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MOUNTAIN MARYLAND *Gateway to the West* HERITAGE AREA

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The Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area is excited to welcome the fall season! Cooler nights, fall foliage tours and the 48th Annual Autumn Glory Festival are all on the minds of area residents and visitors.

To go along with the change of seasons, we hope you enjoy our newly updated newsletter with a fresh look! To keep content streamlined, we have added a "read more" feature that will allow you to view the full article online or find more relevant information on that topic.

Last week we traveled with the Maryland On-the-Road (MORE) on a Virginia based sales mission to spread the word to regional tour operators about bringing groups to our region. What a fantastic way to join together with other Maryland attractions and help promote our beautiful state! We traveled all over the great state of Virginia including stops at Winchester, Roanoke and



Richmond.

We also traveled to the Destination Marketing Association International's Annual Conference, where we attended educational sessions on marketing an area's region. We received great insight on technology, trends and networking in the industry.

2015 Fall Foliage Tours



Our 2015 fall foliage tours feature a short route and an extended route. The central route takes you past a couple of our Barn Quilts as well as Cranesville Swamp and the Natural History Fork Run Hike. The southern route will take you to Maryland's High Point, past the African Methodist Episcopal Church structure and to the Loch Lynn Wetland Trail.

Don't forget to visit our sponsors, [Bear Creek Traders](#) and [Simon Pearce](#)!



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Mini-Grant Application Round Complete

Our FY2016 round of mini-grant applications has passed. We have received several applications and our grants committee on the Heritage Area Advisory Board will be reviewing those applications very shortly. Grant awards will be announced in early October. If you missed this round of applications, please consider applying for the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Project Grants this coming January.

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Historical Education Opportunity

Dr. Neal Brooks from Garrett College will be offering a new class featuring Garrett County's Early Industrial History. The class will include the development of mills - grist, lumber and iron - as well as tanneries & distilleries.

Classes began on Thursday, September 24 and will run each Thursday until October 22. (Please note there is no class on 10/8 for Autumn Glory). The classes will be held at the Oakland B&O Museum from 4-5:30pm.

Celebrating Friendsville's 250th Birthday



This past weekend was Friendsville's 250th Birthday Celebration. Many events were held in honor of the celebration including a quilt show, historical parade, reenactments, time period demonstrations, children's activity, music and so much more!

We hope you will join us in saying, Happy Birthday Friendsville!

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Upcoming Events

Casselman River Bridge 202nd Anniversary Celebration

Casselman River Bridge State Park will be celebrating its 202nd anniversary on Saturday, September 26th, 2015. A park ranger will be stationed at the park all afternoon and will be providing presentations on the history of the bridge at 12 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm. Later that evening, retired Forest Manager, Champ Zumbrun, will present a fireside program called "The Lore of the Casselman", which will include campfire songs and stories related to the bridge. The fireside program will take place at the stone fireplace next to the bridge at 7 pm. At the conclusion of the program, the Casselman River Bridge will be adorned with 202 candle luminaries, in honor of its anniversary. Spruce Forest Artisan Village will also be celebrating the anniversary of the Casselman River Bridge by hosting its third annual Outdoor Quick Painting (Plein Air) event on Saturday, September 26th. Registration will take place at the Village Church from 8 am until 10 am. There is no fee to register. More information on the painting event can be found online at www.spruceforest.org.



7th Annual Fall Festival and Open House

Join the Deep Creek Lake State Park staff as we celebrate the 7th Annual Open House and Fall Festival! Come see the many updates that have been done to restore the property and join the fun festival activities. For more information, contact the Discovery Center at 301-387-7067. www.discoverycenterdcl.com

Mountain Fresh Farmers Market

Join us for an Old-Fashioned Farmers Market every week from June - October on Wednesdays & Saturdays in Oakland! www.mountainfresh.org



48th Annual Autumn Glory Festival

The 48th annual Autumn Glory Festival includes parades, music, craft shows, kick-off reception, musical competitions, farmers market, scenic driving tour and more. Sponsored by Garrett Regional Medical Center, a proud affiliate of WVU Medicine.

www.visitdeepcreek.com

The United States Navy Band, Commodores, Jazz Ensemble

The Navy's premier jazz ensemble, the Commodores, presents the finest in America's truly original music. Part of the United States Navy Band in Washington, the group features 18 of the Navy's top jazz and "big band" musicians. Under the leadership of Master Chief Musician Philip M. Burlin, the Commodores combine the best of jazz, popular and patriotic music.

www.artsandentertainment.org

Christmas in the Village

Candle luminaries light the way around fire-warmed studios and historic museums during this free event. Meet the artists and purchase gifts. Hands-on activities for kids and choral programs in the village church.

www.spruceforest.org



A Great Small Town Christmas and Winter Fest

Visit Santa, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, find unique gifts and check out all of the illuminated ice sculptures as they line the streets of downtown Oakland!

www.agreatsmalltown.com

Please visit www.garrettheritage.com for all upcoming events.

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