

Inside

- 2 History Advocacy Day Success
- 2 Six-to-Fix Project Updates
- 3 Partnership Opportunities
- 3 New Board Leadership
- 3 Heritage Fund Highlights
- 3 Our Sponsors
- 4 Vintage Views: Historic Gardens
- 4 2015 Annual Report Available
- 4 Upcoming Events

THE Phoenix

SPRING 2016
VOL. 33 · NO. 2



PUBLISHED · QUARTERLY · FOR · MEMBERS · OF · PRESERVATION · MARYLAND
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING MARYLAND'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS, NEIGHBORHOODS, LANDSCAPES, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES THROUGH OUTREACH, FUNDING, AND ADVOCACY

FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

Historic Year Ahead

For anyone interested in preservation and our nation's history, 2016 is a year of major anniversaries.

THIS YEAR, we'll have the unique opportunity to celebrate both the 100th anniversary of the National Park system—dubbed *America's Best Idea*—as well as the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, legislation that laid out the framework for preservation as we know it today.



Nicholas A. Redding
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Together, these two milestones in American history are vivid reminders of the tremendous responsibility one generation has for the next. Few involved in the passage of the Organic Act in 1916, which created the National Parks, could have conceived of the import of their work—yet today, the National Parks serve as an 84,000,000-acre backdrop to convey the full story of the American experience. Then, in 1966, fifty years after the creation of the National Park Service, the agency would expand their role as they

took on the task of administering the nation's new preservation policies under the terms of the National Historic Preservation Act. Today, with over 1,752,995 total contributing resources listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the legacy of that legislation is equally profound.

This year we'll be reflecting on the impact of both pieces of legislation—and will be challenging ourselves by asking: Are we doing enough for the generations that will follow us 50 years from today?

Jonas Salk, the famed scientist and inventor of the Polio vaccine, perhaps summed it up best by offering that, "Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors." I hope you'll join with me and Preservation Maryland in 2016 to make certain we are great ancestors.

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF CUMBERLAND MARYLAND 1906

UPDATE ON STATEWIDE DEMOLITION PLANS

CUMBERLAND'S HISTORIC ROLLING MILL NEIGHBORHOOD is targeted for demolition.

Standing Up for History

All across Maryland, the forces of demolition are on the march. Using the tired refrains of 'urban renewal,' leaders have called for millions of dollars to be funneled into demolition projects that have the potential to eliminate thousands of historic structures.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S PRAGMATIC and realistic approach to preservation recognizes we cannot nor should not save every historic structure. We also recognize that demolition alone is not an actual reinvestment strategy. You simply cannot demolish your way to greatness—a lesson we hoped had been learned during the tragic 'urban renewal' era of the 1960s and 1970s.

Large-scale demolition proposals are currently being considered on either end of the state—in Baltimore and Cumberland—and Preservation Maryland is working hard to defend the state's history and heritage in both cities.

In Cumberland, the City has proposed demolishing large portions of the Rolling Mill neighborhood—an historic community partially listed as a National Historic District. Phase one of the City's demolition project takes aim at an area not currently listed—but likely eligible for inclusion in the larger historic district. Unlike many demolition efforts, this project focuses mostly on *owner-occupied homes* and carries with it the unspoken threat of eminent domain for those homeowners unwilling to take the City's offers to buy. With the help of Preservation Maryland, those homeowners unwilling to sell have been connected with an attorney advising them of their rights and legal options. Critical details and funding information on the project remain unknown as this publication goes to print. This has forced Preservation Maryland to also secure legal representation to request that

the City and the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation comply with the state's Public Information Act and provide information on the project. The troubling lack of transparency and focus on demolishing owner-occupied historic homes make this a priority issue.

Two hours east of Cumberland in Baltimore City, the bulldozers have also leveled their blades. On January 5, with tremendous pomp and circumstance, the state announced a \$700 million plan for demolitions across Baltimore City aimed at abandoned row houses that the governor called out as "hotbeds for crime." However, the funding behind the plan has been called into question by Warren Deschenaux, Executive Director of the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, as having the ability to "displace funding for other state programs or projects" including funding for the Community Legacy program which often supports true rehabilitation and preservation efforts. The plan, which would invest nearly \$100 million in demolition and an additional \$600 million in incentives for new-build developers, has the potential to eliminate acres of historic districts. Preservation Maryland is working closely with our colleagues at Baltimore Heritage to make certain any funds earmarked for demolition adhere to the state's laws concerning the demolition of historic structures—and that any damage caused by demolition is mitigated by funding or projects aimed at enhancing the City's historic fabric.

