



ELLICOTT CITY FLOOD 2018: The future of our history depends on what we do today! See inside.

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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“We must dare to be great.”

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

If this year’s Best of Maryland award winners teach us anything about preservation, perhaps it is that in order to achieve anything there must always be risk.

IN ORDER TO BE GREAT, we must defy the standard notion of what is possible and strive to realize the impossible. The idea that a small town would tackle the restoration of a historic Opera House and succeed—exactly what happened in Havre de Grace—is the kind of preservation pluck that our awards program was designed to highlight and honor.

Tenacity in the face of overwhelming odds seems to be a common thread across the preservation spectrum. That tenacity can take



on many forms: from beginning a complex rehabilitation to engaging in bold legislative advocacy in the face of overwhelming odds. One often wonders what compels seemingly rational people to hurl

themselves headlong into these kinds of projects. There is no simple or single answer—but the willingness of individuals to take on this complex work underscores the power of history and heritage. We are heart drawn to our past; it speaks to us in many voices and for many reasons and compels us to take action.

Our job, as the statewide preservation organization, is to help organize and support those who are taking on this work—those who are daring to be great. It’s a big job and one that is made more challenging every day, but it is a job that is only possible because of the sacrifices and efforts of grassroots preservationists in communities across the state. As we celebrated Preservation Month, we here at Preservation Maryland are celebrating our local partners who make our work possible and who are making history by saving history.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding
Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director



UNITED STATES SENATOR Ben Cardin accepts his Legislative Champion award from Executive Director Nicholas Redding. State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington with his Legislative Champion award.

BEST OF MARYLAND

Awards Recognize Impressive Projects from Across the State

On Thursday, May 17, Preservation Maryland hosted its 33rd annual Best of Maryland awards ceremony to a packed crowd at the historic Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore City.

THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED by over 250 preservationists, community leaders, elected officials, and fans of Maryland’s heritage. This year’s award winners represented a diverse array of projects and historic resources from across the state—from a restored Opera House to the iconic Domino Sugar sign standing high above the Baltimore skyline.

For a third year in a row, the organization also recognized Legislative Champions at the federal and state level who have shown exceptional leadership on

challenging preservation issues. **United States Senator Ben Cardin** was recognized for the role he played in saving the federal historic tax credit from elimination along with **Maryland Senator Bill Ferguson** and **Maryland Delegate Alonzo T. Washington** for their support of landmark legislation that increased the state historic tax credit’s support of affordable housing.

In recognizing these exceptional preservation projects, Preservation Maryland hopes to provide inspiring examples for individuals, organizations, and communities currently working to preserve their own historic places.

Celebrating the Best of Maryland Awardees

This year, Preservation Maryland sought to recognize individuals from a range of positions that make preservation happen, from legislators to designers and from artisans to agency leaders. We’re proud to recognize the following awardees:

- PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP AWARD**
 - National Historic Preservation Training Center / Frederick County
- LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS**
 - United States Senator Ben Cardin
 - Maryland State Senator Bill Ferguson
 - Maryland State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington
- STEWARDSHIP AWARD**
 - Domino Sugar & ASR Group / City of Baltimore
 - Triangle Sign & Service / City of Baltimore
- THE PHOENIX AWARD**
 - Cultural Center at the Havre de Grace Opera House / Harford County
- THE GEARHART PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD**
 - Aaron Marcavitch, Maryland Milestones State Heritage Area / Prince George’s County
- THE HARRISON VOLUNTEER AWARD**
 - Jillian Storms, AIA, “Early Women of Architecture in Maryland” traveling exhibit and website / Statewide

- PRESERVATION ARTISAN AWARD**

Artisans led by general contractor Lewis Contractors for the restoration of the ca.1850 Greek revival Hackerman House at The Walters Art Museum / Baltimore City:

 - Albert Riegglin / Fireline Corporation
 - Jay Sterner / MasterCare Flooring
 - Rodolfo Razuri, Sinan Hurko, Pavel Kudelich, Steve Han / Worcester Eisenbrandt, Inc.
 - Mark Mordhorst / Hayles & Howe
 - Randy Mertz / Cypress Painting Systems
 - Ray Snyder / Ariosa & Company
 - Vernon Quesenberry / Ruff Roofers
 - COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARDS**
 - Church Hill Theatre / Queen Anne’s County
 - Parkway Theatre / City of Baltimore
 - Calvert Marine Museum / Calvert County
 - Town of Highland Beach / Anne Arundel County
- Learn more and see event photos at: bestofmaryland.org



Chris Henderson and Angelica Henderson representing sponsors Miner Feinstein Architects. Dr. Julie Marcari-Alexander of the Walters Art Museum and Tyler Tate of Lewis Contractors accept the Preservation Artisan Award on behalf of all the artisans of the Walter’s Hackerman House restoration project. State Senator Bill Ferguson accepts his Legislative Champion award from Executive Director Nicholas Redding.



