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In this Issue

Summer is in full swing here at the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West (MMGTW)! The last three months have been filled with grant reviews, workshops, sales retreats, events and so much more!

We attended the Maryland Motorcoach & Pennsylvania Bus Association's Marketplace in southeast Pennsylvania. This was a fantastic opportunity to spread the word about our heritage area and group friendly attractions to group leaders to invite them to visit us in our region. Several hundred group leaders made their way through our booth and was a great experience!



We also were excited to be a part of the Dr. Neal Brooks National Road History Presentation at the Casselman Inn. This event was part of a week-long celebration of the Historic National Road. Dr. Brooks gave a captivating talk about our regional connection during the progression of the National Road and how it played a large part of the development of our region.

This June we were excited to host a Groups/Motorcoach Training Workshop led by Tiffany Ahalt of Star-Spangled Tours. Our workshop

focused on the unique needs of the motorcoach traveler as well as itinerary building, the importance of relationship building and a great overview of this unique travel segment. The workshop was well attended and everyone enjoyed their familiarization (FAM) training at local attractions including the Oakland B&O Museum.

FY2017 Mini-Grant Program

Keep an eye out for upcoming information about our FY2017 Mini-Grant Program. This program is designed to provide funding for innovative exhibits, tours, marketing, planning and projects which build upon interpretive themes identified in the Management Plan including: Transportation, Man and Nature, Historic Recreation, Cultural Uniqueness. Projects should seek to attract cultural heritage tourists to the region. Updated information will be available online at www.garrettheritage.com.

Statewide Resources Available

Maryland InfoPortal

Maryland InfoPortal (formerly called Redbook Online) is the best one stop for finding financial and non-financial assistance offered by Maryland state government agencies on the web. The Maryland Department of Planning, through the State Clearinghouse, hosts this digital catalog and coordinates the timeliness and accuracy of the information with a network of more than 80 sponsoring agencies.

Maryland InfoPortal contains links to 700-plus state programs providing financial, non-financial and technical assistance and direct development to local government, civic and private organizations, and individuals.

To learn more about this tool, click [here](#).

Transfer of Development Rights

Transfer of Development Rights, or TDR, programs are a great vehicle for preserving rural land and encouraging development in existing communities while leveraging private - not public - funds. Following the administration's lead, Planning is changing Maryland for the better by serving rural communities in ways that are not one-size-fits-all. Improving the quality of life

in rural areas means helping them successfully uphold the high quality of life many already offer.

Through TDR programs, developers, rather than the government, buy development rights from owners of rural land that lies in designated sending areas, which county governments designate for preservation. A perpetual conservation easement is then placed on the property. Developers can use their purchased development rights to build more residences, increase commercial square footage or gain other marketable features in receiving areas, which are located in areas where development and infrastructure are planned and desired.

To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

NEW Barn Quilts are Here

Barn Quilts of Garrett County have been quite busy over the past several months in preparation to produce and install 10 new barn quilts across the county. The barn quilt above is located just at the top of Sand Flat hill off Rt. 219 (South) on the left hand side of the road. You can visit their Facebook page for more photos of the new barn quilts and will be added soon to their [website](#) and our Heritage [mobile app](#).



Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 16 from 10am to 1pm to celebrate Barn Quilt Day at the Mountain Fresh Farmers Market. See the newly mounted quilt square at the Farmer's Market and check out some recently painted barn quilts, learn how to get your own barn quilt, and see a quilting demonstration. Visit www.facebook.com/events/1660310680962584/ for more information!

"Pop-up" Gallery Shop Opening Soon

By Friday, June 24th, the Garrett County Arts Council will open it's temporary "Pop-up" Gallery Shop in McHenry, MD on US 219. The retail gallery will be located in the former Silver Tree Marine building next to Archie's Barbeque. The

building is provided by Stuck Enterprises Inc. The Pop-Up Gallery Shop will be open seven days a week through Labor Day. After Labor Day through December 31, 2016, it will be open Thursday through Sunday. The gallery will present for sale all of the traditional 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art works for which their participating artists are famous. Check the GCAC website for the latest information and hours of operation: www.garrettarts.com or join them on [Facebook](#).



Success at the Garrett Trails Events

This past weekend, Garrett Trails hosted several events including the Gran Fondo bike ride, Taste of Garrett and Race UP the Face. All were deemed a great success. The weather was fantastic, so there was a great turnout to all three events. These events are fundraisers for the organization which is dedicated to the development of a well-used network of high-quality, sustainable trails that provide access to Garrett County's historic, municipal and environmental treasures. For more information about all of these events and our area trails,

please visit www.garretttrails.org.