The work continues—and with your support of the Endangered Historic Structure Fund—Preservation Maryland will ensure an equitable result for all of Maryland's history. Donate at presmd.org/endangered.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S HERITAGE FUND By the Numbers

CREATED IN 1997, and supported in part by the Maryland Historical Trust, our Heritage Fund has had the following impact—

\$978,062 TOTAL GRANT FUNDS awarded to deserving projects across the state

\$16,240,865 TOTAL INVESTMENT in selected projects from additional public and private sources

16-to-1 RETURN ON INVESTMENT from Heritage Fund grants given 1997–2015

24 NUMBER OF MARYLAND COUNTIES that benefited from the program, along with the City of Baltimore

2010 LAST YEAR OF STATE FUNDING for preservation, leaving the Heritage one of the last remaining sources of preservation funding

AFTER-ACTION REPORT

History Advocacy Day

On February 23, Preservation Maryland joined together advocates and partners from across the state to make the case to State decision-makers for the value of Maryland's history.

SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE, Marylanders joined together to let their state legislators know that our history is worth protecting and highlighted the specific policies, programs, and funding that makes preservation possible.

The Preservation Platform that our team of advocates used as the basis for their meetings calls for restored funding of \$1.5 million for traditional history and preservation grant programs divided evenly between capital grants, museum grants, and survey-and-research grants—these grants have gone unfunded since 2010. It also calls for level funding of \$1 million for the African-American Heritage Grant program.

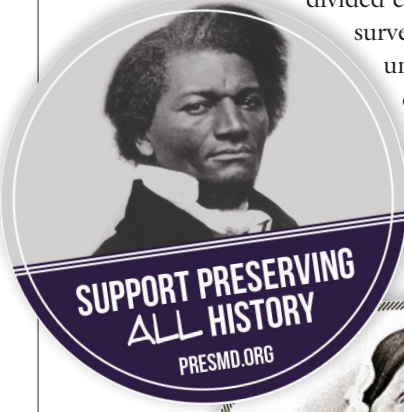
In addition, the Platform calls for increasing funding to \$30 million for the state's historic rehabilitation tax credit, officially known as

the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit. Advocates explained that the current \$9 million available for historic rehabilitation tax credits in Maryland is simply not meeting demand—and pales in comparison to the \$100 million Virginia invests annually. Those in attendance also advocated for Main Street Maryland, and the Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy, Community Investment Tax Credit and Neighborhood BusinessWorks programs—each a critical tool for enhancing economic prosperity in the state's traditional communities and downtowns.

The day's activities started with a morning briefing led by Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding and hosted by the Historic Annapolis Foundation at the James Brice House, just two blocks from the State House. After the training session, registrants spread out across the complex of House and Senate office buildings to carry the message in one-on-one meetings with their State Legislators. In total, over 80 meetings were held. Following a day of meetings, participants returned to the Brice House for a reception that entertained the advocates and elected officials who attended.

Ultimately, the real value of these efforts is in giving Maryland history a voice—and a seat at the table. The proof will come in the final budget—but the effort to enhance state support for preservation has been ignited anew and will not be quenched until the budget begins to address these critical issues.

Preservation Maryland is extremely grateful to the many organizations that joined the effort to co-sponsor this event, including The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, The Campaign for Maryland History, The Maryland Historic Tax Credit Coalition, The Maryland Heritage Council, The Maryland Humanities Council, The Maryland Heritage Area Coalition and the Historic Annapolis Foundation.



“It was impressive to see the support given by Preservation Maryland to advocates in attendance, and we were, in turn, successful in conveying our concerns for preservation.”

Sara K. Hayden
Takoma Park resident

Our Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Hughes (right), with Virginia Busby, Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and the Accokeek Foundation; Nicholas Redding and Douglas Harbit, Preservation Maryland.

Baltimore City Delegate, Dr. Mary L. Washington (center), with Gregory Katz, Council for Maryland Archaeology and Anthony Azola and Elly Colmers of Preservation Maryland.



Senator Selfie Senator Ron Young from Frederick is a preservation champion and supporter of historic districts, here in a quick snap of their legislative meeting with Nicholas Redding and Rachel Rettaliata of Preservation Maryland.



PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS

An Update on our Six-to-Fix Projects

We launched our innovative Six-to-Fix program in October, designed to focus funding, staff time, and expert volunteers to save threatened resources statewide. Less than six months old, the program is picking up steam.

