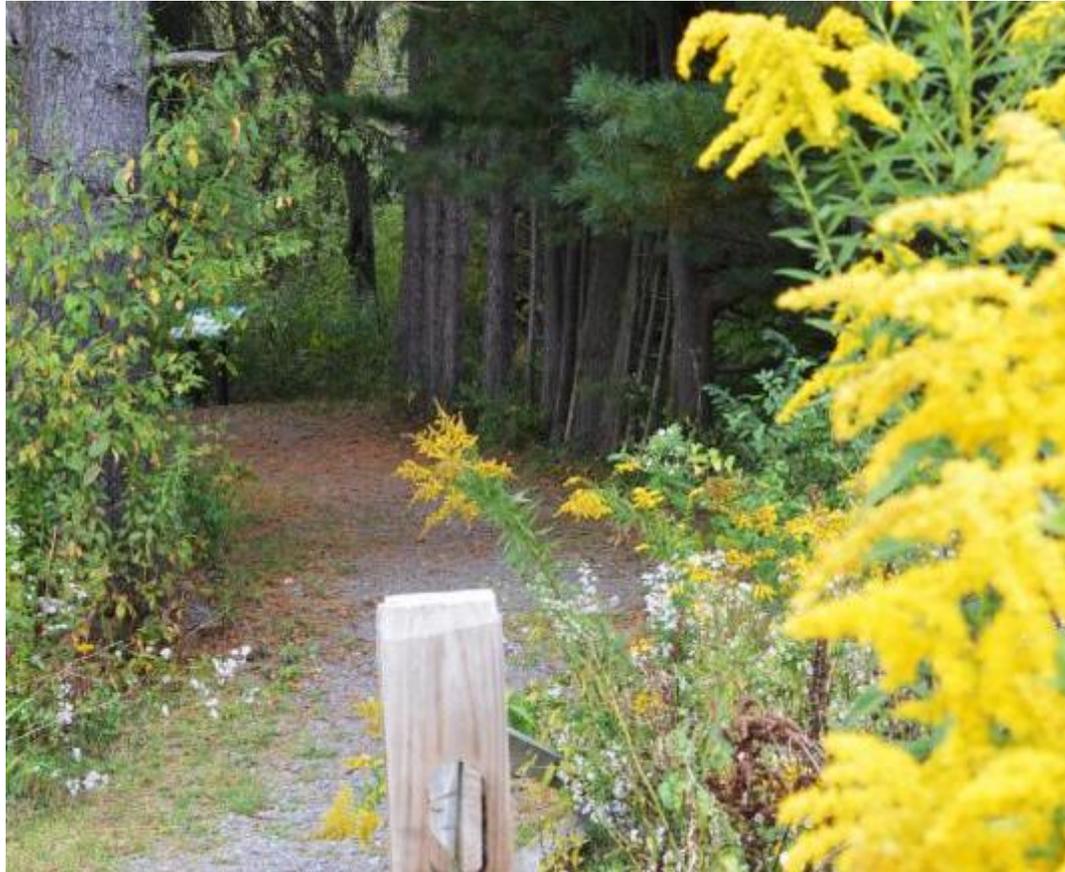


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Spring is arriving quickly at the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West (MMGTW)! The last three months have been filled with project grant applications, events and so much more! The Annual Celebrate Heritage Snow Tubing Afternoon was a success. Although the warm weather may have kept some folks away, we certainly had a lot of happy faces zipping down the mountain! What a great way to share the Heritage message with an afternoon of fun!

In January, we attended the American Bus Association Marketplace and met with 20 tour operators to invite them to bring groups to our region. We also participated in the annual

PACE reception and breakfast held in Annapolis. The heritage area d Chamber of Commerce with our pull up display banner and had the opportunity to share our area with attendees. Nicole Christian, President & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce also presented to the Mary Browning Senior Center, sharing our Heritage area story and mission.



In February, the Maryland Heritage Areas Coalition celebrated our 20th Anniversary in Annapolis. Our heritage area had the opportunity to share our heritage message and featured our pull up banner at the celebration. We also joined alongside our fellow Maryland tourism partners to celebrate Tourism Day in Annapolis. It was a great way to join together and share the importance of tourism in our state, the 10th largest industry.



Today we are heading to the Maryland Motorcoach & Pennsylvania Bus Association's Marketplace in southeast Pennsylvania. This is a great 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.

FY2017 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Project Grants

We are excited to announce that our Heritage area will have 5 local project grant applications for the FY17 round of MHAA grants. These projects were reviewed at the local level and will move on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at MHAA for further review. The announcement of awards will be in early July. Good luck to all of our applicants! If you missed this round of grants, please keep our mini-grant program in mind this fall. We offer mini-grants for projects locally up to \$2,000 with a 1:1 cash match. Keep an eye out for more information late this summer.

African-American Heritage Preservation Program Grant Workshop Scheduled

The Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Historical Trust are pleased to announce workshops regarding grants available through the African American Heritage Preservation Program for fiscal year 2017.

