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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

Back in Print

It's good to be back in print! One of the most important jobs of a statewide preservation group is to keep our members, constituents, supporters and friends well-informed.

Wether that takes the form of e-newsletters or updates on Facebook and Twitter—we've been working to increase and improve both the quantity and quality of our content. The printed newsletter now in your hands is another step in that direction. In an era of increasingly electronic communication, sometimes it's still nice to hear from an organization you support in something more substantial and tactile. Anyway, I think so, and I hope you agree.

As a benefit of membership, you'll now be receiving this printed newsletter throughout the year—a way for us to keep you engaged in our work, updated on our progress, and to remind you about the important programs we run that your donations make possible. In this issue you'll hear about the aggressive advocacy campaign we ran during the latest session of the Maryland General Assembly, the recent award winners from our Best of Maryland Awards event, upcoming events and field trips, a brand new program, and unique stories from the field. Moving forward, you'll receive similar content and a gentle reminder that there is always more information on our website.

Speaking of our website, we haven't completely given up on electronic communications! In fact, we are knee-deep in the work of completely replacing our current site and plan to launch our new site in October. Expect a website that will be rich in content and information not only about the work of this organization—but also our partner organizations across the state.

Stay tuned and keep in touch as we continue to debut new methods of the informing the Best of Maryland.

SUSTAINED ADVOCACY in Annapolis

Preservation Maryland was busy in Annapolis during the latest session of the Maryland General Assembly.

A Newsletter from Preservation Maryland
Summer 2015

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Advocacy... by the Numbers

Look at what Preservation Maryland helped to accomplish during the latest General Assembly:

$600K
Funding dollars saved in the Heritage Area budget for 2015

$1M
Level of funding approved for re-authorized African-American Heritage grants

0
Total number of positions cut at Maryland Historical Trust

11
Number of Preservation Town Halls hosted before and after the Maryland General Assembly, all across the state

$86.1M
Amount of Program Open Space funding available for land and historic preservation across the state

Preservation Maryland

Phoenix
Direct Support for Preservation Efforts

Earlier this year, in partnership with the Maryland Historical Trust, Preservation Maryland awarded Heritage Fund grants to fifteen historic preservation projects across the state.

PREPARATION MARYLAND AT WORK

HIGHLIGHTS from this round of grants included funding to St. Mary’s College for an archaeological study on a circa 1864 home site in St. Mary’s County, as well as stabilization funding for the ruins of the Catoctin Furnace in Frederick County. Additional funds were provided to an innovative public archaeology project in Baltimore City’s Herrington Run Park, administered by our partners at Baltimore Heritage. In Allegany County, the Evergreen Heritage Center received funding for the adaptive reuse of an 18th-century bank barn at the award-winning education site. In total, $53,500 was provided in direct aid to deserving local organizations during this latest round. All grant recipients from this latest round are listed on the map above.

Heritage Fund grants are available for brick and mortar projects, research, planning and educational events. To date, since its creation in 1997, the Fund has provided nearly $1 million in funding across the state and leveraged $16 million in public and private investment. The next deadline for Heritage Fund support is August 17 and applications are available on our website: presmd.org.

2015 STATEWIDE HERITAGE FUND PROJECTS

| REPAIR & REHAB | Maryland Historical Trust | Restoration and roof repair of ca. 1870 Catholic Church | $5,000 |
| Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambill State Park, Inc. | Stabilization of the Iron Master’s Home ruins at the Catoctin Furnace making it safe for visitors | $3,000 |
| Washington County Historical Society | Window restoration at ca. 1825 Miller House museum and research library | $3,000 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Church | Historic repair of ca. 1864 church constructed of stone from the Jones Falls | $2,000 |

| EDUCATION & RESEARCH | Preservation Maryland | Documentation of historic log home on East 5th Street before demolition | $1,000 |
| Gibson Island Historical Society | Professional archeological testing and mapping of Gibson Island | $2,500 |
| St. Mary’s College of Maryland Foundation | Archaeological assessment of ca. 1659-60 St. Clement’s Manor home and ca. 1940 railroad | $5,000 |
| Baltimore Heritage | Public archaeology at Harri Springs in Harri Run Park | $5,000 |
| Pogtum Main Street | Public education and pedestrian wayfinding signage in ca. 1840 rail town | $3,000 |
| The Preservation Society | Free four-part lecture series on the preservation of Robert Long House, the oldest urban residence in Baltimore City | $2,000 |
| Maryland Historical Trust | Development of a National Register Historic Context for sites related to African American civil rights in Baltimore City | $5,000 |
| Baltimore Architecture Foundation | Stories Open Baltimore website and app | $4,000 |