1 Antietam Battlefield: A Clean-Up Campaign

STAFF MET with Antietam National Battlefield representatives to plan our April 16 work day. Our team is working to identify additional funding sources to enhance the scope and scale of the project to restore and reinterpret the field and other resources, including the Park's Mission 66 Visitor Center, which is historic in its own right. To date, Preservation Maryland has secured over \$13,000 in funding—largely from the generosity of the Hagerstown Garden Club, which is underwriting the effort.

2 Baltimore's Historic Storefronts

IN NOVEMBER, the Hogan Administration made the decision to fund a \$650,000 large-scale façade improvement program for Baltimore's historic storefronts—a result of intense advocacy by Preservation Maryland and our partners, like Living Classrooms Foundation, Civic Works, and the Neighborhood Design Center. Applications were accepted in December, and work will start in Spring 2016. Our role is to bring attention to this positive

development and to advocate for continued funding for preservation from the State.

3 Dorchester County: High Tides of Change

PRESERVATION MARYLAND STAFF has been working closely with our Eastern Shore colleagues and are awaiting a decision on grant funding from the National Park Service's Hurricane Sandy relief program. In the meantime, we have started work on a homeowner's historic documentation kit—to include information necessary to document a home that could be lost in a disaster. The idea is to put the power of preservation and documentation in the hands of everyday citizens.

4 Glenn Dale Hospital: Breathing New Life

JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING, Preservation Maryland joined representatives of three community groups who nominated Glenn Dale for a kick-off meeting to discuss the long history of this site. The focus was on what has happened, what is current law, and what could be accomplished. Following this initial meeting, during which a series of action items were developed,

a meeting with the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, who owns the site, was held in February to get all sides moving towards finding a suitable redevelopment plan. There is still much to be accomplished—but we are moving in a positive direction.

5 Holly Hall: Grand Dame of Elkton

A TEAM FROM PRESERVATION MARYLAND joined representatives of the City of Elkton and the property's owners, Cordish Development, to talk big-picture strategy and concepts for redevelopment. Everything was on the table—from tax credits to tax increment financing. A site visit followed, with a promise from Cordish to address immediate structural needs. Additionally, Preservation Maryland has begun to review the legal documentation on the property that binds current and future use in certain unique ways.

6 Pleasant View: Civil War to Civil Rights

PRESERVATION MARYLAND has held several on-site meetings with the Pleasant View Historic Association since October. Working with an engineering firm, the site will receive a qualified engineer's opinion on what needs to be addressed and how to tackle stabilization. Then, a qualified contractor will provide an estimate for this work to provide a timeline and framework for fundraising.

To learn more or to volunteer, go to: sixtofix.org.



Photo second from left: Courtesy Fr. Kevin A. Mueller, Preserve the Baltimore Uprising, baltimoreuprising2015.org; Photo third from left: Courtesy Kathy Bosin

Preservation Maryland Leadership

OVER 80 YEARS OF PROTECTING THE BEST OF MARYLAND
presmd.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Anthony Azola
PRESIDENT

Tyler Tate, PE, LEED AP
VICE PRESIDENT

Mary C. Gregory
VICE PRESIDENT

Teresa T. Michel
SECRETARY

Samuel K. Himmelrich, Jr.
TREASURER

Thomas S. Spencer, Esq.
ASSISTANT TREASURER

Diane L. Caslow

Edwin S. Crawford

Matthew J. Daw

Amanda Fenstermaker

Dale Glenwood Green, AIA, APT, LEED AP

Richard E. Hall, AICP

Mr. Nicholas G. Penniman, IV

Mr. Jeffrey A. Penza, AIA

John J. Petro

Ann P. Powell

Nakita Reed, AIA, LEED AP
BD+C, GGP

STAFF

Meagan Baco
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Jana Carey
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Eleanor Colmers
SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER

Margaret De Arcangelis
PRESERVATION SERVICES DIRECTOR

Douglas A. Harbit
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Nicholas A. Redding
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESIGNED & PRINTED IN BALTIMORE

GRAPHIC DESIGN: PJ BOGERT DESIGN
PRINTING: ADVANCE PRINTING

SPONSORSHIP

Partner with Us

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT of our organizational and corporate partners, Preservation Maryland has a robust program of events, gatherings, and media offerings that keep our supporters engaged all year long.