Garrett Historical Society Glade Star

Be on the lookout for the new release of the Glade Star coming soon! Featuring historical and current day photos of Wilson Run which flows below the current Historical Museum. It was recently reopened (viewable from street level) and is now covered again. Contact the Historical Society for more information and how to receive a copy. 301-334-3226 or email info@garrettcountymuseums.com.

Upcoming Events

Local Artists Show and Sale in Friendsville

July 1; 11am - 5pm. 720 Morris Ave, Friendsville, MD. Make a short trek to Friendsville for a Fabulous Friday 'Arts' event at the headquarters for All Earth Eco Tours. Garrett County Artist Annie Morris-Simcoe will be setting up a special display of her fabric, textile and multimedia art for a special one-day show. Annie is an award winning full time artist that displays at juried shows throughout the east coast. Her pieces often feature cartography images such as textile maps of Deep Creek Lake or other regions. Her nature inspired art brings the peace and beauty of nature to viewers. Call 301-746-4083 for more information or click [here](#).

Mountain Fresh Farmers Market

Held every Wednesday & Saturday, June 4 - October 29, 10am - 1pm. Located in downtown Oakland, enjoy farm fresh produce, locally made products and much more at the weekly farmer's market. Visit www.mountainfresh.org.

Oakland Pocket Park Movies

Held every Thursday through August 18 at 8:45pm. Bring your chairs or blanket and come out and join us at the Market Fresh Pavilion in downtown Oakland on Thursday evenings for a free movie. For more information and movie listings, click [here](#).

20th Anniversary Little Yough Summer Music Festival

Held every Friday, July 1 - September 2 at 7pm. Celebrating 20 years of singers/songwriters and area, regional, and national talent! Join us every Friday night at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in downtown Oakland. Bring your blankets and chairs and listen to a variety of musical styles under the summer skies. Food and ice cream is available for purchase as well as t-shirts and merchandise. The concerts are free to attend and donations are appreciated. Call 301-334-2691 for more information.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesday's through October 31 from 10am - 1pm. Wonderful Wednesday's in Oakland, MD offer in store specials to residents and visitors. There are also carriage rides and the Mountain Fresh Farmer's Market at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion in the Town Parking Lot (Town Park Lane). The market runs from June 6 - October 31, 10am to 1 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The downtown museums are open for tours as well on Wednesdays. The Oakland B&O Museum will offer children's activities from 11:00am - 1:00pm including crafts and storytelling. The Huff-n-Puff ride in the front lawn will be available for children as well. For more information, click [here](#).

Broadford Park Fireworks

The Garrett Community Concert Band and The Garrett Choral Society are honored to present a musical celebration of our Nations Birthday of July Fourth at the Broadford Park July Third Firework Festivities. The band and chorus will present several patriotic selections together including Carmen Dragons rendition of America. The Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm at Pavilion #1 where there will be plenty of room for picnics and enjoyment of the beautiful surroundings. Bring chairs and/or blankets for seating. The fireworks will begin at the conclusion of the Stars and Stripes Forever which will be at approximately 9:30 pm. Admission: \$3 per person, 8 & under \$1. Contact Oakland City Hall for more information: townofoak@gmail.com

Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display

Monday, July 4th. The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display. Fireworks launched from the top of Bear Claw Tubing Park at Wisp Resort out toward the waters of Deep Creek Lake. Viewing spots include the scenic overlook on Rt. 219, McHenry Cove on Deep Creek Lake and businesses in McHenry. Rain date: July 5th. If there is inclement weather on July 4th, please check this page or tune your radio to our local stations and media partners, 104.5 WKHJ, 92.3 The Train and 1050 AM WMSG radio for live updates on the status of the fireworks. For more information, click [here](#).

Accident Fourth of July Homecoming

Monday, July 4th from 9am - 7pm; parade at 11am in the town of Accident. Parade, patriotic program, arts & crafts, food, games & historic tours. Call 301-746-6346 for more information or click [here](#).

Maryland Humanities Council presents Chautauqua

July 5-7; 7pm at Garrett College. Chautauqua 2016 - Masters of their Craft "Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it, and above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light." With these words, American publisher Joseph Pulitzer articulated a set of standards that inspire journalists, writers, artists and musicians in their creative endeavors. For our 22nd season, we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize as three Pulitzer winners come to life on the Chautauqua stage. For more information, click [here](#).

Art in the Park

July 9 - 10, 10am - 5pm. Once again on the shores of Deep Creek Lake! Be inspired! Forty-five plus artists including several new to the festival display and sell their work at the 17th Annual Art in the Park in one of Western Maryland's most magnificent settings - [Deep Creek Lake State Park](#), July 9-10th. Arrive by boat, car or foot - enter thru the gate at Deep Creek Lake State Park (service charge applies). Food, naturalist programs and children's art tent among featured activities. For more information, click [here](#).

Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series

July 21, 7pm. Join the Oakland B&O Museum featuring speaker, Daniel Toomey from Baltimore, MD who will be speaking about the Lincoln Funeral Train. Admission is free. Call Terry Helbig for more information at 301-616-0661.

BINGO, The Winning Musical

July 22, 7:30pm at the Barn at Ridgeview Valley in McHenry, MD. Musical Theatre suitable for the entire family. Admission: \$10. For more information, click [here](#).

Third Annual Accidental Art & Music Festival

Saturday and Sunday July 23rd and 24th, 11am-11pm and 10 am-9pm respectively. Join us for our third annual Accidental Art & Music Festival, when we turn our parking lot into a festival ground! We are happy to have these bands joining us this year: Optimus Riff, Mateo Monk, The Commonheart, Fletcher's Grove, The Plate Scrapers, Kevin Hamric & Weary Space Wanderer, and Jakobs Ferry Stragglers. We are also happy to be featuring these local artists

and vendors, with more to be added: Purdy Rad, Seth Pitt, Rockin' Ears, reGLASSified, BSC Boro, RIAH's Fire Creations, Blue Moon Rising, Harvest Moon Market and more! DC Brau Brewing Co. will be our featured brewery this year. We will be exclusively offering their drafts at an outside beer tent, and several more inside on tap. We will also have our outside grill fired up with some of your summertime favorites, with the MoonShadow twist on them. For more information, click [here](#).

Friendsville Days

July 29-30; Friendsville Community Park. Our 36th annual Friendsville Days Celebration. Friday: entertainment, food and games. Saturday: parade, games, entertainment, kids' activities and fireworks. Sponsored by the Friendsville Days, Inc. For more information, call 301-746-5919 or click [here](#).

Garrett County Agriculture Fair

July 30 - August 6. 60th Anniversary of the Garrett County Agriculture Fair. Carnival rides, food, games, livestock, mud bog, demolition derby, live music, tractor pull and more. Country Music's Sawyer Brown will be playing on Saturday, July 30. Get tickets online [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

THE MOUSETRAP, a mystery by Agatha Christie

August 4, 7:30pm. at the Barn at Ridgeview Valley in McHenry, MD. Musical Theatre suitable for the entire family. The Mousetrap is Agatha Christie's stirring mystery about a group of strangers who end up in a small English inn during a snowstorm. Admission: \$10. For more information, click [here](#).

Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series

August 18, 7pm. Join the Oakland B&O Museum featuring speaker, Lars Byrne who will be speaking about the "Tourist Railroads" including the Cass Scenic Railroad, The Durbin Rocket, New Tygart Flyer and Cheat Mountain Salamander. Admission is free. Call Terry Helbig for more information at 301-616-0661.

Country Fest & Auction

August 27, 8am - 4:30pm at Garrett County Fairgrounds in McHenry, MD. Country Fest & Auction is a family event featuring hand-stitched quilts, chicken BBQ, Gospel music, aerial candy drop, pony rides, a petting zoo, home decor and more. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 301-616-3628 or 301-501-4236 or lapp5@verizon.net.

Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival

September 9 - 10. Noon to 6pm; store open until 7pm. The 12th annual Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival, benefiting HART for Animals and Garrett Lakes Arts Festival (GLAF), features beautifully handcrafted works by local and regional artisans, more than 200 wines to taste from Maryland and national wineries, live entertainment, food, silent auction, wine store, wine pairing dinners, lodging packages and more, all set in the beautiful mountains of western Maryland. Advance tickets; \$30 adults/\$10 under 21/Children 12 and under FREE. For more information, click [here](#).

Outdoor Quick Paint/Plein Air

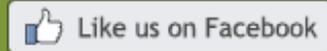
September 24; 8am - 4pm at Spruce Forest Artisan Village. Come participate in our outdoor quick paint/ plein air event on Saturday September 24th. Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to come participate with several awards categories, including: first time. All mediums are welcome and there are no canvas requirements. Simply bring your own canvas, art supplies and easel and paint whatever you like within the Little Crossings campus (Spruce Forest Artisan Village, The Casselman River Bridge, The Casselman River, Stanton's Mill, the historic buildings, etc.). Registrations starts at 8 AM and completed works must be turned in by 3 PM. Awards begin at 4 PM. Sponsored in part by the Allegany Area Art Alliance and Garrett County Arts Council. For more information, click [here](#).

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

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