud of the work we have accomplished in the Heritage Area over the past four years and can't wait to see all of the amazing things to come. Thank you for allowing me to share our beautiful county and amazing heritage over the years! - Jen Durben, Heritage Area & Groups Director

Mini-Grant Applications - Funding is still Available!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to apply for funding for your non-capital heritage projects! This program is designed to provide funding for innovative exhibits, tours, marketing, brochures, and projects which build upon interpretive themes identified in the Management Plan including: Transportation, Man and Nature, Historic Recreation, Cultural Uniqueness. [More information...](#)



- Projects must be non-capital and seek to attract cultural heritage tourists to the region.
- Projects must be within the [Heritage Area boundaries](#).
- Projects must be funded dollar for dollar (cash match only)
- Applications will be received, reviewed and awarded on a first come, first served basis until we have met our funding cap.

Not sure about applying or have questions about deadlines or your project? Contact us today!

APPLY TODAY

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area

As you may know, Garrett County is part of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area which spans 16 counties in West Virginia and 2 counties of Maryland (Garrett & Allegany). We are very excited to announce that the national designation for the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area has passed both the Senate and House and is now official with the President's signature.



From AFHA's recent press release: "We are incredibly excited to be finally receiving National Heritage Area designation for the Appalachian Forest," said Phyllis Baxter, Executive Director of Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, Inc, the coordinating entity for the newly designated area. "We have been working on this for fifteen years, and are so pleased to now be nationally recognized. This designation will increase our visibility to attract tourism, and increase our capacity to help local communities."

National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. With the official national heritage area designation, the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area can earn recognition as being nationally significant, and will have access to National Park Service technical assistance and funding to provide more services to the region.

The AFHNA will be hosting a stakeholder meeting on May 6, 2019 at Potomac State College from 10am - 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, but [registration](#) is requested.

To learn more about the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, please visit: www.appalachianforest.us

Railroads of Garrett County: A History

Dr. Neal Brooks will be leading a four-session community education program on the Railroads of Garrett County: A History.

This is a revised course with a significant new section on the B&O Railroad during the Civil War under the presidency of John W. Garrett for whom Garrett County is named. Classes will be held Wednesdays, April 17, May 1, May 15 and May 29 from 3:30pm - 5:00pm at the Oakland B&O Museum.



Contact Garrett College to for more information and to register: 301-387-3069. Maryland seniors: \$45, Garrett County resident: \$49, out of county residents: \$54 and out of state residents: \$59. Click to [learn more](#).

Chautauqua "Then and Now"

Join the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival as they celebrate the 25th Annual Chautauqua: "Then and Now" festival to be held in Mountain Lake Park, the original home of Chautauqua in Maryland.

The 25th annual Chautauqua living history series will take place over three days (July 5 - 7) and will include full days of activities and special presentations. Each evening, the activities will conclude with interactive presentations from Maryland Humanities Chautauqua 2019, "Making Waves."



Coming later this spring! A free walking/driving tour of Chautauqua & Mountain Lake Park will be added to the Heritage Area mobile app. The tour includes great history, audio and images from locations throughout the town. The app is free to download and is available for both Apple and Android products - just search Garrett Heritage in the app store.

This event is funded in part by a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority project grant as well as support from Maryland Humanities. Learn more at www.artsandentertainment.org.



Glade Star - Writers Wanted

Calling all writers! The Garrett Historical Society is looking for folks to provide articles to include in upcoming issues of *The Glades Star*. This quarterly publication features stories, photos and local historical information about the people and places of Garrett County, Maryland. For more information, please contact John MacGowan at jmacgowan1@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Winter & Summer Farmers Markets - Saturdays, January 5 & 19, February 16, March 2 & 23, April 20, 11am - 1pm, Mary Browning Senior Center in Oakland. Visit the winter farmers market located at the Community Action Building - Conference Room at 104 E. Center St, behind the library. For more information, visit: <http://www.mountainfresh.org/wintermarket.html>

