

# TOURISM

SUMMER/FALL 2006

Carroll County Maryland

## IT'S OFFICIAL! *HEART OF THE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA GRANTED CERTIFICATION*

**T**en years ago, the Carroll County Tourism Office produced a driving tour for visitors interested in the Civil War. Our proximity to Gettysburg brings many tourists who want to not only explore the battlefield, but also learn more about how the movement of troops affected the local citizens. Although Carroll County was not the site of large battlefields, we did have 60,000 troops march through our towns and over our roads.

### **A Multi-County Effort**

The Carroll County Tourism Office and Carroll County Planning Office have been working with Frederick and Washington County staff and the Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) to obtain certification of the "Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area" for the region. On July 13, 2006, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) was granted conditional certification by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority at its quarterly meeting. Comprising portions of Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties, HCWHA is the eleventh heritage area to be certified under the auspices of the Maryland Heritage Area Program, which offers grants, loans and tax incentives for the development of heritage tourism initiatives. In addition to certification,

eight grants totaling \$300,000 were awarded to support heritage area operations and projects in each of the three HCWHA counties.



### **Grants and Loans Offered to Local Sites and Programs**

Certification follows seven years of work at the local level to document the region's Civil War heritage resources and proposed initiatives in a management plan and to enlist local jurisdictions in the program. The certified designation means local historic sites, museums, educational programs, related marketing initiatives and projects to enhance visitor services are eligible for state grants (non-capital project grants match 50% up to \$50,000; capital grants match 50% up to \$100,000) and other benefits including low-interest loans and heritage preservation tax credits. The certification process will be final when all participating jurisdictions have amended their comprehensive plans to include the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Management Plan.

### **Taneytown Named as Targeted Investment Zone**

With the certification of the heritage area, three municipalities were activated as Targeted Investment Zones (TIZ) — Taneytown, Middletown and Hagerstown. TIZ designation is required for applicants to be eligible for capital grants and low-interest loans. Additional TIZs may be activated, based on local initiative, according to criteria outlined in the Management Plan.

The MHAA invites grant proposals once each year in the spring and, anticipating certification, potential applicants in the HCWHA were encouraged to submit applications for FY 2007 funding. Considerations in evaluating grant proposals include consistency with the goals and

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# MARYLAND MICROBREWERY FESTIVAL

**T**he Union Mills Homestead (circa 1797), a nationally recognized historic landmark, will host the first annual Maryland Microbrewery Festival on Saturday, September 30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Home of the Shriver family for six generations, the Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill provides the perfect backdrop for Carroll County's newest event.

## Taste What's Brewing

This is a golden opportunity to taste microbrewed beers from eight of the finest Maryland breweries, which will offer samples of their handcrafted beers including ales, lagers, wheat beers and many more. Our local home brewers club, Midnight Brewers Association of Carroll County, will offer educational seminars about the brewing process.

## An Entertaining Day

In addition, there will be exciting arts, crafts and music throughout the day. The Charles Parker Band will provide classic rock, while Ray Owens, noted for his humorous beer drinking songs, will add to the merriment. Bluegrass performers, the Salem Bottom Boys, will get your feet stompin' and your hands clappin'. A host of crafts and fine arts will be on display, and vendors such as the Carroll Carvers will feature demonstrations throughout the day. In addition to beer-themed T-shirts and handmade pottery beer steins, festival goers will find handbags, silver and beaded jewelry, dried floral wreaths and other handmade items that make excellent gifts.

## Delicious Fare

A wide array of foods traditionally served with beer will be offered: bratwurst, German

potato salad, crab soup, pit beef, ham, and hot pretzels. For other tastes there will be quesadillas, wraps, sweet potato fries, fried mushrooms and barbeque.



## Historic Fun

The operating Grist Mill provides a wonderful background for the festivities. As you watch the huge wooden cogs grind the wheat, cornmeal or rye, keep in mind that two-pound bags may be purchased in the gift shop. While touring the property, you'll want to visit the blacksmith shop where the art of forging steel as it was done hundreds of years ago is demonstrated.

For more information about the event, please call the Union Mills Homestead at 410-848-2288. ◀

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objectives of the certified heritage area management plan, urgency, and whether the project significantly leverages local and private investment. All grant awards must be matched dollar for dollar; 75% of the match must be cash and 25% may be in-kind donation of goods or services.

\$52,800 in capital funds were allocated for the City of Taneytown for streetscape enhancements. In addition to project grants, \$58,340 was awarded to support operating costs associated with the heritage area. The HCWHA will be managed under the auspices of the Tourism Council of Frederick County. Elizabeth Scott Shatto is the director of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. ▶

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## PBS'S *HISTORY DETECTIVE* FILMS AT WOOD'S GAIN B&B



PBS's *History Detective* recently filmed an episode at Wood's Gain B&B and other locations in Carroll County.

