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# Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area Newsletter

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Dear Sarah,

My name is Dawn Hein and I am the new director of the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area. Our quarterly newsletter will provide a way to stay in touch and distribute information. "Getting to know the Heritage Area" will be a regular feature highlighting heritage locations and businesses; all suggestions welcomed!

## Funding Opportunities



**Mini-Grant Program:** The Heritage Area's Mini Grant Program is now available! The workshop was held September 6 at the Garret County Chamber of Commerce. Applications are due September 24 by 4:00pm. Garrett Gateway Heritage Area's mini-grant program is designed to provide funding for innovative exhibits, tours, planning



and projects which build upon interpretive themes identified in the Management Plan which include: Transportation, Man and Nature, Historic Recreation, Cultural Uniqueness. Projects should seek to attract cultural heritage tourists to the region. Applications and guidelines are available online at [www.visitdeepcreek.com](http://www.visitdeepcreek.com), under the community pull-down menu then select Heritage. Take advantage of this new funding opportunity!

**Preservation Funds Grants:** The National Trust is accepting applications for its Preservation Funds grants. These grants usually range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and are designed to kick-start planning and education projects. Deadline is October 1 for this round, February 1 and June 1 on an ongoing basis. For more information, visit NTHP's website at [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).

### Award Nominations

#### Submit nominations for 2012 Maryland Tourism Awards



Nominations for the 2012 Maryland Tourism Awards - as selected by the Office of Tourism and the Maryland Tourism Development Board - will be accepted until September 24, 2012. Award categories are: Green/Sustainable Tourism; Visit Maryland (promotion of the state as a travel destination); Cultural/Heritage Tourism; and Economic Engine. An overview of the program and the nomination form can be found at [www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org) under 2012 Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit.

The awards pay tribute to individuals, organizations, businesses or governmental agencies that have significantly contributed to the efforts of the tourism office and board to boost jobs and economic impact in Maryland's tourism industry, and enhance the state's image to travelers. Winners will be announced at the Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit to be held in Cambridge, Md. Dorchester County November 14 to 16, 2012.

For more information, please call or email Jennifer Jones @ [jjones@visitmaryland.org](mailto:jjones@visitmaryland.org) or 410-767-6296.

### Around the County

#### Events & Opportunities

**Third Sundays:** In June, the Garrett County Transportation Museum





started a new history program lecture series entitled *Third Sundays* held on the third Sunday of the month at 7pm in the second floor conference area. Each month a new speaker/presentation discusses a topic of Garrett County history. Past topics have included: a video presentation of the Glidden Antique Auto Tour for the grand opening of the museum; 1960's video of Dr. E.I. Baumgardner discussing health care in Garrett County including interviews with elderly residents like A.D. Naylor at 100 years old; and a lecture on Henry Gassaway Davis, a coal, timber and railroad magnate who was instrumental in inspiring John W. Garrett to build the B&O Railroad hotels at Deer Park and Oakland. He also maintained a huge mansion in Deer Park. The next program will be Sunday, October 20. All are welcome!

**Barn Quilt Tour:**  
The Barn Quilt Association of Garrett County Inc. has announced the Barn Quilt Tour



Contest as part of the 3rd annual Barn Quilt Festival on Saturday September 22, 2012. The Barn Quilt Festival begins Friday, September 21, 2012 with a quilting retreat and Local Foods Dinner to be held at the Bittering Fire Hall, activities continue on Saturday at the Exhibit Hall at the Garrett County fairgrounds including a quilt show, Appalachian Olympic Games, Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Show, live entertainment and food. The contest participants can pick up their map and pay the \$10 entry fee at the Mosser Road parking lot at the fairgrounds between 8:30 and 11am on Saturday. Contestants must return by 3pm for their chance to win the 4'x4' barn quilt design.

For more information visit [www.GarrettBarnQuilts.org](http://www.GarrettBarnQuilts.org) or call 877-577-2276.

**B&O Railroad Museum:** The B&O Railroad Museum is now accepting donations as part of the Community Investment Tax Credits program. This grant program offers resources to assist communities with revitalization efforts. Nonprofit organizations, such as the B & O Railroad Museum, use the tax credits as incentives for individuals and business to donate to the Maryland approved project, and then the nonprofit organization gets matching dollars from the tax credit program. Accepted donations of money, goods, or real property of \$500 or more to support operational and programmatic costs associated with the project are accepted. Businesses or individuals that donate can earn state tax credits equal to

50% of the value of the donation toward taxes owed in the year in which the contribution was made and may not be used retroactively for taxes from a prior year. Donations for the tax credit program will be accepted up to December 31, 2012 or until the tax credits are used.

For more information and to make a donation contact:  
Gwen Evans, Town of Oakland  
301-334-2691

Checks for this program should be made payable to:  
Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

**Parking Meter Decorating Contest:** A fundraiser for the B&O Train Museum, Oakland will be having a parking meter decorating contest. Stop by City Hall and reserve your parking meter and bow for \$10 by Wednesday, September 26th. Decorate your meter by October 1st and voting will take place October 1-14. You can collect money two ways by putting money in the meter and collecting in your business. The group that collects the most money wins a free GOBA membership! Have fun and Get decorating!

**National Pike Arts & Music Festival:** Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 11-5pm at the Hen House Pavilion. Artists ▪ BBQ ▪ Crab Feast ▪ Craft Beer & Wine Tasting ▪ Music - Live Music by Frost Mountain Revival, Halftime String Band, and Herb & Hanson.

For More Information call 301-689-5001  
or [www.HenHouseRestaurant.com](http://www.HenHouseRestaurant.com)

**Fall Foliage Driving Tours:** As part of the 45th Autumn Glory festival two new tours are available. Travel along some of Garrett County's most scenic routes. Enjoy spectacular fall foliage, panoramic vistas, historical landmarks, museums and stunning natural features with this year's two new routes. Detailed directions will be available at the Garrett County Visitors Center.

## Getting to Know the Heritage Area

### Historic District of Mountain Lake Park

The Historic District of Mountain Lake Park is bordered by Oakland Avenue, Youghiogheny Drive, the B&O railroad tracks and D Street. A



Victorian resort, it contains a unique mix of architectural styles, and was listed on the National Register in 1983.

The resort community began in the 1880's as an important center for the Chautauqua religious movement in Maryland. The original resort town included 145 buildings and many late 19th century summer homes, which are brightly painted and represent Gothic Revival or Queen Anne architectural styles. Also within the district are several of the educational and recreational buildings constructed by the Mountain Lake Park Association, the Methodist led group which owned and managed the town for many years after its founding in 1881. The street plan of Mountain Lake Park was designed by landscape architect H.E. Faul, the designer of Druid Hill Park in Baltimore.

Mountain Lake Park Historic District Audio Tour written for the Mountain Lake Park Historic Association and recorded by Chip Lee and Kathleen Gibbs is available at the ticket building museum on G Street. Walking tour brochures are available from the Mountain Lake Park Town Office.

Sincerely,

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