Walt & Jackie: Legends - Saturday, April 27, 7:30pm, Garrett College Auditorium. Join the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival for an evening of music by Jackie Kopco and Walt Churchey. It marks a new high for a duo whose distinctive blend of individually stunning vocals and guitar have built an enthusiastic and ever-growing following across the region. Cost is \$20 per person, Student & Child: Free with adult purchase. For more information, visit: <https://artsandentertainment.org>

Taste of Garrett - Sunday, May 5, 4pm - 7pm, Wisp Resort. Join Garrett Trails as they celebrate the 17th Annual Taste event as the major fundraiser for the organization. Patrons immerse themselves in tasty treats, prizes and raffles, entertainment and delicious new offerings and classic favorites from Garrett County's popular dining establishments. Cost is \$30 per adult, \$40 for Taste & Craft Beer tasting, \$15 per child. For more information, visit: www.garretttrails.org

Mad Hatter Tea Party - Saturday, May 11, 10:00am - 1:00pm, Mountain Fresh Farmers Market. Join us May 11th (our Mothers' Day Market) for a "Mad Hatter" tea party at the Pavilion, 10 to 1 pm. We'll have a variety of teas plus samples of our vendors' baked goods! For more information, visit: www.facebook.com.

Grantsville National Road Festival & Re-enactment - May 12 & 13, 2019. This festival celebrates the National Road and will include a French & Indian War along with art programming. For more information as it is released, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/GrantsvilleAEDistrict/>

Garrett Trails Trail Day - Saturday, June 1, 9am - 1pm, New Germany State Park. Garrett Trails Organization hosts trail days throughout the summer. Whether it's bringing awareness of a specific trail or doing some light maintenance, trail days are a great way to get outside, be around other community members, and learn about the area trails & organization. For more information, visit: www.facebook.com.

ArtSpring Festival - Friday, May 24 - Sunday, May 26, Times and locations vary. Enjoy activities all weekend in Tucker County, WV including: Silent Auction, Gallery Openings, Art Market, Live Music, Artist Demonstrations, Hands-on Activities, Lantern Parade, Photo Walks, Square Dance, Performers at large, Open Studios, Poetry, Wine Tasting, Craft Beer, History Tours and more. For more information, visit: <https://www.artspringwv.com/> ****Out of county event.**

Garrett County Celtic Festival - Saturday, June 1, 10am - 6pm at the Friendsville Town Park. Celebrate the cultural heritage of Celtic peoples from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany and their influence on Appalachia with a daylong festival by the bonnie banks of the Youghiogheny River in the Town Park in Friendsville, Maryland. Admission is \$15 for those 18 & over (\$10 in advance), Youth 11-18 \$5. For more information, visit: <http://gccelticfestival.com/>

Garrett County Gran Fondo Bike Ride - Saturday, June 22. Garrett County and the Deep Creek Lake area boast some of the finest and most challenging cycling in North America, and the Garrett County Gran Fondo has established itself as a premier North American Gran Fondo unsurpassed in challenge, scenery, and riding quality. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.garrettcountrygranfondo.org/>

Maryland Symphony Orchestra - A Romantic Summer - Saturday, June 8, Door open 7:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm. Join the Garrett Lakes Arts Festival & the MSO for a romantic summer program that features works by Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky, with Queen Elisabeth Piano Competition finalist Yulia Gorenman as soloist. Cost is \$35 per person, Student & Child: Free with adult purchase. For more information, visit: <https://artsandentertainment.org>

The US Air Force Band: Airmen of Note - Wednesday, June 26, 6pm, Garrett College CARC Gymnasium. Created in 1950 to continue the tradition of Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Forces dance band, the current band consists of 18 active duty Airmen musicians including one vocalist. Free admission. For more information, visit: <https://artsandentertainment.org>

**Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please contact event organizers for the most up-to-date information.*

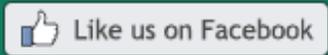
There are so many events coming up this spring and early summer! Please visit www.garrettheritage.com for additional upcoming events.

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