By the Numbers PRESERVECAS

PreserveCast, Preservation Maryland’s weekly podcast, has quickly grown a national following and is fast becoming one of the largest repositories of interviews with the leaders of the modern preservation movement. Listen now on your favorite podcast app or online at: preservecast.org.

- 14K** Unique downloads of PreserveCast since its early 2017 launch
- 70%** Percent of listeners from outside of Maryland
- 50%** Increase in downloads since the launch of preservecast.org in early 2018
- 70+** Number of PreserveCast episodes produced since January 2017
- UNO** Number of episodes about saving the first Taco Bell restaurant

DIRECT SUPPORT

Heritage Fund Awards

The Heritage Fund grant program has exceeded the milestone of having distributed over \$1 million in direct support of preservation in Maryland!

The direct impact of the joint program by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust continues with this newest round of grants awarded across the state.

[1] PLANNING FOR PRESERVATION OF THE HILLTOP GARDEN · The Alice Ferguson Foundation / Prince George’s County

The Alice Ferguson Foundation seeks to connect people to the natural world and care for the collections and cultural heritage of the Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek. The Farm was the home of painter Alice L.L. Ferguson where she created Hilltop Garden between 1922–1940. It is one of the few gardens of its era open to the public. The Foundation received \$7,000 for the creation of a CAD field survey, garden analysis diagram, conditions assessment, historic planting analysis, and a consultation with a historic concrete mason.

[2] PRE-PURCHASE SURVEY OF THE SKIPJACK WILMA LEE · Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park / Anne Arundel County

The Annapolis Maritime Museum seeks to return a Chesapeake Bay skipjack to the waters of Maryland. The plan is to use the ca. 1940 Wilma Lee to offer an authentic skipjack experience to students and adults. Before completing the sale, the Museum will visit the skipjack in North Carolina and give it a complete inspection to assess condition and safety. This grant of \$4,500 will help pay for the survey before the potential purchase.

[3] OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT FOR DOORS OPEN BALTIMORE · Baltimore Architecture Foundation / Baltimore City

Doors Open Baltimore is an annual free event and an inventive way to broaden public awareness of historic resources around Baltimore. Due to its popularity, the event will expand to two full days in 2018. To keep pace, the Baltimore Architecture Foundation will expand on existing marketing efforts including a more robust social media campaign, increased presence in print and other media outlets, and working with new partners.

[4] STABILIZATION OF BAYLY SLAVE CABIN · Dorchester County Government / Cambridge

Dating from the 1740s, the Bayly structure is likely the oldest dwelling in Cambridge. The small outbuilding, believed to be a slave cabin, is in need of stabilization, preservation, and interpretation. Dorchester County has recently assessed the structure, and this \$10,000

grant will support stabilization efforts including temporary shoring, work to prevent water damage, masonry repairs, restoration of the foundation and other deteriorated building components.

[5] PRESERVATION EDUCATION TOOLKIT · Downtown Frederick Partnership / Frederick County

The Downtown Frederick Partnership works to enhance, promote and preserve the vitality and livability of Downtown Frederick—that includes its many historic resources. This \$5,000 grant will support the creation of an Education Toolkit to address the needs of specific audiences, like residents, merchants, and professionals. The Tool Kit will be freely distributed by the Downtown Frederick Partnership, the City of Frederick, and many preservation partners.

[6] STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MALONE’S CHURCH · Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund / Madison, Dorchester County

The Malone’s Church property was built in the 1890s and includes an historic church and cemetery. Together, the cultural landscape of this African American community offers an opportunity to better understand daily life deep in Dorchester County in the face of slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Jim Crow. Located along the Harriet Tubman Byway, the cemetery includes the final resting place of Tubman’s nephew and in-laws. The Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund will use this \$2,500 grant to plan for maintenance and access now that the active congregation has dissolved.

