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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Our job as preservationists isn't just to save historic places. We are equally tasked with the job of giving these historic places a purpose, a new life to serve their communities once again.

IT IS IN HELPING FELLOW MARYLANDERS make their communities and neighborhoods vibrant once more that we often find our greatest joy. It was with this concept of preservation in mind when we drafted and submitted our latest legislation which would update and expand Maryland's Historic Tax Credit program. As a part of this



package of legislation, we worked hard to identify meaningful ways to bring more affordable housing to historic communities—a pressing need for this state and a role we know that historic buildings can

easily handle. Through the process of researching, drafting and introducing this legislation, we're even more convinced that historic communities can help address this critical need—and in the process save stunning historic resources. As this newsletter goes to print, the fate of this legislation and others is still uncertain, but what is certain is that we are working hard to make our efforts relevant, meaningful, and a part of the solution rather than an obstacle to overcome. That was the message carried to the statehouse when preservationists from around the state gathered for our largest-ever History Advocacy Day this February, and it's the same message that continues to resonate as we walk the halls of Annapolis; historic places matter and can play a starring role in shaping Maryland's future.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding
Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director



Lovers of Maryland history at Maryland History Advocacy Day, 2018.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Statewide Gathering of Preservationists Advances Ambitious Legislative Agenda

On the first day of February, over 100 preservationists, architects, planners, history and museum professionals, and grassroots activists gathered under the banner of Preservation Maryland to help advocate for the organization's 2018 legislative agenda during Maryland History Advocacy Day.

THE AGENDA, which is annually drafted by the organization in consultation with partners representing a broad cross-spectrum of the field, included updates to the state's Historic Tax Credit program, increased funding for large commercial Historic Tax Credits, as well as funding for historic preservation grants and support for Maryland's Program Open Space.

Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding and Director of Engagement Elly Cowan kicked-off Maryland History Advocacy Day with a briefing at the headquarters of the Maryland chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Annapolis.

AIA Maryland served as a co-host of the event this year and also held their annual legislative luncheon on the same day in order to attract greater attention. Following the briefing, advocates headed to meetings with their delegates and senators, armed with one-pagers, folders, and requests for their representatives. In total, *(continued, page 2)*

MARYLAND STATE DELEGATE, Kris Valderrama of Prince George's County (District 26) on Maryland History Advocacy Day with Meagan Baco, Preservation Maryland; Nakita Reed, Encore Sustainable Design, and Elly Cowan, Preservation Maryland.

Historic Roundtable with Senator Ben Cardin

ON THE HEELS OF MARYLAND HISTORY ADVOCACY DAY, US Senator Ben Cardin joined with Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding and Maryland State Senator Bill Ferguson to host a round table discussion on the impact of the recent federal tax overhaul and the future of historic preservation.



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By the Numbers HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Preservation Maryland is working with a new coalition of preservationists and affordable housing advocates to increase support for the state's Historic Tax Credit program. The following statistics on the need for affordable housing were provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

101 Number of hours per week a Marylander would have to work at minimum wage in order to afford a modest, market-rate one-bedroom apartment.

119,000 Units of affordable housing required to address current need in Maryland.

5% The additional percentage historic rehab projects resulting in affordable housing would receive under our new legislation.

\$6M The increased funding the state large commercial tax credit program would receive as a result of Preservation Maryland drafted legislation.

For more about historic preservation and affordable housing, go to: presmd.org/affordable



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advocates visited dozens of legislators representing every region of the state and every major committee.

This year advocates were asking for their legislators to support two ambitious proposals impacting the state Historic Tax Credit:

- The first piece of legislation [HB954/SB481] would guarantee \$15 million in funding for the state historic tax credit's large commercial program—a \$6 million increase over current funding.
- The second piece of legislation [HB1454/SB967] is comprised of a series of policy changes to make the state Historic Tax Credit program work more effectively, cost less, and make more dramatic impacts across the state. In addition, the legislation would provide an additional 5% credit for Historic Tax Credit projects resulting in affordable housing.

Both pieces of legislation were introduced in the Senate by **Senator Bill Ferguson** of Baltimore City and cross-filed in the House of Delegates by **Delegate Alonzo Washington** from Prince George's County.

As this issue of *The Phoenix* is headed to print, the fate of both bills is still uncertain, but the impact of advocates' meetings is already being felt with numerous co-sponsors willing to sign-on to the bills—an example of the role advocates can play in the legislative process.