| FLASING & CLADABILITY | City of Brunswick | Condition assessment and plan for the future of Bruce Monocacy | $3,000 |
| Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation | Development and reuse study of 18th-century Evergreen Barn | $5,000 |
| Harrodstown: Aviation Museum | Museum facility feasibility assessment of unique sword frame hanger | $5,000 |

TOTAL $53,500

PROSPERITY THROUGH PRESERVATION

Preservation Summer School

Late in July, Preservation Maryland convened a large gathering of Main Street and Heritage Area supporters.

PROACTIVE PRESERVATION

Six-to-Fix Preservation Maryland will announce its inaugural class of Six-to-Fix sites in October.

Six-to-Fix is Preservation Maryland’s plan to do something proactive by helping to save resources in jeopardy across the state. Organizers, individuals and local governments interested in “fixing” or preserving a threatened historic resource were invited to nominate a site online earlier this month. The program is open to all varieties of historic resources; one requirement is that there is community support for the site and that the nominating organization or individual will be active participants in the project.

The six properties selected by Preservation Maryland will receive a tailored package of support which will likely include seed funding, professional technical assistance, capacity building and inclusion in a statewide publicity campaign. Additionally, individuals with preservation, business and/or non-profit skills are encouraged to get involved with the program and can sign up to become part of our Volunteer Corps. If projects are selected that require their expertise, they’ll be contacted by Preservation Maryland and given an opportunity to make a difference through short bursts of volunteerism on specific tasks.

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DISPATCH FROM THE FIELD

Historic Miner’s Cabin Saved

When the famed Cozy Inn of Thurmont shuttered its doors many in the community feared the worst.

This miner’s cabin, pictured below, include the shirt at right. It was found stuffed into a cabin wall and is meant for insulation.

In order to give our readers the opportunity to learn about companies and organizations that provide products and services to the historic preservation community in Maryland, we are accepting a limited number of advertisers for The Phoenix.

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Time to Renew

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CELEBRATING MARYLAND’S BEST

Preservation Protects the Best of Maryland

FOR OUR ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT in May, we celebrated the exceptional work of 13 preservation programs, people, and projects—and had a blast doing it with 200 of our supporters at The Dye House at Mt. Washington Mill. Great thanks to all of our sponsors and attendees for making it a fantastic event.

HONOREES AND GUESTS INCLUDED—

Winners of the first annual Artisan awards, Cliff Layman and Teresa Wheeler of Historic Roofing Inc.

Elise Butler, President of Baltimore Heritage; Elizabeth Hughes, Acting Director and State Historic Preservation Officer at Maryland Historical Trust;

Jana Carey, Director of Operations at Preservation Maryland

Tyler Tate, President of Lewis Contractors and Vice President of the Preservation Maryland Board;

Rodney Little, former State Historic Preservation Officer of Maryland and Best of Maryland President’s Award winner 2015;

Nicholas Redding, Executive Director of Preservation Maryland

Events

Join Preservation Maryland for these upcoming events and tours. Visit our website for details—presmd.org.

SEP 26

MID-CENTURY MODERN MARYLAND BUS TOUR

Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties

OCT 9

SIX-TO-FIX GALA

Announcement of our new proactive program—Baltimore City at Price Modern

OCT 17

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN BROWN’S RAID TOUR

Maryland and West Virginia

TOLCHESTER BEACH

Perhaps no other feature better defines Maryland than her waters. From cool mountain springs and lakes to the mighty Chesapeake Bay and the relaxing tides of Ocean City, Marylanders have always had a variety of recreational options. Even today, many Marylanders and visitors to the state make a point of seeking out these unique destinations. These vintage images capture just one of these places—Tolchester Beach, founded in 1877, near Chestertown (Kent County). Since the 1960s, the beach has been in private ownership, with a marina, beach and bar catering to boaters on the Bay. Images—Courtesy of Tolchester Beach Amusement Park Facebook page