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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.

WHETHER 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.



Nicholas A. Redding
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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 we 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 showcasing the Best of Maryland.

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director

SUPPORT FOR PRESERVATION

Sustained Advocacy in Annapolis

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



WORKING TO GENERATE SUPPORT for the programs, funding and policies that make preservation possible, we held over 50 one-on-one meetings with the leaders of both chambers,

key state legislators and the members of the committees which oversee critical preservation programs. We lived, breathed and ate Annapolis—but we never felt outnumbered, knowing our supporters had our back!

This sustained advocacy, made possible by the hard work of our partner organizations and dedicated supporters, resulted in an initial rejection of \$300,000 in proposed cuts to Maryland's Heritage Areas. This cut would have been equal to 10% of the entire Heritage Area Authority budget. An additional proposed \$200,000+ cut in the Budget Reconciliation Act was also rejected due to this outreach effort.

The 13 State Heritage Areas, which cover a portion of every county and Baltimore City, have been a powerful force in supporting heritage tourism and improving important historic sites across the state.

The funding for the Heritage Area program comes from Program Open Space—which is generated by a small .5% tax on land transfers in the state. Those funds then go to support land and historic preservation.

There is a great deal of work left to accomplish as Program Open Space is constantly threatened. To help defend the program, we've joined the Executive Committee of the Partners for Open Spaces, the principal open space advocacy group in the state, to make certain historic preservation remains a priority issue. We're keeping preservation a part of the discussion.

In addition to defending the Heritage Areas,

(top) AT THE MARYLAND STATE HOUSE ROTUNDA to advocate for preservation during this session are Preservation Maryland staff and supporters. (right) After a one-on-one meeting, Maryland Speaker of the House Mike Busch, with Elly Colmers and Nicholas Redding of Preservation Maryland.



Preservation Maryland also worked diligently to see the African-American Preservation Grant Program reauthorized at \$1 million permanently. The legislation passed both chambers and was promptly signed by Governor Hogan.

Unfortunately, the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit remains in the budget at a reduced \$9 million from last year's appropriation of \$10 million. Since the creation of the program in 1996, funding for this critical tax credit has plummeted 90%—well below funding available for similar programs in neighboring states. In response, Preservation Maryland launched a new Maryland Historic Tax Credit Coalition, a diverse collection of businesses and organizations united for the future of the program. The Coalition is advocating for increased funding of this critical preservation program and plans to present the new administration with a letter requesting support for this job creating tax credit. Studies have consistently shown for every \$1 invested by the state in this program—\$8.53 in economic activity is created in the local economy.

Through testimony and countless meetings in Annapolis, Preservation Maryland also assisted in defeating potentially damaging staffing reductions at the Maryland Historical Trust. These proposed reductions would have cut key positions in the Trust that directly impact core operations and architectural survey work. The rejection of the staffing eliminations is a victory for preservationists statewide.

Moving forward, our job is not only to defend what's available—but to find new ways of delivering additional support to the preservation community.