To stay up to date on the latest advocacy news visit presmd.org/advocacy.



MARYLAND STATE DELEGATE Angela Gibson of Baltimore City (District 41) with advocates from AIA Baltimore, AIA Maryland, and the Council for Maryland Archeology. In front of the State House, advocates from the Eastern Shore, Katie Parks, Pete Leshar, Amanda Fenstermaker and Sarah Meyers. Preservation Maryland Board Member, Tom Spencer with Doug Harbit, Director of Development.



PRESERVATION AT WORK

Continued Progress at Civil War-era Shafer Farm

The activity and action at the Shafer Farm, Preservation Maryland's Frederick County Six-to-Fix site, continues and the progress being made at the Civil War-era headquarters has been impressive.

IN THE EARLY FALL, the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center completed a day of service at the site. Nearly 60 craftspeople including carpenters, masons, roofers, and all their apprentices worked at the historic farm as a way of giving back to the local community in recognition of the Center's 40th anniversary.

The staff of the Center focused on several important projects over the course of the day including rebuilding and stabilizing the front porch of the historic home, repointing and repairing failing brickwork above a second story window on the home, stabilizing a historic meat shed with exterior framing, restacking failing stonewalls on the ramp of the historic bank barn, constructing nearly a dozen custom window ventilators to mothball the historic home, as well as documenting and creating scaled drawings of the historic outbuildings and barn.

Following the flurry of activity in October, the Burkittsville Preservation Association, which owns the farm, utilized a Heritage Fund grant from Preservation

Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust to install temporary stabilization framing to support a sagging west wall. The stabilization technique, which was designed by a professional engineer, should hold the building in place long enough for the organization to complete the necessary fundraising to pay for a more permanent fix.

Looking ahead, Preservation Maryland is excited to begin a comprehensive planning effort to assist with protecting and interpreting the broader South Mountain Battlefield within site of the farmhouse. Funding for this effort, which will engage landowners across a 10,000-acre area was generously provided by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, as well as the Frederick Tourism Council and the Delaplane Foundation. The planning effort will begin this month with public meetings slated soon after. To learn more about this project and the rest of our Six-to-Fix efforts, visit: sixtofix.org.



Workers from the National Park Service, National Historic Preservation Training Center, Burkittsville Preservation Association, and Preservation Maryland at the Shafer Farm near South Mountain Battlefield in Washington County, Maryland.

SIX-TO-FIX UPDATE

Maryland Women's Suffrage Documentation and Public Outreach Effort

With the support of the Maryland Historical Trust, the National Park Service, and countless Giving Tuesday donors, Preservation Maryland is moving forward with ambitious plans to support an aggressive documentation and outreach effort in the run-up to the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.



FUNDING FROM THE STATE'S NON-CAPITAL GRANT FUND will support lectures, a digital repository of the places where Maryland women struggled for the right to vote, and a traveling exhibit that the organization hopes to place in the halls of the Maryland General Assembly during the anniversary years of 2019 and 2020.

Preservation Maryland supported its colleagues at the Maryland Historical Trust by assisting with the preparation and writing of a successful \$30,000 grant application to the National Park Service's Underrepresented Communities program which will fund the Trust's documentation efforts to catalog and list significant women's suffrage sites in Maryland. To learn more visit at: sixtofix.org.

◀ COURIERS TO CONGRESS

In June 1913, a swath of men and women in support of women's suffrage converged on a ballfield in Hyattsville, Maryland. After holding a rally, the suffragists from across the country caravanned to DC in a parade of sixty decorated cars to deliver a petition signed by over 75,000 Americans in support of women's suffrage. This month the Maryland Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution and the City of Hyattsville unveiled a new highway marker to recognize these "Couriers to Congress."



This triptych of historic images from the Library of Congress show the Couriers to Congress gathering in Hyattsville, Maryland before caravanning to Washington, DC, 1913.



PRESERVECAST

PreserveCast Receives Statewide Award

This February, Preservation Maryland's podcast, PreserveCast, was honored with a statewide award for excellence by the Maryland Historical Trust.

OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — and *PreserveCast* host — Nicholas Redding and Stephen Israel, our producer, accepted the award for Excellence in Media & Publications from the Maryland Historical Trust at their annual awards announced in Annapolis immediately following Maryland History Advocacy Day. Since beginning to release new episodes every Monday in early 2017, PreserveCast has become the most listened-to preservation podcast.