[7] INTERNATIONAL PRESERVATION TRADES WORKSHOP · Preservation Trades Network / Statewide

The Preservation Trades Network is devoted to promoting the building trades and holding educational training. This year, the annual International Trades Network Workshop will be in Frederick and provide a much-needed opportunity to learn about preservation trades and skills from preservation and craft experts. The Heritage Fund will help support this program with a \$3,000 grant.

[8] STABILIZATION OF TOMBSTONES · Sharpsburg Historical Society, Inc. / Washington County

The Methodist Church dates back to the early 19th century in Sharpsburg and the associated cemetery accepted burials until the 1930s. While the cemetery still stands, the records of the church and cemetery are missing, making the stones themselves a valuable and essential research tool. With a \$4,000 grant, the Sharpsburg Historical Society will stabilize and restore tombstones that are fallen, tilted, or broken and use what is learned for research and education purposes.



THE WILMA LEE SKIPJACK in North Carolina before relocation to Annapolis. The Bayly Slave Cabin is likely the oldest sturcure in Cambridge, Dorchester County. The Glade Valley Mill Building in Frederick County.



[9] FRIEND FAMILY MUSEUM BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS · Town of Friendsville / Garrett County

The Friend Family Museum and Library is located in a 1900 building originally constructed for the First National Bank on a prominent corner in downtown Friendsville and previously used as a Town Hall. Through heavy use, the structure is in need of repairs to its roof and wood windows and trim. With a Heritage Fund grant of \$7,000, the Museum will complete the necessary repairs and will continue to have a place to house and share their collection.

[10] ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE GLADE VALLEY MILL BUILDING · Walkersville Southern Railroad Museum, Inc. / Frederick County

The Walkersville Southern Railroad Museum was founded in 1991to preserve and interpret the area’s transportation history. The Museum has seen an increase in visitors and volunteers each year, and will use a \$4,500 grant to create an architectural and development plan for expansion into the ca. 1911 Glade Valley Mill Building. The Heritage Fund will help support the work to bring in an architect to create a master plan and schematic drawings for the adaptive reuse of the building.

There are two Heritage Fund grant cycles each year. The next deadline for grant applications is Friday, September 14, 2018. To learn more, go to: presmd.org/hf.



MAKING PRESERVATION A PRIORITY

Legislative Advocacy Efforts Yield Major Results

Thanks to the support of preservation advocates from around the state, Preservation Maryland’s ambitious legislative advocacy efforts in 2018 resulted in significant advances for the state’s history and heritage.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP with legislators from across the state, the organization wrote and introduced two pieces of legislation—both aimed at improving and expanding the state’s historic tax credit. The first piece of legislation the organization drafted (HB1454/SB967) focused on making the state historic tax credit more effective and added an additional incentive for historic rehabilitation projects that create affordable housing. After considerable advocacy and lobbying efforts, this legislation overwhelmingly passed both chambers and has been enacted.

The second piece of legislation drafted by Preservation Maryland (HB954/SB481) would have increased funding for the state historic tax credit to \$15 million from its current level of \$9 million. Unfortunately, this bill stalled in committee and never received a vote—a disheartening outcome. Nevertheless, Preservation Maryland fully intends on pursuing an increase in funding for the program in the next session of the General Assembly.

In addition to the legislation drafted by Preservation Maryland, the organization also worked to support several other significant sccessful legislative initiatives:

- Advocating for a \$225,000 bond bill for the Baltimore Museum of Industry WWII-era crane
- Supporting the establishment of a statewide \$250,000 museum grant program
- Working with a broad coalition to fully fund Program Open Space, an increase of \$67 million, for the first time in a generation
- Advocating for the most comprehensive cemetery preservation legislation in decades which enables a local historic cemetery tax credit
- Working to increase funding for the state’s non-capital grant program to \$300,000—a 50% increase
- Securing \$600,000 for the state’s capital grant program and \$1 million for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program
- Supporting the full funding of Maryland’s State Heritage Areas—a \$3 million increase over last year’s appropriation.

Collectively, this year’s was one of the most successful legislative sessions for historic preservation in decades— a stunning reversal of fortunes after years of inadequate funding. None of the legislative victories would have been possible without the support of advocates around the state who worked to make the case with their legislators. To learn more about Preservation Maryland’s advocacy and to make a donation to our Advocacy Fund which makes this work possible, visit: presmd.org/advocacy.

