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50th Annual Autumn Glory Festival Photo Contest Winner - Patty Lohr  
Photo taken on Meadow Mountain Trail

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## In this Issue

It is hard to believe that the fall season is upon us. With colorful leaves beginning to show their beauty and preparations for the 50th Annual Autumn Glory Festival underway, there is so much to celebrate this season.

In July, we attended the Destination Marketing Association International (now named Destinations International) Annual Conference. There were many educational opportunities in addition to peer networking from other Destination Marketing Organizations across the country and worldwide.

We were also proud to announce that we received several grant awards from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority FY18 round including our annual Management Grant and two project grants (Oakland's Pedestrian Gateway & Garrett County Celtic Festival's PILOT Chautauqua Event). We are very thankful to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for these awards as it was another very tough round of competition across the state.

We attended Oakland's Downtown Jubilee which celebrated the town with vendors, history, music, food and fun! We set up a display for the heritage area, showcasing our wonderful attractions and programs to visitors and residents.

The Heritage Area has awarded four mini-grant thus far in FY18. We have almost reached our cap of \$10,000. Once our cap has been met, we will close this grant round. The next grant round will begin in the summer of 2018. If you have any questions regarding mini-grants or other grant programs available, please visit [www.garrettheritage.com](http://www.garrettheritage.com) or contact Jen Durben at [jen@garrettchamber.com](mailto:jen@garrettchamber.com).



Heritage Booth at the  
Downtown Jubilee

## 50th Annual Autumn Glory Festival



We are so excited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Annual Autumn Glory Festival. The event has become such a tradition for residents and visitors alike. The 50th Anniversary will celebrate with many special components such as a commemorative CD with Autumn Glory songs, unique hand-made glass pieces from Simon Pearce Glassblowing, and a **NEW Turkey Trail** which will showcase our festival's roots with our local turkey dinners. We are on the search for restaurants,

organizations, and churches that offer turkey dinners during the festival. If you know of anyone who serves turkey dinners during the event, please forward the link below to complete a brief online form to be included in our promotion. A map and locations will be available online as well as a downloadable PDF and in print at the Garrett County Visitors Center.

**Learn more about our festival:**

[General Festival Information](#)

[Heritage Fall Foliage Driving Tours](#)

[NEW! Turkey Trail](#)

[Autumn Glory History](#)

## Introducing our Online Virtual Experience!

We are pleased to announce the launch of an Interactive Virtual Experience in partnership with the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. The tours can be found here: [www.garrettheritage.com](http://www.garrettheritage.com).

Visitors can immerse in 360 degree videos and panoramic tours of our area, ranging from historical sites, scenic vistas, our state parks, and so much more! Utilize the mobile app with or without a virtual reality headset to truly put yourself in the scene. Scenes come alive in the



virtual tours to share information or show the user about the location or experience. The interactive experience can also found on the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce website, [www.visitdeepcreek.com](http://www.visitdeepcreek.com).

This project was partially funded by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

## Friendsville Interactive History Tour

If you haven't been to Friendsville to explore their Interactive History Tour, make plans to visit soon! The tour features 18 stops and can be accessed by walking or driving to each location. There is a large map and brochures at the info kiosk located at the Kendall Trail Boater Parking Lot. We added the tour to the Garrett Heritage mobile app, so that you can also watch videos and read a bit about each stop on your mobile device. There are also QR codes on each interpretive marker that you can scan on your phone to learn more about each location. Download our app for free using Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Thanks to Crede Calhoun and all who made this tour possible. This project received funding from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and other key partners.



Visit the [VisitFriendsville.org](http://VisitFriendsville.org) website for more information.

## Vote for Deep Creek Lake!



Vote for Deep Creek Lake in the USA Today's Readers' Choice 2017 contest for favorite attraction in Maryland!

Situated at the crossroads between the North and the South, it's easy to see why Maryland has the nickname 'America in Miniature.' This diverse state has a little bit of everything - the cultural appeal of Baltimore, Appalachian Mountains to the west, sandy beaches to the east and the scenic Chesapeake Bay (with its famous blue crabs). We need your help choosing Maryland's best attractions.

