

My job is to remind you of exciting things that are happening in the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area. Don't forget to add [jen@garrettchamber.com](mailto: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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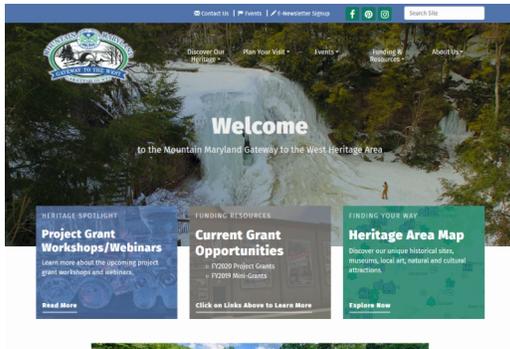
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## In this Issue

The year is drawing to a close here in the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West! We are looking forward to a successful winter with lots of opportunities to enjoy our outdoor adventures. Before we move forward, let's look back over the last three months.

We celebrated the 51st Autumn Glory Festival and were pleased to offer our 2nd Annual Turkey Trail with 26 participating restaurants, organizations and churches that offered local turkey dinners during the festival. A big thank you to the [Republican Newspaper](#) who was our Turkey Trail sponsor. We also featured two new fall foliage tours that included a short and extended tour taking visitors to beautiful corners of our county. Thank you to [Ledo Pizza](#) and

In November, we attended the annual Maryland Tourism & Travel Summit in Cambridge. We were honored to be awarded alongside Sarah Duck, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Tourism & Marketing, with the 2018 Maximizing Opportunities Award from the Maryland Office of Tourism. The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and the Heritage Area partnered to promote the 50th Anniversary of the Autumn Glory Festival in 2017 and the award recognizes successfully taking advantage of an event to generate overnight stays.



To the left is a sneak peek of our NEW heritage website set to launch in mid-January! We are so excited to have a fresh look with an updated layout and an even easier-to-use navigation. Keep an eye out for our announcement next month.

## FY19 Mini-Grant Applications - Don't miss out!

APPLY TODAY

**Mini-Grants Rolling Cycle - Applications being accepted.**

**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.



- 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)
- Projects must be completed by May 15, 2019.
- Applications will be received, reviewed and awarded on a first come, first served basis until we have met our funding cap.

Examples of past projects and complete grant guidelines are available on our [grants page](#).

Miss our informational webinar? Check it out here:



## Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Project Grants

LEARN MORE

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to nonprofit organizations and government entities for capital and non-capital projects located within a Certified Heritage Area. Grants can support projects involving historical, cultural or natural resources, sites, events or facilities. Eligible projects must have a heritage tourism component or contribute to research that will directly inform a heritage tourism product. Full details are available in the program guidelines.



### Important Dates:

- Intent to Apply deadline: January 31, 2019
- Full applications due: March 8, 2019

**If you are considering applying for a project grant, you will want to plan on attending one of the workshops/webinars next month. There are several upcoming grant workshops and a webinar including one in Frostburg on Monday, January 14th.**

- \* Tuesday, 1/8/19 - Pocomoke City (Worcester Co.) - 10 am to Noon - [Register for this date](#)
- \* Wednesday, 1/9/19 - Dowell (Calvert Co.) - Noon to 2 pm - [Register for this date](#)
- \* Friday, 1/11/19 - Elkridge (Howard Co.) - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - [Register for this date](#)
- \* **Monday, 1/14/19 - Frostburg (Allegany Co.) - 1 pm to 3 pm - [Register for this date](#)**
- \* Wednesday, 1/16/19 - Perryville (Cecil Co.) - 10 am to Noon - [Register for this date](#)
- \* Friday, 1/18/19 - St Michaels (Talbot Co.) - 1 pm to 3 pm - [Register for this date](#)
- \* Monday, 1/28/19 - Webinar - 1:30 to 3:30 pm - [Register online for this date](#)

Complete grant guidelines are available on [MHAA's grant page](#).

## FY2019 Historic Preservation Capital Grants

The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. Eligible properties are limited to those which are listed in or eligible for the Maryland Register, either individually or as a contributing structure within a district.

The Maryland Historical Trust will open intents to apply for the FY2019 Historic Preservation Capital Grants round on February 1st, 2019. Once



MHT reviews your intent to apply, you will receive an email link inviting you to submit a full application. Intents to apply and full applications must be submitted online.

For more information, visit the [MHT Capital Grants page](#). Download the [grant guidelines](#).

### Important Dates:

- Intent to Apply deadline: February 15, 2019
- Full applications due: March 22, 2019

## Heritage Legislative Reception

The coalition of Maryland Heritage Areas will be hosting a legislative reception on **Wednesday, January 30th from 4:30-6:30pm** in the President's conference center West I & II at the Miller Senate Office building in Annapolis. Each heritage area will have a display and light refreshments will be served as we invite community and our legislators to attend to thank them for their support during the last legislative session and look forward to the future.

Click to [RSVP](#) or email, email: [info@anacostiatrails.org](mailto:info@anacostiatrails.org), phone: 301-887-0777.



2018 Heritage Legislative Reception

## Upcoming Events

**First Day Hikes** - Tuesday, January 1, times vary at the Deep Creek Lake State Park, Herrington Manor State Park and the New Germany State Park. The first day hikes are held throughout the state in over 30 parks. For more information including times and meet-up location, visit <http://dnr.maryland.gov/>

**Winter 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>

**The Winter Show** - Fridays, Saturdays Sundays 11am - 5pm through March 31, 2019, Art Spring Gallery Cottrill's Opera House in Thomas, WV. Along with artwork by regional artists, The Winter Show also combines artifacts from the newly formed Snow Sports Museum of West Virginia. Objects include historic snow equipment, posters and ephemera that evoke the spirit of winters past and present. For more information, visit: <http://www.artspringwv.com/> \*\*Out of County Event

**Oakland Winter Fest** - Saturday & Sunday, February 16 & 17, Downtown Oakland. Events often include ice carving demonstrations by Master Ice Carver Bill Sandusky, illuminated ice sculptures, interactive sculptures, store specials, vendors/crafters, carriage rides, exceptional dining and more! For more information, visit: <http://www.oaklandmd.com/>

**MSP/NRP Deep Creek Dunk** - Saturday, February 23, Behind Uno's & Honi-Honi. Take an icy dip in Deep Creek Lake to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland. Fee for registration. For more information, visit: [www.dunkmd.com](http://www.dunkmd.com)

*\*Dates, times and details are subject to change. Please contact event organizers for the most*

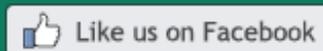
up-to-date information.

There are so many events coming up this winter and early spring! Please visit [www.garrettheritage.com](http://www.garrettheritage.com) for additional upcoming events.

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