POP-UP PRESERVATION

Providing Technical Assistance Across the State

Thanks to the generous support of the Rural Maryland Council, Preservation Maryland hit the road this spring to host pop-up offices in rural parts of the state.

YOU’VE PPROBABLY HEARD OF POP-UP RETAIL—quickly setting up shop to become more accessible to the community. We’ve taken that concept to provide technical service across the state by staffing several temporary pop-up offices—essentially bringing preservation services to the people!

The pop-up offices gave us an opportunity to work closely in a shared space with a local preservation partner. For example, the Washington County Historical Society hosted us in Hagerstown, and Downtown Cambridge hosted us in Dorchester County.

We used our statewide megaphone to get the word out and welcomed dozens of Marylanders through the pop-up office doors at each location. Preservation Maryland staff assisted attendees and helped them connect to existing resources like grants, tax credits, and government programs.

Sign up for our newsletter to get the latest info and locations: presmd.org/signup.



AT THE PRESERVATION MARYLAND pop-up office in Dorchester County; Amanda Fenstermaker, Heart of the Chesapeake State Heritage Area, Katie Clendaniel, Downtown Cambridge Main Street Program with Preservation Maryland Director of Communications, Meagan Baco.



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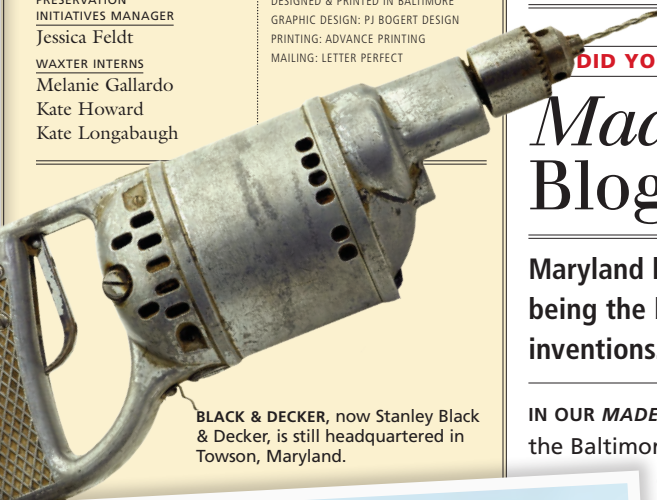
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OLD LINE STATE SUMMIT

Statewide Preservation Conference Expands to Two Days

Preservation Maryland is pleased to announce our partnership with the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions that will create an unparalleled preservation training opportunity in the Mid-Atlantic.

THE PRESERVATION MARYLAND Old Line State Summit will take place **Friday, June 15, 2018** followed by the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions' Annual Symposium on **Saturday, June 16, 2018** at the University of Maryland in College Park.

The impressive slate of speakers includes a keynote lecture by Dr. Debarati Majumdar Narayan, Principal Associate at the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts. Dr. Narayan is directing the Project's strategic initiative that assesses the relationship of climate change and health, and specifically tribal health. The relevant nature of her work and



PRESERVATION
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Sessions will focus on the role of preservation in creating healthy, hip, and historic neighborhoods

its potential impact on communities has attracted national and international interest and recognition.

This event is for anyone who is committed to protecting the places that make Maryland special. Over the two days, sessions will focus on the role of preservation in creating healthy, hip, and historic neighborhoods:

- Creating Healthy Neighborhoods
- Affordable Housing and Repairs
- Recreation-Based Tourism
- Museum Accessibility
- Smart Growth Concepts
- Digital Archiving
- Bus Tour of Historic Greenbelt
- Walking Tour of the UMD Campus

Learn more and register at: oldlinestate.org.

The Old Line State Summit is supported in part by The Middendorf Foundation and the following partners: Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland Milestones State Heritage Area, Rural Maryland Council, University of Maryland.

DID YOU KNOW?

Made in Maryland Blog Series Launched

Maryland has a proud industrial heritage including being the birthplace of game-changing mechanical inventions.

IN OUR *MADE IN MARYLAND* SERIES, Preservation Maryland and the Baltimore Museum of Industry will bring you many, "I didn't know that was invented here!" moments. Learn more at: presmd.org/madeinmaryland.

