Berwyn Heights Historical Committee

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ATHA (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area / Maryland Milestones):

New Old History Unveiled

Did you know that George Washington was a frequent tavern visitor to Bladensburg? Well, at the **"Beyond the Battle Symposium"** we learned of one 1790s tavern run by an African American woman by the name of Margaret Adams, whose establishment was most preferred by Washington and his family. We also discovered that another Bladensburg tavern keeper launched the first manned hot air balloon in North America in 1784. Experts in archaeology, anthropology, agriculture, along with historians, researchers, and artists shared their fascinating research, shedding light upon the daily lives of Prince Georgians from all walks of life before, during, and after the War of 1812.

You can learn a lot more at our next event *(see ad to right)*. Our guest speaker, Maya D. Davis, will share her research into local slave escapes in our area during the War of 1812.

Above, Hank Becker, Susan McElrath and Sharmila Bhatia enjoy the music and refreshments at the October 10th opening reception for the "Beyond the Battle: Bladensburg Rediscovered" exhibit at the University of Maryland.

Guest Speakers Dennis J. Pogue, Mark P. Leone and Maya D. Davis await introduction as John Peter Thompson officially kicks off the 13 speaker, day long symposium held on October 11, 2014 at the University of Maryland's R. Lee Hornbake Library.

VETERANS' DAY WEEKEND

Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday, November 9
2:00 — 4 p.m.

at the Town Center (upstairs)
5700 Berwyn Rd • Berwyn Hts, MD • 20740

Door Prizes • Exhibits
Music • Refreshments

"Slavery in Maryland"
***Guest Speaker:* Maya D. Davis**

Maya Davis is a Research Archivist in the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland division at the Maryland State Archives. Some of her projects include researching the Underground Railroad in Maryland and slaves escapes during the War of 1812. Maya currently serves as a member of the Harriet Tubman Park and Visitor Center exhibition team and is the Vice Chair of the Annapolis 1864 Commission to Commemorate the Emancipation of Slaves in Maryland. Prior to her arrival at the Archives, Maya was on staff at the City Museum of Washington, D.C.

The BHHC invites those who are interested in working on events and projects to their monthly meetings. The BHHC meets at the Town Office on the fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **Our next meeting is November 25**

And you needn't be a historian or researcher to join us! — just a Town resident who wants to give back to their community and have fun doing it!