Advocacy ... by the Numbers

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

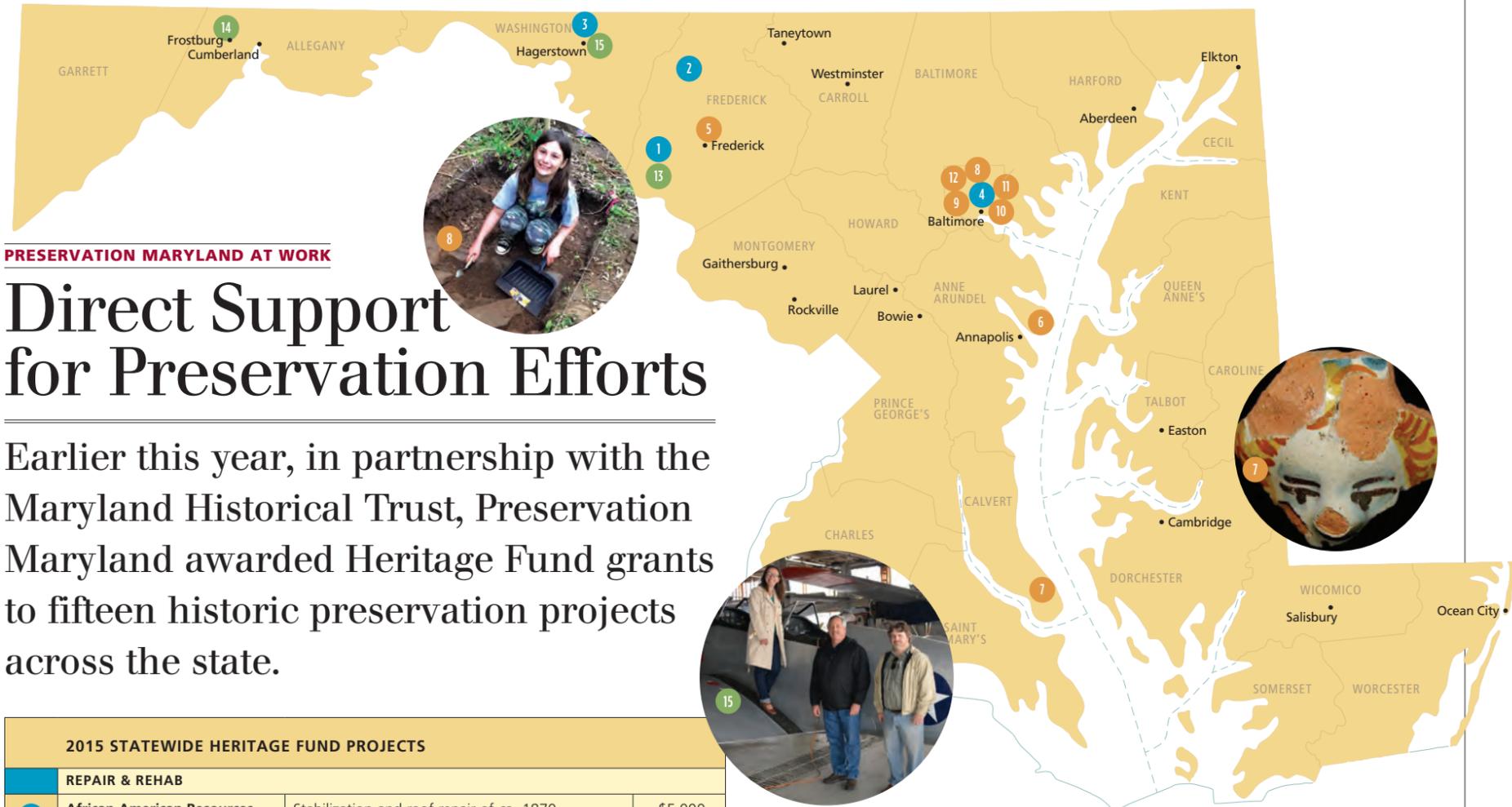
\$600K FUNDING DOLLARS saved in the Heritage Area budget for 2015

\$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 AT WORK

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.

2015 STATEWIDE HERITAGE FUND PROJECTS			
REPAIR & REHAB			
1	African American Resources, Cultural Heritage Society	Stabilization and roof repair of ca. 1870 Ceres Bethel Church	\$5,000
2	Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Park, Inc.	Stabilization of the Iron Master's House ruins at the Catoctin Furnace making it safe for visitors	\$3,000
3	Washington County Historical Society	Window restoration at ca. 1825 Miller House museum and research library	\$3,000
4	St. Vincent de Paul Church	Façade repairs at ca. 1841 church constructed of stone from the Jones Falls	\$2,000
EDUCATION & RESEARCH			
5	Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County	Documentation of historic log home on East 5th Street before demolition	\$1,000
6	Gibson Island Historical Society	Professional archeological testing and mapping of Gibson Island	\$2,500
7	St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation	Archaeological assessment of ca. 1600s St. Clement's Manor home of Dr. Thomas Gerard	\$5,000
8	Baltimore Heritage	Public archeology at Hall Springs in Herring Run Park	\$5,000
9	Pigtown Main Street	Historic attraction and pedestrian wayfinding signage in ca. 1840 rail town	\$3,000
10	The Preservation Society	Free, four-part lecture series on the preservation of Robert Long House, the oldest urban residence in Baltimore City	\$2,000
11	Maryland Historical Trust	Development of a National Register Historic Context for sites related to African American civil rights in Baltimore City	\$5,000
12	Baltimore Architecture Foundation	Doors Open Baltimore website and app	\$4,000
PLANNING & FEASIBILITY			
13	City of Brunswick	Condition assessment and plan for the future of Berlin Cemetery	\$3,000
14	Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation	Assessment and reuse study of 18th-century Evergreen Barn	\$5,000
15	Hagerstown Aviation Museum	Museum facility feasibility assessment of unique wood frame hanger	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$53,500

HIGHLIGHTS from this round of grants included funding to St. Mary's College for an archaeological study on a circa 1636 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 archeology project in Baltimore City's Herring 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.



PROACTIVE PRESERVATION

Six-to-Fix

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

RATHER THAN JUST CREATING LISTS of threatened buildings, 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.

The six projects will be publically announced at a major event on October 9, 2015—with the proceeds of the event directly supporting this new program. Get ready to be part of the fix! **MORE INFORMATION** is online at sixtofix.org.



PROSPERITY THROUGH PRESERVATION

Preservation Summer School

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

OVER 100 PRESERVATIONISTS attended this a one-day program on economic development and heritage tourism and heard from 14 speakers from diverse organizations and places around Maryland. With a focus on participation and collaboration, the seminar grouped attendees by location or topic area.