The Black & Decker Corporation was founded in Baltimore in 1910 by S. Duncan Black and Alonzo G. Decker. The idea for their capstone product began in a small machine shop that produced machines for making milk bottle caps and candy dipping. The breakthrough came in 1916 when Duncan and Decker invented the 1/2-inch portable electric drill. Their invention combined a pistol grip and trigger switch into its design. This drill was revolutionary because it laid the groundwork for today's power tool industry. The next year, in 1917, Black and Decker began working on making a larger, 20,000-square-foot factory just north of Baltimore City in Towson, Maryland, where the company is still headquartered today.

PLANNING FOR PRESERVATION

Update to Maryland Preservation Plan

This year, the Maryland Historical Trust will update the statewide preservation plan—a five-year guidance document for government agencies, non-profit advocates, and others involved in historic preservation, archeology, and cultural heritage.

TO DEVELOP THE PLAN and make recommendations for the future, the Trust has convened an interdisciplinary advisory committee and is working in partnership with Preservation Maryland and other organizations to guide the planning process and provide recommendations for action.

Last month, the Maryland Historical Trust and Preservation Maryland co-hosted a meeting of Maryland's municipal planners to provide the opportunity for an open forum to discuss their work across many different jurisdictions shaping Maryland's built environment.

Learn more and submit your comments at: presmd.org/preservationplan.

MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

Sustaining Members Provide Vital Support

When you join Preservation Maryland, you are making a bold statement that you care deeply about Maryland's history, heritage, and future.

ON TOP OF OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS, GRANTING EFFORTS, AND LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES—that you read about in each issue of *The Phoenix*—your support also provides the financial stability necessary to plan for expansion, growth, and innovation. That's why we're asking you to become a Sustaining Member today.

Supporting and administering existing programs is difficult enough—one of the reasons many organizations are unwilling to

tackle new initiatives. That's not Preservation Maryland. With your support, we can do both.

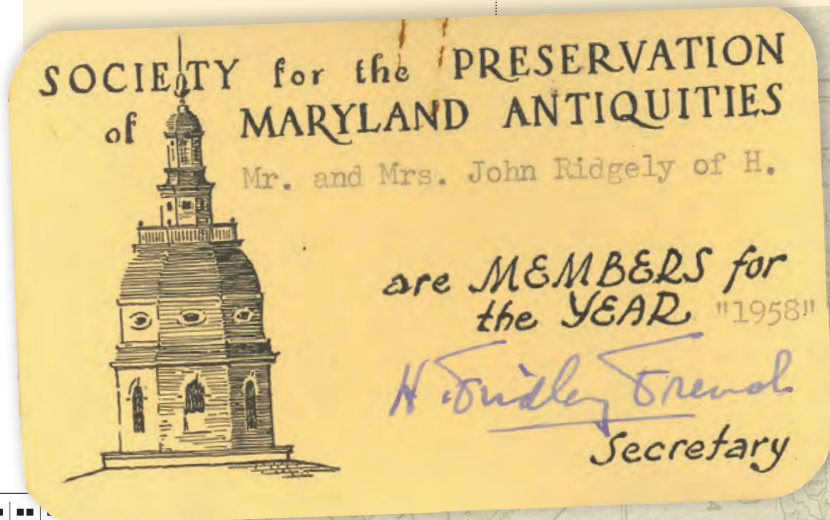
Preservation Maryland is working behind the scenes on several extremely ambitious projects that we hope to launch soon. Our long-anticipated property redevelopment program is being assembled, and we are also in the pre-launch stage for a preservation apprenticeship program that will help train the much-needed tradespeople of the 21st century.

Becoming a sustaining member or increasing your monthly gift is easy—you can use the enclosed envelope or give online at: presmd.org/join.

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EMERGENCY ALERT · Special Update Inside

Flooding Devastates Historic Ellicott City... Again

Over Memorial Day weekend, historic Ellicott City endured yet another devastating flood. Preservation Maryland, once again, stands ready to support the rebuilding, recovery, and rehabilitation of this historic community.

SCENES FROM HISTORIC ELLICOTT CITY (from left)

RECOVERY WORKERS under the Ellicott City railroad bridge on the morning of May 28, 2018. *Photo by Howard County Government.*

HISTORIC MAIN STREET inundated with flowing flood waters on May 27, 2018. *Photo by Shannon Baranoski.*

MAIN STREET FLOODED from the Patapsco River in 1972. *Courtesy of the Howard County Historical Society.*

AN AERIAL VIEW up historic Main Street in Ellicott City after the storm and flood waters receded. *Photo by Howard County Government.*