This past March, Wood's Gain Bed & Breakfast played host to a film crew for the PBS series *History Detective*. The episode, which aired July 10, revolved around alternative service certificates issued during World War II and their possible connection to churches and religious conscientious objectors. The crew shot several segments at Wood's Gain as well as other locations in the county.

David Watts of Aiken, South Carolina, is a history buff and WWII memorabilia collector who wanted the show to investigate two 1943 certificates, which were the subject of the episode. He was joined at Wood's Gain by *History Detective's* Tukufu Zuberi and a PBS crew, all of whom spent four days at the B&B.

### Tracing the Past

In the absence of the bed and breakfast's owners, Beverly and Steve Kerkam, Associate Innkeeper Larry Hitchcock welcomed the cast and crew, coordinated filming at the inn and helped them get to the bottom of their mystery with all the comforts of Carroll hospitality.

While pursuing clues, the PBS team visited several locations and patronized a number of local businesses, among them The Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, and Harry's Main Street Grille and the Plum Crazy Diner in Westminster.

The crew shot scenes at Wood's Gain, the Brethren Service Center, the Plum Crazy Diner and Linwood Brethren Church. They were highly impressed with the beauty and history of the church and were invited to stay

for the Sunday service. Pastor Micah Ceary introduced them to the congregation and explained their project to the intrigued parishioners.

### Cracking the Case

Turns out Dave's certificates are from a little known chapter in history in which the Brethren chose to stand up and express their peaceful convictions by refusing to go to war, instead supporting conscientious objectors' civilian public service efforts through donations.

### Carroll County Leaves Its Prints

As the crew was leaving, they all commented on the extraordinary treatment they received from everyone they met during their stay. The show featured some beautiful scenes of our county and when the credits roll, PBS's visit is sure to be a boost for tourism. ◀

## A ROAD RUNS THROUGH IT *MARYLAND'S HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD*



The Historic National Road was a gateway to the West for thousands of settlers who followed it from Baltimore through the Appalachians to Vandalia, Illinois. The road's history traces the evolution of transportation and commemorates the movement

that ultimately stretched the nation's boundaries from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Maryland Historic National Road is just one of the state programs Carroll County participates in to help promote our county to a much larger segment of visitors. The road encompasses portions of U.S. Route 40, Scenic Rt. 40, Alternate Rt. 40 and

Interstate 68, and the Maryland Tourism Office has placed markers along the road, from the Inner Harbor all the way to Western Maryland. The Road passes through Carroll in the southern portion of the county near Mt. Airy. To obtain a driving tour map/brochure, contact the Carroll County Visitor Center at 410-848-1388 or 1-800-272-1933. ◀

# SUMMER & FALL EVENTS

## **Annual Car Show**

August 26 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Taneytown Volunteer Fire Co.  
Carnival Grounds  
410-756-6253

## **Carroll County Summer Farmers Market "Back to School"**

August 26 — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Ag Center, Westminster  
410-848-7748

## **Westminster Municipal Band Concert**

August 27 — 6 to 7:15 p.m.  
Belle Grove Square,  
Westminster  
410-857-0344

## **Seniors on the Go Expo**

September 7 — 9 a.m.  
to 1:30 p.m.  
Ag Center, Westminster  
410-386-3800

## **Steam Show Days**

September 8, 9 & 10 —  
7 a.m. to dusk  
Carroll County Farm Museum  
410-386-3880

## **30th Annual Smallwood Festival**

September 9 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Reese Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Carnival Grounds,  
Westminster  
410-848-8254

## **The Maryland Wine Festival**

September 16 —  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
September 17 —  
Noon to 6 p.m.  
Carroll County Farm Museum  
410-386-3880

## **Westminster Fallfest**

September 21 & 22 —  
6 to 10 p.m.  
September 23 —  
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
September 24 —  
Noon to 6 p.m.  
Westminster City Park  
410-848-9393

## **Mt. Airy Jaycees Fall Yard Sale**

September 23 — 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Mt. Airy Firemen's Carnival  
Grounds  
301-829-6225

## **Maryland Microbrewery Festival**

September 30 —  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Union Mills Homestead  
410-848-2288

## **A Greater Gift/SERRV Warehouse Seconds Sale**

October 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14 — 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
October 8 & 15 — 1 to 5 p.m.  
Brethren Service Center,  
New Windsor  
410-635-8711

## **Sykesville Fall Festival**

October 7 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Main Street, Sykesville  
410-549-3095

## **Mt. Airy Fall Festival**

October 7 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
October 8 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Historic Downtown, Mt. Airy  
301-829-2112

## **Fall Harvest Days**

October 7 & 8 —  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Carroll County Farm Museum  
410-386-3880

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