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# Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area

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**March 2013**

**Dear Sarah,**

While we are still waiting for Spring here in Garrett County new opportunities are popping up for the Heritage Area: funding for projects, ways to get involved, events and performances to attend. We hope you can participate in one or more of these Heritage Area offerings!

**Funding Opportunities**

**Contact Information**

15 Visitors Center Drive  
McHenry, MD 21541  
301-387-2050 Office  
240-321-1146 Cell  
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**Star-Spangled 200:** The next cycle of the Star-Spangled 200 Grant Program is open for applications now through May 1st. The Star-Spangled 200 Grant Program assists local non-profit organizations and units of local, state and federal government in resource stewardship, education and tourism and economic development projects which collectively result in ensuring all Marylanders have the opportunity to participate and benefit from bicentennial activities.

To learn more about eligible projects, funding priorities and matching fund requirements, download the [Star-Spangled 200 Grant Program Guidelines and Instructions](#). Visit [HERE](#) to see a list of previously funded projects. Questions regarding grant applications can be directed to [Bill Pencek](#) at 410-767-6289.

**Transportation Alternatives Program**

The Transportation Alternatives Program has \$20 million in federal money available for a variety of alternative transportation projects including: planning, design and construction funds for on and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized transportation. SHA invites local governments and government-sponsored community groups to submit applications.

For more information please visit <http://ow.ly/jtFRG>

**Volunteer Opportunities**



**Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area**

The Heritage Area has opportunities for volunteers and partner organizations to work together to develop and enhance programming throughout the county.

Volunteers are an important part of the Heritage Area and will help make Garrett County a better place to live, visit and work.

For more information, please call or email [Dawn Hein](#) - 301-387-4386

### **Garrett Trails**

The new bridge in Fork Run survived the winter!!!! Photo taken 3.23.13, just waiting for the snow to melt. Trail clean-up day set for May 4, 9 AM - 12 Noon, Fork Run! Mark your calendars and join us!

For More Information Click Here:  
[Fork Run Awareness & Clean up Day](#)



Fork Run Bridge

### **Appalachian Forest Heritage Area**

The AFHA Volunteer Program engages volunteers and partner organizations to work together to conserve and develop forest heritage. Volunteers help AFHA and partner organizations to improve our communities and environment. Sign up for one of these great opportunities to get involved:

- Red Spruce Planting
- Riparian Zone Planting

Contact [Woodie Walker](#) at 304-456-3335 x128

- Tygart Valley River Clean-up.

Contact [Peggy Young](#) at 304-635-7021

### **Around the County**

Upcoming Events

#### **Fisherman's Breakfast**

March 30, 2013 7:30 am

Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad Building

\$ 7.50 Adults; \$3.50 ages 12 and under

Fisherman's Breakfast sponsored by Friendsville Days Committee at the Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad. Proceeds benefit Friendsville Days.

For More Information click [HERE!](#)

### **Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center**

March 30, 2013 10-1

Don't miss our annual Natural Egg Dyeing program this Saturday 10-1pm at the Discovery Center. Bring 6 hard boiled eggs and we provide all the natural dye. Don't miss the Easter Bunny!

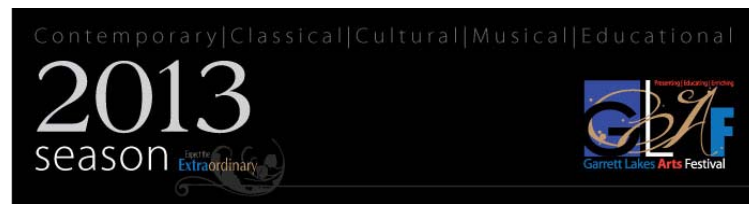
For more information visit:

[Discovery Center](#)

### **Garrett Lakes Art Festival**

2013 Schedule at Garrett College Auditorium:

- *WV Dance Company* - April 13, 2013 at 7:30pm
- *Paragon Ragtime Orchestra* - May 10, 2013 at 7:30pm
- *Harry Kight and the New Jazz All Stars* - June 22 at 7:30pm
- *DePue Brothers Band* - July 20, 2013 at 7:30pm
- *Ernie Hawkins* - August 17 at 7:30pm



### **Oakland Civil War Days**

April 25-28, 2013

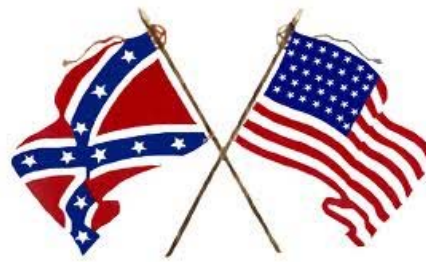
Oakland, MD

Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Jones-Imboden Raid with activities, events and re-enactments.

- Civil War Presentation at Our Town Theatre Call 301-334-5640 for reservations
- 2-Dinner events with speakers and music
- Book signing with Dan Toomey
- Pleasant Valley Dream Rides
- Military re-enactments
- Lincoln and the Train exhibit at the Oakland B&O Museum

For More Information visit:

[A Great Small Town](#)



### **Vintage Quilt Weekend**

April 12-13, 2013

Oakland, MD

All Events \$55

The Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County, Inc. presents a weekend with two fantastic vintage quilt events.

Friday 6:30pm, Dutch's at Siver Tree - *Vintage Quilt Share & Tell* - Bring your vintage quilts to share, discuss and admire. Also enjoy the presentation "As Time Goes By, Our Five Year Barn Quilt Journey"

Saturday 9:30-12pm, St. Peter's Social Hall - *A Quilted Memory*, a trunk show and discussion about quilting with found fabrics presented by Mary W. Kerr.

Saturday 1:00pm-3:30pm, St. Peter's Social Hall - *Saving Our Treasures* - a trunk show and discussion presented by Mary W. Kerr and American Quilt Society certified appraiser, author and award winning quilter.

For More Information visit:

[Barn Quilt Association](#)

or call 1-877-577-BARN

### **Maryland in the War of 1812 - A Living History**

May 17, 2013 5-8 pm

May 18, 2013 10am-5pm

Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry, MD

*Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area and Garrett Lakes Arts Festival* proudly presents a family friendly living history event which will transport you to Maryland in the early 19th century.

- Living History presentations
- Learn about the Battle of Baltimore & the Star Spangled Banner
- Music of the time period

- Period children's games & Crafts
- Militar Encampment
- Join a Junior Militia Drill

FREE! and Open to the Public



### Getting to Know the Heritage Area

#### Appalachian Forest Heritage Area

The Appalachian Forest Heritage Area is an effort to integrate central Appalachian forest history, culture, natural history, products, and forestry management into a heritage tourism initiative to promote rural community development.

AFHA celebrates the central Appalachian forest -- its history, culture, natural history, forest management and products. This grassroots partnership works in West Virginia and western Maryland to explore the relationship between the Appalachian highlands forest and the people who live within it.



Sincerely,

Dawn Hein, Director  
Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area

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