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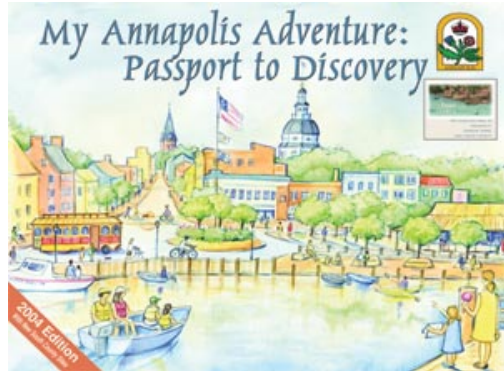
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## Four Rivers Announces Heritage Awards Program

Four Rivers announces a new awards program that will recognize individuals, organizations, programs, and products that contribute to the community by interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching, and/or supporting our historical legacy. Nominations are solicited in seven

award categories, including best New Heritage Initiative, and Outstanding Heritage Tourism Program or Event. The Interpreter of the Year will go to a heritage interpreter—docent, educator, tour guide, or volunteer—who provides outstanding factual and educational information to the public.

who has made long lasting historical and/or heritage contributions to the community will receive the Heritage Award. Completed nomination forms must include a statement of 500 words or less on why the nominee should be recognized. Nomination forms, as well as category and guideline information, are available on the Four Rivers website or by calling the office at 410-222-1805. Completed nominations are due in the Four Rivers office by October 1, 2004. Awards will be presented at a ceremony and reception at Historic London Town & Gardens on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, from 4-6:30 pm. Anyone may submit a nomination, but only one nomination from each heritage organization will be accepted for the Heritage Interpreter of the Year category. If you know someone who gives an outstanding historical tour to the public, make sure that person is nominated.



The Chesapeake Children's Museum's *Passport to Discovery* is just one of the many project that received funding through this year's mini grants program. Guidelines for next year's mini grants will be announced soon.

A Heritage Professional—author, archaeologist, architect, designer, historian, preservationist, professional staff person or researcher—whose work has taken place inside the borders of the heritage area will be honored; an individual or group who continues or preserves a traditional craft or livelihood will receive a Legacy Award, and a person or organization

## Gateways Grants to Heritage Area Partners

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network (CBGN) recently announced 2004 grant awards to several Four Rivers Heritage Area sites. The Annapolis Maritime Museum received support for a promotional video and virtual tour of the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and for a new, expanded version of its popular Eastport Historic Walking Tour brochure. The City of Annapolis received funds to replace wayside panels at City Dock. A grant to Historic London Town and Gardens will help design, fabricate and install interpretive exhibits within London Town's new Visitor

Center and Museum currently under construction. A new member of the Gateways Network, the Galesville Heritage Society received support to enhance interpretation and physical access at the Galesville Heritage Museum. We congratulate our heritage partners and thank CBGN for supporting these worthy projects.



# South County Sundays Going, Going, Gone

The summer's South County Sundays program has concluded, but that shouldn't stop anyone from taking a ride (in your car, truck, SUV, or the [South County Connection](#)) into southern Anne Arundel County. Our heritage sites are still open: Historic London Town & Gardens Tuesday through Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday noon-4 pm, the Galesville Heritage Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 pm, and Shady Side's Captain Salem Avery House Sundays from 1-4 pm.

Several hundred visitors enjoyed the special events held at various South County heritage related sites on Sunday afternoons this summer. For the first time in the two-year-old program, Historic Larkin's Hills, a private historic site and modern horse racing facility, hosted a South County Sunday on the beautiful summer afternoon of August 8. Scores of happy visitors toured the perfectly manicured grounds, observed show jumping and a foxhounds demonstration, fed carrots to their new equine friends, and listened raptly to a talk on the history of horse racing in Annapolis by special guest and racehorse owner Mayor Ellen Moyer.



Local horsewoman and Larkin's Hills owner, Christy Clagett (right) shows a South County visitor how to ride a mechanical horse that jockeys use to stay in shape during racing's off-season.

## Website Redesign

Four Rivers has upgraded its website to include more images and more information for visitors, residents, and volunteers. The new site features scrolling announcements on the home page that will highlight upcoming events within the heritage area. The scroll will be changed frequently, so if you would like your organization's upcoming event or program to be promoted on our site, let us know!

## Coming to a Heritage Site and Visitors Center Near You

Four Rivers is developing a series of themed tour itineraries within the heritage area that will provide "links" among our many and varied heritage sites. The themed heritage trail guide will include brief historical essays, images, maps/directions, site information, and suggested routes for pursuing particular interests, such as regional maritime history and agricultural heritage, "hidden" history, sacred sites (churches and cemeteries), military history, and Annapolis' "golden age." The trail guide will suggest links to appropriate existing tour information, such as the popular "African American Heritage in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County" brochure—the development of which was funded by a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant through the Four Rivers Heritage Area. The new Four Rivers Heritage Area trail guide should be available at local heritage sites and visitors centers in late spring 2005.

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