There will be a workshop hosted in Prince George's County on Saturday, April 23 from 11am to 1pm at the Fairmount Heights Library, 5904 Kolb St, Fairmount Heights, MD 20743. If you are interested in attending, please click to [pre-register](#).

Oakland B&O Museum Speaker Series



The Oakland B&O Museum will be presenting their summer speaker series in June, July & August, the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm. All events are open to the public at no charge. June's speaker will be Bruce Elliott of Green Bank, WV. He is a B&O Historian and will speak about the "West End: from Oakland to Grafton". July's speaker will be Daniel Toomey, a Baltimore, MD, writer who has done research and written books for Johns Hopkins University and B&O Museum

in Baltimore. He will speak about the Lincoln Funeral Train. August's speaker is to be determined. More information will be available at www.garrettheritage.com as it becomes available or visit www.oaklandbandmuseum.org.

Summer Exhibit at the Grantsville Community Museum

The Grantsville Community Museum is planning a special exhibit for the summer of 2016 called, "Then & Now". The display will feature photos exploring how Grantsville has changed over the years.

The museum is open May 20 to October 22, 2016, Fridays from 1-4 PM and Saturdays 10am-3pm. Private visits can be scheduled by calling Gerry or Sue Beachy at 301-895-5387. The museum website is: www.grantsvillemuseum.org.



Upcoming Events

Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day

Please join us on March 29th at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans day at the Friendsville Veterans Memorial located in front of Friendsville Elementary School at 1:30 pm to honor our Vietnam Veterans. March 29 marks the last day the troops were on the ground in Vietnam. The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration is a long overdue opportunity for all Americans to recognize, honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during one of America's longest wars. Visit www.vietnamwar50th.com for more information.

20th Annual Student Arts Fair

Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Students of all ages from every school in Garrett County will be showcased. Honor bands and choruses perform, visual art exhibits are on display, and theatre students present short stage shows. Children may take part in several Make & Take activities to create an art project while in attendance. Design It Yourself tote bags will be provided by Samantha Funding for the Arts. Attendance is free and refreshments are for sale with proceeds benefiting county high school theatre departments. The event is sponsored by Garrett County Arts Council with assistance from Maryland State Arts Council and Garrett County Board of Education. Held at the Community Aquatic and Recreation Complex (CARC) located on Mosser Road, McHenry.

United States Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30pm; Garrett College CARC Gymnasium. In 1946, the United States Armed Forces were in the midst of the largest military draw down in modern history, and millions of servicemen and women returned stateside to resume their civilian lives. The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus now comes to Garrett County. The Army Field Band will delight our audience with a variety of contemporary popular music, including rock, pop, country, R&B, and patriotic favorites. [Click to purchase tickets.](#)

Garrett Trails Hike to Hoye-Crest

Come hike Maryland's Highest Natural Point with Garrett Trails, Saturday, April 9, at 1:00 PM. This is a fairly challenging, steep climb along Backbone Mountain at an elevation of 3,360 feet. The ridge runs diagonally southwest to northeast and is located in the far corner of Garrett County, Maryland. Hoye-Crest is named for Captain Charles Hoye, founder of the Garrett County Historical Society. The overlook offers views of the North Branch of the Potomac River. Garrett Trails guided hike will meet at the trailhead at 1:00 PM. **Carpooling** is highly encouraged as parking is limited. To reach Hoye-Crest, take Hwy. 219 south out of Oakland. Cross Route 50 intersection at Red House, MD and continue on Hwy. 219 for approximately 5.5 miles, crossing into West Virginia. Approximately .7 miles past Silver Lake, there is a well-

marked trail head on the left side of the road. There is parking up the trail .1 miles (4WD recommended) or park on the right shoulder. Hike updates will be posted on the Garrett Trails Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GarrettTrails

Ballet Theatre of Maryland presents Alice in Wonderland

Sunday, April 24, 2pm - 4pm; Garrett College Auditorium. \$15 per adult, \$5 per student. Journey With Alice to Wonderland where you will enter a "Caucus Race", laugh at the antics of TweedleDee and TweedleDum, attend the zany Mad Hatter's Tea Party, paint the roses red, play croquet with the Queen of Hearts and her jabberwocky raven, meet the mysterious Cheshire Cat, and rescue the Mad Hatter from the Red Queen when he goes on trial for stealing her tarts. Lewis Carroll's "classic" tale is transformed as Ballet Theatre of Maryland meshes dance, theater, and music together to bring all of these whimsical characters to life through the power of dance.

[Click to purchase tickets.](#)

Fishing Rodeo in Grantsville

Take part in the fishing rodeo at the Grantsville Stormwater Pond. Call Town Hall for details: 301-895-3144.

