In 2005 did you paint your house, replace the roof, or finally repair that back stoop? These, and other projects such as storm window/door installation, chimney relining, and foundation repair qualify for the tax credit. As long as you’ve spent at least $1,000 over the course of the year (not a hard task) on exterior maintenance, restoration, rehabilitation, or other preservation work you could benefit from this County program.

Each of the projects shown here cost 10% less because of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Don’t lose your 10%!

Montgomery County rewards preservation activities with this tax credit against real property taxes for 10% of the eligible documented expenses on all individual historic sites and properties in historic districts (including non-contributing buildings) designated on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

Completed forms must be postmarked by April 1, 2006. Don’t miss out.

Additional forms can be obtained, or questions about any aspect of the program answered, by calling the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission at 301-563-3400, or by visiting our website at: www.mcmncppc.org/historic/instructions/info_tax.shtml

The required forms and more information are available on the Maryland Historical Trust website (www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net) or by calling the Office of Preservation Services at 410-514-7639.

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New Book: History of Silver Spring
The Silver Spring Historical Society announces publication of Historic Silver Spring by Jerry A. McCoy. Published by Arcadia Publishing, Historic Silver Spring celebrates the community’s past, beginning with founder Francis Preston Blair’s 1840 discovery of the mica-flecked spring and the 1873 arrival of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Vintage photographs document the progressive growth of “Main Streets” Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road, and the construction of the Silver Spring Armory and National Dry Cleaning Institute in 1927 and the Silver Theatre and Silver Spring Shopping Center in 1938. The volume concludes with modern pictures of downtown Silver Spring’s 21st-century revitalization, which continues to preserve the past and secure the future of the area. In a pictorial journey through the community’s Central Business District and bordering residential neighborhood of East Silver Spring, Historic Silver Spring honors the people and places that have come before. Cost of the book is $19.99. For information call 301-565-2519.

Black History Month Programs
The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning is co-sponsoring with the Montgomery County Historical Society the following programs in February (all Friday evening programs begin at 7 PM):

February 3: Uncle Tom
A performance of Josiah Henson by reenactor Bus Howard. Henson was the model for Uncle Tom in the book Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Ken-Gar (Josiah Henson) Community Center, Ken-Gar Palisades Local Park, 4140 Wexford Drive, Kensington.

February 10: Movies, Race, and World War II
Thomas Cripps, Morgan State University Distinguished Professor Emeritus, presents a video-illustrated lecture demonstrating how Hollywood films such as Sundown, Sahara, and Lifeboat and government propaganda movies like The Negro Soldier anticipated the politics of racial activism and offer a documentary record of that aspect of American history. Beall-Dawson House, 103 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville.

February 11: Children’s Program
Magnificent Folks, Animals, and Other Such Tales, for children in grades PreK-8, celebrates individual and collective magnificence through tales from the Americas and beyond. This interactive, multicultural storytelling program also includes a bilingual tale from South America with Storyteller Diane Macklin. Saturday, from 2 to 3 PM, at Woodlawn Manor, 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring.

February 17: Message or Myth: Were Quilts Used For Communication on the Underground Railroad?
Susan Soderberg, Historian, Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning, looks at the history of quilting, the history of the Underground Railroad, and inaccuracies in the book Hidden in Plain View. Sandy Spring Slave Museum, 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring.

February 24: “Is Africa My Home?” The Debate About the Colonization of Maryland Blacks in the Nineteenth Century
The American Colonization Society was founded in 1816. A Maryland auxiliary of this organization helped about 1,200 African Americans settle in Africa. In this lecture, Debra Newman Ham, Professor of History at Morgan State University, explores the issues of race in antebellum society and examines the reactions of African Americans to colonization. Sandy Spring Slave Museum, 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring.

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**Preservation Awards Nominations**

March 31, 2006, is the deadline for submitting nominations for 2006 Montgomery County Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Montgomery Preservation, Inc., the awards honor individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the preservation or restoration of historic resources in the county, or to educate the general public in the value of our local heritage during the past year. Anyone can nominate an individual or group for an award. Selection of the winners is made by a panel of expert judges. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact the 2006 Preservation Awards Chair, Judy Christensen, email: Jchriste@rockvillemd.gov, 240-314-8232, 6 Walker Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

To nominate “Endangered Historic Sites” for the annual list to be presented at the ceremony please contact Wayne Goldstein, 301-942-8079. The deadline for the Endangered Historic Sites nominations is March 31.

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**E-Training for New Oakley Cabin Docents**

Beginning this Spring, people wishing to volunteer as docents (guides) for Oakley Cabin in Brookeville can begin their training through the internet. This training is a simple interactive informational session with tests at the end of each of two segments: “Basic Training” and “Cabin Profile.” It takes about 35 to 45 minutes to complete. Upon completion your information will be forwarded to the Volunteer Office and you will be invited to the 3-hour on-site training where you will receive a Handbook. Upon completion of the on-site training you will be qualified to volunteer at the Cabin. Oakley Cabin is a slave quarters that was constructed in the 1820s. It is Montgomery County’s premier African American site open to the public and is operated through the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning. For information on this training please contact Susan Soderberg, Education and Outreach Planner at 301-563-3405, susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org.
Calendar

Exhibits
February 21 through July 30 Handiwork From the Collections. Items with needlework, lace, knitting, crocheting and mending will be displayed. The exhibit will also explore the importance of handiwork as part of a woman’s daily chores. Beall-Dawson House, Rockville. Tuesdays through Sundays, 12:30-4:30 PM. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

February 4 through April 26
“Montgomery County’s African American Churches” sponsored by the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation. Waters House in Germantown Wednesdays 2PM-9PM, Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM. Call 301-762-1492. www.montgomeryhistory.org

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

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

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18 Black History Day in Damascus. 1-4 pm. Damascus Recreation Center, Rt. 27 & Oak Drive. For information call Warren Fleming, 301-916-4522.

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