More than three dozen corporations, foundations, and institutions partnered with us in 2015 to underwrite our programs. All our sponsors deserve a special thank you, and they also deserve your support and patronage. So, next time you are in need of an architect or an attorney, an insurance company or an investment advisor, a roofer or a realtor, please remember to look first at our impressive list of preservation supporting businesses at presmd.org/partners.

If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact Doug Harbit, and he will be glad to discuss your options and opportunities in confidence. You can reach him at (410) 685-2886 x307 or dharbit@presmd.org.

DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

Meet Anthony Azola

Anthony Azola is an established leader in historic preservation, and we're pleased to announce his leadership of the Board of Directors as a newly elected Board President.

PRESERVATION HAS BEEN A PART OF MY FAMILY for three generations, so you could say I've always been a preservationist. I truly understood this when I started working for my father, Marty Azola, nearly 15 years ago. I now live and breathe preservation daily as President of Azola Building Rehab., Inc."

"The past is the gateway to the future."

Anthony Azola
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



We have also added three dynamic Directors representing a new diversity. Get to know them all at presmd.org/team.

FUNDING WORTHWHILE PROJECTS

Heritage Fund Highlights

Since 1997, the Heritage Fund grant program—a joint effort between Preservation Maryland and our public partners the Maryland Historic Trust—has granted \$987,062 to provide direct and much needed financial assistance to worthwhile projects statewide.

PROVIDING THESE GRANTS is certainly one of the more fun parts of our work, and we're incredibly proud of the grant awardees for their persistence in preserving the Maryland structures and stories that are important to their communities and the state as a whole. We'd like to share just a couple of those successes:

Repair of Ceres Bethel Church

FREDERICK COUNTY · AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCES CULTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

THE CA. 1870 CHURCH BUILDING AND CEMETERY are intact examples of post-Civil War African American rural religious properties, but since 1984, the building has stood vacant and suffered at the hand of vandals and the elements. The Heritage Society was granted \$5,000 to repair the roof and stabilize the building; Anthony Owens Remodeling and Repair donated additional labor and materials.

Collection Planning and Preservation of Tribal Artifacts

EASTERN SHORE · ACCOHAUNOCK INDIAN TRIBE

THE ACCOHAUNOCK INDIAN TRIBE has called the Eastern Shore home for generations. John Smith encountered the tribe when he arrived in 1608, and today the Tribe regularly shares its history with the public. Sadly, the Tribe's museum that housed art, artifacts, and archives was closed by damages from Hurricane Sandy. The Accohannock Indian Tribe received \$4,000 from the Heritage Fund to hire a consultant to draft a plan for the conservation and organization of the materials in the collection.

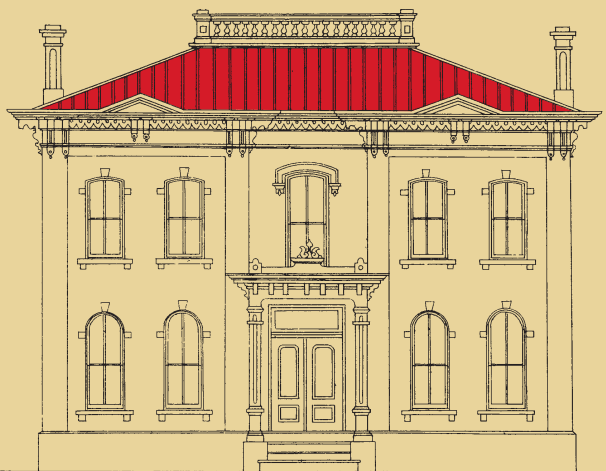
Please note: the next Heritage Fund grant application deadline will be August 15, 2016.

HERITAGE FUND MONIES covered material expenses to secure open fenestration at Ceres Bethel Church in Summer 2015.



Photos courtesy of Anthony Owens Remodeling and Repair

A FAMILY-RUN MARYLAND BUSINESS FOR OVER 25 YEARS SPECIALIZING IN THE LOST ART AND CRAFT OF ROOFING, CARPENTRY AND MORE + LICENSED, INSURED & BONDED



WINNER • PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S 2015 BEST OF MARYLAND ARTISAN AWARD

Historic Roofing Company, Inc.