Speaker **David Price**, Chief of Operations for Frederick's National Museum of Civil War Medicine, shared how forming partnerships with two local businesses—a farm and a restaurant—helped his museum to reach entirely new audiences and tap into a new revenue stream.

Marci Ross and **Heather Ersts**—both from the Maryland Department of Tourism Development—presented their findings on the economic impact of heritage tourism in our state. Attendees learned that in a recent random telephone survey, visiting historic sites is tied with walking as the most popular recreation activity in Maryland.

We're proud to present this annual program, and want to thank our speakers, moderators, sponsors and attendees for another great session.

BASED ON CIVIL-WAR-ERA RECIPES, Antietam Ale was the first release of a brewing partnership between the Museum of Civil War Medicine, Brewer's Alley Restaurant and Monocacy Bottling Company.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UNDER WAY

Time to Renew

Summertime is a great time to renew your membership in Preservation Maryland.

OUR MEMBERS are the foundation upon which we build a strong, vibrant network of preservationists for Maryland. As a member, you become part of the movement that protects what defines the very best of Maryland—our shared history and heritage. You also become a partner in building the future.

This year we are encouraging our supporters to become a Sustaining Member by making a monthly pledge. And if you are one of the first 50 members to pledge at least \$10 a month, you will be invited to join your fellow Sustaining Members on a special tour.

Renew your membership in Preservation Maryland *today!* Become a part of the preservation campaign to build a solid foundation for Maryland's future.

The Benefits of Membership

Join or renew today—No matter what level of membership you choose, you will receive:

- » **A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION** to *The Phoenix*, published monthly in an electronic format and quarterly in print
- » **ADVANCE NOTICE** of Preservation Maryland programs and events
- » **FREE BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS** of selected historic sites throughout the year. Plus free hard-hat tours of major preservation restoration projects under construction.
- » **DISCOUNTS** on all Maryland-based preservation field trips



Douglas Harbit
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

- » **DISCOUNTED TICKETS** to all Preservation Maryland events
- » **ACTION ALERTS** for our advocacy program
- » **RECOGNITION** of your support in our Annual Report

FOR MORE INFORMATION about membership, contact Doug Harbit: dharbit@presmd.org / (410)685-2886. Or visit: presmd.org

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.

AT RISK WAS THE COLLECTION of unique historic objects and buildings the owners had collected through the years. Fortunately, the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, in cooperation with Jerry Freeze, owner of the Cozy Inn, worked to save one of the most important structures: a late 19th century miner's cabin from the nearby Catoctin Iron Furnace. The cabin, which at the time of its construction was likely meant to be temporary housing, is an extremely rare piece of Maryland history. The Furnace complex where the cabin originally resided began operation during the American Revolution, operating for nearly 125 years.

Unable to move the cabin in one piece—it measures 20' 4" X 12' 6"—the historical society worked with students from the Silver Oak Academy, who under the direction of Bill Sipes, disassembled the cabin for eventual reconstruction at the society's historic campus. Once disassembled and moved, the society also discovered several pieces of historic clothing used as makeshift insulation, which they hope to preserve for a future exhibit. The next step will be reassembling the cabin and preparing it for public tours.

TO LEARN MORE about the project, visit catoctinfurnace.org.

HISTORIC FINDS at the miner's cabin, pictured below, include the shirt at right. It was found stuffed into a cabin wall and likely served as makeshift insulation.



The cabin is part of an extremely rare piece of Maryland history.

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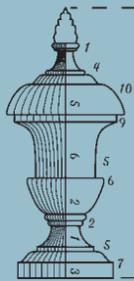
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Still more...online

In the works: a new website

PRESERVATION MARYLAND IS PLEASED to give our readers a first peek at our progress. Check out the new landing page (above) at presmd.org. Due to launch this fall, it is designed by our Meadow Mill neighbors YOUNTS DESIGN INC, a nationally-recognized firm notable for environmental graphics and web design. Whenever we can, we like to put our resources right back into Maryland businesses that care about our heritage.



Curated news for you PRESERVATION IS NEWSWORTHY. Every week our staff culls through hundreds of articles from around the state and country to come up with the week's top preservation stories. Find it on our Storify, Facebook and Twitter accounts weekly, and with #preserveMD.

Maryland Preservation Forum EARLIER THIS YEAR, Preservation Maryland launched a new Facebook forum for preservation dialogue and discussion. The Maryland Preservation Forum is a free and open platform for individuals, organizations and our supporters to exchange thoughts and opinions on issues confronting preservation. Find it online at: fb.com/groups/marylandforum.



VINTAGE VIEWS

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



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

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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.

Preservation Protects the Best of Maryland

CELEBRATING MARYLAND'S BEST



(From top left) HONOREES AND GUESTS INCLUDED—Winners of the first annual Artisan awards, Cliff Layman and Teresa Wheeler of Historic Roofing Inc.; 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