Kendall River Trail 5K RUN & 3K WALK

Saturday, May 14, 8am - 12pm; Northern Garrett Rescue Squad. Come join the Town of Friendsville for a fun and invigorating morning along the Upper Yough. 5K run or 3K walk, you choose. An official 2016 event of the Queen City Striders. Coffee, water and refreshments provided. \$20.00 entry fee. First 50 entrants receive a free t-shirt and the first three runners will split a percentage of the registration fees collected. Cash prize also for top female finisher, as well as special prizes for youngest and oldest entrants. Fantastic prizes for walkers. Registration opens at 8am. 5K starts at 9am -walkers will begin at 9:15. Hope to see you there! <https://www.facebook.com/events/550906811732172>

Grantsville National Road Festival

Happening May 14 through 21, 2016, the Grantsville National Road Celebration is a week-long event celebrating the history and people of our area! The week of fun begins with the Maryland Pickers National Road Yard Sale on May 14. This will also be the date of the Grantsville Town-wide Yard Sale. There will be spaces available for non-Grantsville residents to set up their goodies in the town park. Margaret Mullich of Blue Moon Antiques will also be doing our own version of Antiques Road Show, so bring your family heirlooms and yard sale finds to get appraised. On Monday evening, join Grantsville for a historical talk about the National Road with special guest speaker, Dr. Neal Brooks. Other events during the week include Art in the Park at the Casselman River Bridge State Park, National Park Wagon Train, Pecha Kucha Night, and Cinderblocks3: The Partnership with Patients Continues. The finale of the weekend will be the Artisan and Epicurean Faire hosted by Little Crossings! This event will bring over 40 vendors to the Little Crossings Field selling craft food, wine, beer and art! For much information about all of the events during the week, visit the event [Facebook page](#) or contact Blake Walker, Grantsville Revitalization Organization (GRO) President at bwalker@mybank4.com.

Kelley Miller Circus

Wednesday, May 25th; 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Bring the family to the Kelley Miller Circus at the Grantsville Community Park. More information is available at First United Bank & Trust: 301-895-5125.

Oakland Memorial Day Event

Oakland will be celebrating Memorial Day. Details to come! Keep an eye out for more information. www.agreatsmalltown.com.

Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

Grantsville will be hosting a Memorial Day Parade and Picnic. Call Town Hall for details 301-

Celtic Highland Festival

Friday, June 3 - 4; Friendsville Community Park. Come to hear the skirl of the Great Highland bagpipes, sing along with traditional Irish pub tunes, and enjoy the romance of evocative Celtic music that bridges the cultures of Scotland, Ireland and Appalachia. Watch the drama of historic Highland Athletic Games and encourage your kids to play along. Learn more about your clan history at The Glen of Clans. Watch the amazing border collies herding sheep. Enjoy our talented Irish traditional and Scottish county dancers and then join in the fun: learn how to do Ceili dancing and Scottish country dancing. Visit www.visitfriendsville.org for more information.

Mountain Fresh Farmers Market

Beginning Saturday, June 4 - October 29, 10am - pm. (Wednesdays & Saturdays). Located in downtown Oakland, enjoy farm fresh produce, locally made products and much more at the weekly farmers market. Visit www.mountainfresh.org.

Tunes & Brews

Saturday, June 4, 1pm - 7pm. Wisp Resort's second annual Tunes & Brews event will showcase some of our favorite Bands & Brews from all around. Visit www.wispresort.com for more details.

Grantsville Days

June 24 - 26; Grantsville Community Park. Parade, music, food, crafts, BBQ, tractor pull and so much more. Music acts include Marsh Mountain Men, Vandells, Back Beat and the Fabulous Hubcaps. www.visitgrantsville.com.

Maryland Symphony Orchestra

Friday, June 24, 7:30pm - 10pm; Wisp Resort. \$30 for adults, \$5 for students; under 5 free. The Friday evening concert will feature a brass ensemble from the Maryland Symphony Orchestra and is guaranteed to be a high energy concert in a 'come as you are' comfortable yet spectacular setting that only Wisp Resort can offer. [Click to purchase tickets.](#)

Garrett County Gran Fondo

Saturday, June 25; Garrett College. The Garrett County Gran Fondo has a ride for everyone from the recreational cyclist to seasoned professionals with five supported ride options. The 125 mile "Diabolical Double Metric", the 102 mile "Savage Century", the 62 mile "Masochistic Metric", and the 44 mile "Fabulous 44" all contain very steep and challenging hills. The "Garrett's Greatest 25" includes hills but is appropriate for the recreational cyclist not desiring to undertake the more extreme Gran Fondo ride offerings. Visit <http://www.garrettcountrygranfondo.org/> for more information.

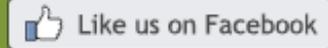
Taste of Garrett

Sunday, June 26; 5pm - 8pm; Wisp Resort. \$30 per adult, \$15 12 & under. Sample some of the area's tastiest dishes while supporting a great cause - local hiking & biking trails. Visit <http://garretttrails.org/taste-of-garrett.html> for more information and advance tickets.

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

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