More Ways to Listen PreserveCast is now available for streaming online at: preservecast.org. This new website offers up great photos and additional information for each episode and makes it easy to listen on any browser with no additional software or accounts. This is in addition to finding PreserveCast on your favorite podcast app.

PreserveCast is supported in part by Maryland Milestones, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, National Park Service, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Historic Preservation Education Foundation.



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You Are Invited to the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House!

Let's celebrate! From legislative champions and municipal stewards to grassroots groups and fine craftspeople, Preservation Maryland's annual Best of Maryland awards celebration honors the very best of Maryland on **THURSDAY, MAY 17** at the **FLAG HOUSE IN BALTIMORE CITY**.

ONLINE NOMINATIONS can be submitted through Friday, March 23, 2018. Visit bestofmaryland.org to send in nominations and purchase tickets for the event.

▼ **BALTIMORE CITY'S FLAG HOUSE** dates to 1793 and was the home and place of business of Mary Young Pickersgill starting in 1807 when she, her mother Rebecca, and daughter Caroline moved in to reestablish the flag-making business that Rebecca Young started in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War. It is in this house that Mary, with her family and assistants, sewed the massive 42' X 30' American flag that inspired Francis Scott Key's famous poem! Pictured below, the Flag House in 1945.

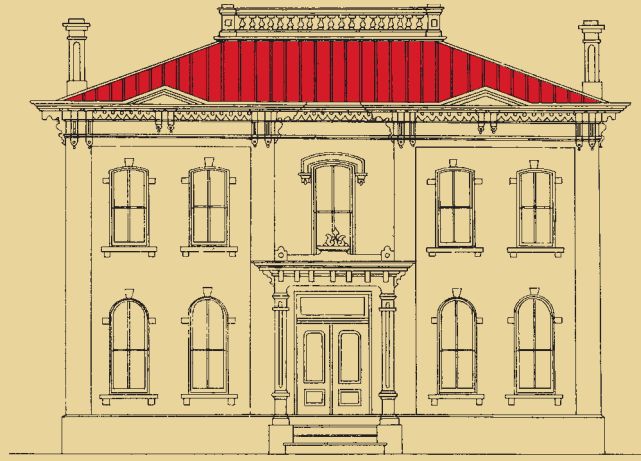


HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARYLAND!

ON MARCH 25, 1634, the ships *The Ark* and *The Dove* delivered 150 European settlers to the shores of Maryland on St. Clement's Island in the Potomac River. Maryland Day as a holiday was enacted in 1903—and it's a great annual reminder to explore and uncover Maryland history and heritage! For Maryland Day events, go to: marylandday.org.



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APR 22 WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE LECTURE "How Maryland Women Almost Didn't Get the Vote," by author, Elaine Weiss at the Jewish Museum of Maryland: presmd.org/weiss.

MAY 17 BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDS Mingle with the best of Maryland at this celebratory event at The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore City: bestofmaryland.org.

JUN 15-16 OLD LINES STATE SUMMIT Maryland's statewide historic preservation conference held in conjunction with the Maryland Association of Historic District Commission at the University of Maryland: oldlinestate.org.

OCT 25 SIX-TO-FIX BENEFIT Save the date for our biggest event, reveal party, and fundraiser to support proactive preservation efforts across the state, this year hosted at the Baltimore Museum of Industry: sixtofix.org.



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FOR OVER 80 YEARS we've worked tirelessly to find new and innovative ways to save our history and enrich our state's future with the places, stories and communities that make Maryland unique. A gift today to Preservation Maryland will help continue this critical work and provide the necessary resources to expand our work. In the coming years, Preservation Maryland intends on launching a robust property redevelopment program, expanding our advocacy efforts, and establishing a preservation trades apprenticeship initiative—in addition to the many programs and initiatives it currently supports. The work of the organization touches every region of the state, and donors can give with the confidence that 90 cents of every donor dollar goes directly into programming—one of the highest programmatic investment rates of any preservation or history non-profit. Give today and make a difference in the state you love.

Make a statement now! Visit presmd.org/support or use the enclosed envelope.

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Legacy giving is a way for you to contribute money to Preservation Maryland while simultaneously realizing some of your estate and financial planning goals.

To start a conversation about giving, please contact:

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