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Modernism Symposium Set for February



Wheatoncrest, a c. 1950 subdivision in southeastern Montgomery County, features site planning and architecture by Charles M. Goodman & Associates, Architects and Engineers.

Do you live in a "California Contemporary"? Is your house or apartment largely defined by glass? Are you part of a civic association or group that appreciates post-World War II design?

If so, then the Historic Preservation Section and the University of Maryland School of Architecture would like to hear from you.

These two organizations are hosting a symposium on Montgomery County's Modern residential architecture, landscape architecture and community planning on February 8, 2003 at the University of Maryland School of Architecture.

The symposium will consist of two sessions. The morning session will be an informal discussion among architects, landscape architects, builders/developers and original residents of Modern or Contemporary architecture. The purpose of the discussion will be to glean firsthand information of Modern design from the people actually responsible for influencing its spread in the area.

Open to a broader audience, the afternoon session will include presentations about Modern architecture in Maryland and Montgomery County and a discussion of how best to preserve buildings from the recent past.

Speakers will include Dr. Isabelle Gournay, Professor at the University of Maryland School of Architecture who will speak on the Modern Movement in Maryland, subject of a future book; Gwen Wright, Historic Preservation Section Coordinator, who will speak on preservation opportunities and incentives for Modern-era communities; Joey Lampl, Architectural Historian at the Historic Preservation Section, who will speak on the work of architect Charles M. Goodman in Montgomery County and the Washington region; and others.

After these presentations, residents of Modern/Contemporary houses, members of preservation organizations, and builders, architects, and landscape designers involved in the creation of Modern communities are invited to talk in an open session about the experience of designing and/or living in a Contemporary home or community.

Exact times for the two-part session have not yet been decided, but will be soon. Anyone interested in attending the symposium should call Joey Lampl at the Historic Preservation Section, Tuesday - Fridays at 301-563-3414. If you reach voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, and address, so that you can be sent a written invitation to attend the event.

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Historic Preservation News and Notes



Emancipation Day hikers gather at Woodlawn Manor.



HPC Commissioners Susan Velasquez and Julia O'Malley staffed the HPC exhibit for Happy Birthday Montgomery County.

Maryland Emancipation Day

The day was bright and crisp-perfect hiking weather, as more than 70 adventurers accompanied historian Anthony Cohen for 1-1/2 miles on a re-creation of an Underground Railroad escape. The event began at Woodlawn Manor, a M-NCPPC historic site with possible links to the Underground Railroad, and ended at the Sandy Spring Meeting House, the place of worship for the Sandy Spring Quaker Community since 1817. Starting at the Woodlawn stone barn, the hikers experienced the terrain of cornfields, woods, brambles, disappearing paths, diverging paths, and short leaps over small waterways before arriving at the Sandy Spring, a local landmark. Montgomery County Planning Board Commissioner John Robinson welcomed the hikers and hiked the trail with them.

Lunch and a blues guitar performance could then be enjoyed at the Sandy Spring Slavery Museum, open for the day and an event partner.

The celebration of the freeing of the slaves of Maryland on November 1, 1864, continued at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville at 2 pm. The 1840s cabin is a M-NCPPC park historic site open to visitors on weekends with the help of the Friends of Oakley Cabin and the Underground Railroad. Reenactors from the 54th Massachusetts Regiment infantry and living history portrayers informed visitors of life in the late 1860s. The speaker, Diane Young, told of her ancestor's failed attempt to escape from slavery aboard the

ship *Pearl* in 1848, and the Promises of God gospel choir sang period pieces. Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Derick Berlage welcomed visitors. For more information on Oakley Cabin and the Friends group, call Susan Soderberg at 301-563-3405.

Happy Birthday Montgomery County

The Historic Preservation Commission co-sponsored the celebration of the 226th Birthday of Montgomery County with the Montgomery County Historical Society on Sunday, September 8. Seventeen historical organizations set up exhibits on the lawn of the Beall-Dawson House in Rockville. They shared the space with an archeological dig, 19th century children's crafts, and a participatory mural. Reenactors portrayed Dr. Stonestreet, Mrs. Beall, and an 18th century Maryland Ranger. Historic Preservation section historian Clare Cavicchi gave a talk on "Places From the Past," her book on the historic sites in the county. The birthday cake was ceremoniously cut by County Executive Doug Duncan, the event was attended by more than a dozen elected officials and candidates.

Magical Montgomery

The Historic Preservation Commission joined eighty-six other organizations participating in the county-wide festival called "Magical Montgomery," sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County. The event took place on September 28 in downtown Silver Spring and featured many performances by local groups from thespians to baton twirlers. The HPC's booth was well attended and many people who had no previous knowledge of local history learned about historic preservation efforts and historic places in the county.

History of Gaithersburg Published

Gaithersburg: History of a City, a 160 page book with many old photographs has been published by Arcadia in their "Making of America Series" and is available at the Gaithersburg Community Museum, The Montgomery County Historical Society, and several local bookstores. For information call 301-258-6160.