Vote for your favorite once per day until Tuesday, October 10 at noon ET. Read the official Readers' Choice rules [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

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**Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series** - Saturday, September 30th, 7pm - 9pm at the Oakland B&O Museum, 117 E. Liberty St., Oakland, MD. Join us to hear from author, Kathleen Waters Sander, discuss her new book, "John W. Garrett and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad"! Books will be available for sale at the event and the author will be available to sign them. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

**Springs Folk Festival** - Friday, October 6- Saturday, October 7, 2017. The Springs Folk Festival invites you to join in the celebration of the arts, skills and labors of our forefathers. Watch the men and women baking bread and weaving, the men hewing logs and threshing grain and the children enjoying themselves on an old-time hayride. The lilting notes of blue grass groups, gospel music and children singing a capella fill the air with continuous performances in an enclosed program building. An exceptional array of quality handcrafted items - truly one-of-a-kind shopping adventure - paintings, baskets, wood crafted furniture, quilts and dulcimers, and over 100 juried artisans demonstrating their craft. Pennsylvania Dutch sausage meals, pancakes and sausage, bean soup, homemade bread baked in an outdoor kiln, doughnuts fried as you watch. \$5 for adults, Children 6-18, \$2 and Children under 6, Free. For more information, visit <http://www.springspa.org/> **\*\*Out of county event.\*\***

**50th Annual Autumn Glory Festival** - Wednesday, October 11 - Sunday, October 15, 2017. Events include Kick-Off Dinner & Reception, Fireman's Parade, Oktoberfest Dinner & Celebration, Craft Shows, Grand Feature Parade, Tournament of Bands, Maryland State Banjo, Fiddle & Mandolin Championships, Car Shows, and so much more! Visit [www.visitdeepcreek.com](http://www.visitdeepcreek.com) for more information, schedule of events and much more!

**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** - Sunday, October 29, 2017; 2pm - 3pm. Garrett Lakes Arts Festival presents the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. This masterful retelling of Washington Irving's masterpiece will meet your every expectation. Everyone loves a ghostly, spooky tale about things that go bump in the night-especially when the tale is full of good humor and beloved characters. The lanky, comedic school teacher, Ichabod Crane, pits himself against the athletic "jock", Brom Bones as they vie for the attention of the lovely, mysterious, wealthy Katrina Van Tassel. And of course, the spooky specter at the bottom of all the mysterious happenings is the Headless Horseman himself who will make a guest appearance onstage. Adults, \$15, Students \$5. Visit [www.artsandentertainment.org](http://www.artsandentertainment.org) for more information and tickets.

**Festival of Trees, Garrett County** - Friday, November 24 - Saturday, November 25, 2017. Garrett County Fairground Exhibit Hall in McHenry, MD. The event begins at 9 am and lasts until 5 pm (on Saturday, kids activities end at 4 pm to prepare for live auction), and includes a vast array of family activities. Designer decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces, and gingerbread houses are on exhibit, and will be auctioned Saturday at 6 pm, in the Grand Finale Auction. Bring the kids to Breakfast with Santa and then Frosty's Funland for Santa's Bakery, crafts, mail a letter to Santa, face painting, or to shop in Elfenheim Mall for \$1 per item. Watch the SuGO Lego robotics demonstrations both days, and enjoy a Kona Ice. Many local vendors will be there, selling their creations. Costs: \$5. Visit [www.fotgc.org](http://www.fotgc.org) for full event details. Proceeds benefit the Dove Center.

**Christmas in the Village** - Friday, December 1 - Saturday, December 2, 2017. The 33rd Annual Christmas in the Village. Friday from 4-8 pm and Saturday from noon till 8 pm. 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. For more information, visit [www.spruceforest.org](http://www.spruceforest.org).

**A Great Small Town Christmas** - Friday, December 8 - Saturday, December 9, 2017. Downtown Oakland. Tree lighting ceremony, sleigh rides, treats from Santa, music, shopping & dining

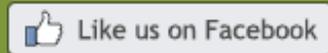
specials, and more! Visit [www.agreatsmalltown.com](http://www.agreatsmalltown.com) for more information.

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

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