CLIFF LAYMAN, OWNER · (410) 741-0572
6344 Trailing Arbutus Court · Lothian, Maryland 20711
sales@historicroofingcompany.com · historicroofingcompany.com
SLATE · TILE · WOOD · METAL · GUTTERS · DOWNSPOUTS



A FABULOUS LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

hosted by

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
EASTERN SHORE COMMITTEE

June 16th · 11 am
Piney Point · Centreville, MD

featuring

AWESOME ARTIFACTS • BOUNTIFUL BARGAINS
WONDERFUL WINES • A LUSCIOUS LUNCH
• PERSONABLE PEOPLE •

Steve Isaacson : RESERVATIONS
AUCTIONEER : \$20 per person

The Fish Whistle : PLEASE RSVP BY
CATERER : June 10, 2016



RESERVATIONS & MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL esdamesmd@gmail.com
PHONE Eleanor Magee / (410) 490-6142

Entrusted With History's Future

1950
MARYLAND HOUSE and GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

12 Days • 11 Counties • 15 Tours

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 THROUGH TUESDAY, MAY 9



Maryland's loveliest and most historic doors open for you . . .

VINTAGE VIEWS | Historic Gardens of Maryland

Think Spring

AS WE BEGIN TO THAW FROM WINTER, let your mind spring ahead to warmer days spent wandering and reveling in all that Maryland's historic sites have to offer—including wonderful, colorful gardens.

► **MARYLAND PUBLIC GARDEN CONSORTIUM** The Consortium is a partnership of Maryland's public gardens that advocates for the support and recognition of Maryland's public gardens as significant community resources and seeks to broaden visitation to the gardens through promotional and educational opportunities. A mix of the most-well-known as well as some hidden gems are to be found in the fifteen participating gardens, like Virginia Gent Decker Arboretum at Washington College in Chestertown and the native Chesapeake Garden at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgley. Find out more at: mdpublicgardens.org.

► **MARYLAND HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE** Founded 85 years ago as the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, the Pilgrimage is a premiere multi-county historic house and garden tour. True to their founding tenets, proceeds from the tour are granted to architecturally and historically significant properties for their preservation and restoration throughout the state. Don't miss this great event that gives back to Maryland! Find out more at: mhgp.org.

► **SAVE THE DATES FOR YOUR PILGRIMAGE Saturdays in Spring 2016—**

- APR 30 Queen Anne's County
- MAY 7 Harford County
- MAY 14 Talbot County
- MAY 15 Baltimore County
- MAY 28 Charles County

(right) A SCENE FROM THE GARDEN at Hard Bargain Farm, part of the environmental and educational resources operated by the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek.

DISCOVER MORE ONLINE

Annual Report Available Online

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S GOAL IN 2015 was straightforward: to be the unquestionable statewide leader for saving the best of Maryland.

Our Board and staff take our responsibility to protect the historic and cultural resources of Maryland very seriously. We're proud to report that with your support, in 2015 we enhanced our preservation programs, increased our grant-giving, and set strong advocacy goals.

An annual report detailing our work is now available online at: presmd.org/publications.



Upcoming Events

Here's a sample of the interesting and important events Maryland has planned for you this spring! Many more can be found at – presmd.org/events.

MAR 30

BEST OF MARYLAND AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE Nominate preservation's best places, people, and projects at: bestofmaryland.org

APR 16

SIX-TO-FIX VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY A work day to rehabilitate a portion of the Antietam Battlefield. Sign-up at presmd.org/fix-antietam

APR 21-24

FORT FREDERICK 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR A staff favorite! Historic wares, food, and entertainment

MAY 12

BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDS PARTY Celebrate with the whole Maryland preservation gang in Annapolis



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

3600 Clipper Mill Road • Suite 248
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BALTIMORE MD
PERMIT NO.
7630

IN ACTION

Maryland History Advocacy Day

MARYLANDERS ARE WORKING HARD to restore and increase funding for history and preservation programs! With Preservation Maryland leading the way, 100+ advocates had in-person meetings with 80+ legislators in Annapolis for Maryland History Advocacy Day. Thank you to all of those advocates that showed up in the rain, to share why preservation matters to Maryland!



(Clockwise from top)
PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION: Josh Hastings, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, and Dru Schmidt-Perkins, 1000 Friends of Maryland, with Nicholas Redding, Executive Director of Preservation Maryland (center).

HERALDING FROM THE EASTERN SHORE, Senator Adelaide Eckardt (right), with Virginia Busby, Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs; Amanda Fenstermaker, Heart of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, and Sarah Meyers, Poplar Hill Mansion.

REPRESENTATIVES from the Baltimore National Heritage Area and Baltimore Heritage were ready for advocacy and the weather.