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2003 Historic Preservation Grants Awarded

The Historic Preservation Commission voted on October 23 to award \$30,000 in matching grants to county non-profit groups for a variety of projects that will increase public awareness of our county's history, protect our county's heritage resources and promote the preservation of historic structures. Under grant program guidelines, the funding is limited to non-capital projects and all of the projects must be completed before December 31, 2003.

This year, award money was reserved for a project that would create a common database and Web site to link all of the historical and preservation organizations in the county and promote coordination among them. **Montgomery Preservation, Inc.** has taken on this project which will benefit all of the organizations.

Audubon Naturalist Society is producing three wall-mounted panels on the history of Woodend and the Wells family to be placed in the main hall of the historic building.

The **Town of Glen Echo** will be celebrating its centennial in 2004 and is creating both a book and a walking tour pamphlet on the town and its 100 historic houses.

The **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture** is producing a book on the restoration of the Dentzel Carousel that will feature many photos of the carousel and tell the history of carousels.

The **Historic Medley District** will be creating a 30-page web site for the organization which will include links to other organizations and online feedback for the John Poole House Museum and the Seneca Schoolhouse.

Historic Takoma has been awarded a third grant to continue to conduct and transcribe oral histories of long-time local residents, this year focusing on World War II and the Depression Era. The questions, protocol and background booklets they created for the oral history interviews they have conducted previously have served as a prototype for other groups doing similar projects.

For the past five years the **Montgomery County Historical Society** has sponsored the "Montgomery County History Tour Weekend" which coordinates up to 25 sites for special exhibits and tours for one weekend a year.

In 2003 The HPC will help with the printing of the brochure for the event.

Montgomery Preservation, Inc. will again be hosting the annual Preservation Awards Reception in the spring, creating an "Endangered Site" list, and presenting the Montgomery Prize and other awards to worthy recipients.

Montgomery Preservation, Inc. will also be co-sponsoring projects for two other organizations—a video on the history of the Silver Spring Train Station for the Silver Spring Historical Society, and a sign and brochure on Prathertown for the newly formed Goshen Historic Preservation Society.

The **National Capital Trolley Museum** is making a table-top model of the trolley line to Washington, D.C. for display in their museum.

A new organization has formed to preserve the Odd Fellows Hall on the grounds of the Sharp Street Church in Sandy Spring. The **Odd Fellows Hall Preservation Committee** will be working under the umbrella of the Sandy Spring Slavery Museum to get a consultant to prepare a rehabilitation plan for the 1920s building.

The previous efforts of **Peerless Rockville** to study the architectural and historical themes of 20th century Rockville is being taken to a new level. The goal is to place all of their sites into a geographical information system which will make them more accessible to the public.

A video on "The History of the Negro Baseball Leagues in Montgomery County" is the funded project of the **Sandy Spring Museum**.

Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg will be enhanced in 2003 with four wayside exhibits on Woodlands, the estate of the Clopper family next to the park visitor center, sponsored by the **Friends of Seneca Creek State Park** with the help of the HPC grant.

Warren Historic Site Committee will be celebrating the centennial of the church in 2003 and the grant will help with their celebration of this event.

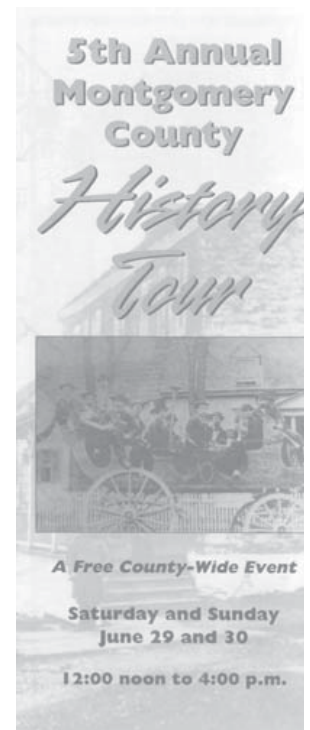
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A book by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture will feature a history of carousels.



Calendar

November

25-February Exhibit: Montgomery County Modern: Everyday Life in the 1930s. Beall-Dawson House, Rockville. Tuesdays through Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

November 30-January 4 Exhibit at the Waters House: Best Wishes: Holiday Greeting Cards from the early 1900s. Wednesdays 2pm-9pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

December

1 6th Annual Waters House Tree Lighting from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the historic Waters House, Royal Crown Drive and Milestone Manor Drive in Germantown. Santa on a horse-drawn wagon, hot cider, cookies, carol singing. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

3-Jan. 5 The historic Beall-Dawson House in Rockville will be decorated in 1930s holiday style and open for holiday tours on Tuesdays through Sundays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

4 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. www.mc-mncppc.org

4 Holiday Open House at the Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville. Peerless Rockville 301-762-0096. www.peerlessrockville.org

14 & 15 Christmas on the Farm: hayrides and Candlelight Tours of the Bussard Farmhouse at the Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood; noon to 8 p.m. Call 301-670-4661. www.montgomeryparksfnd.org/fg

18 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. www.mc-mncppc.org

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8, 22 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. www.mc-mncppc.org

February

12, 26 HPC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MRO Auditorium, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-563-3400. www.mc-mncppc.org

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