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Kensington Historical Society presents:

From Corn to Commuters: How the Coming of the Railroad Changed the Way of Life and the Future of Montgomery County with Susan Cooke Soderberg, Germantown Historical Society Tuesday, May 23 • 7:30 pm

Join us in celebration of the 150th anniversary of B&O Railroad's Metropolitan Branch! This presentation tells the story of how the coming of the railroad changed the face of Montgomery County forever. Featured are the railroad stations designed by Francis Baldwin (including Kensington's), extraordinary feats of engineering like the curving trestle over Little Seneca Creek and



the Bollman Truss viaduct over the Monocacy, and the new suburban and agricultural towns



spawned by this catapult into the Industrial Age. The talk also explores how this branch line became the mainstay of the B&O Railroad Company and how it evolved into the commuter and freight line it is today.



A Germantown resident, Soderberg served with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she planned for historic preservation and history in the parks, and has published a number of books on the history of Germantown and the Met Line.

Two ways to attend:

- **In-person:** In the classroom of the Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD 20895
- **Virtual:** Attendees use this zoom link at the time of the presentation (*No pre-registration required.*):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587088280?pwd=Y2xEQ2JFZ1hZcUJqVTJlOjRTRpM0Rpdz09>

This event is free of charge. Questions? Contact info@kensingtonhistory.org

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