Awards Recognize Impressive Projects from Across the State

On Thursday, May 17, Preservation Maryland hosted its 35th 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.

By the Numbers

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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 in now on your favorite podcast app or online at: preservecast.org.

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**Organizational Leadership**

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**Awards Recognize Individual Efforts**

The following awards were presented at the Best of Maryland Awards:

- **Theodore Nature Award**
- **Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **Mentor Award**
- **Student/Volunteer Award**
- **Virginia T. Duece Award**
- **Maryland Milestones State Champion Award**
- **Community Choice Awards**
- **Best of Maryland Awards**

**Preservation Artisan Award**
Arts and crafts-based organizations and individuals whose work underscores the power of history and the preservation spectrum. That tenacity can take many forms: from beginning a complex rehabilitation project 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 state’s 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.

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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 MILLER GARDEN** — Anne Ferguson Foundation/Prince George’s County
   - The Anne Ferguson Foundation seeks to connect people to the natural world and Maryland’s history and culture through land conservation and cultural history of the Hard Bargain Farm in Accotink Park, and many preservation partners.
   - The foundation received $7,000 for the creation of a CAD field survey, garden analysis diagram, conditions assessment, historic plantings analysis, and a consultation with a historic horticulturist.

2. **PRE-PURCHASE SURVEY OF THE SEAFARER**: MEAGAN LEY — Antioch Community Museum and Park/Anne Arundel County
   - The Antioch Community Museum and Park seeks to identify a suitable site for a new museum to house its growing collection of African American history.
   - The museum has received $5,000 to pay for the survey before the potential purchase.

3. **OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT FOR DOORS OPEN BALTIMORE**: Baltimore Architecture Foundation/Hoffstot Hallways
   - The Baltimore Architecture Foundation has been awarded $25,000 for an annual event that promotes the building of the city.
   - The event aims to bring together professionals, community members, and volunteers to explore and learn about the history of Baltimore’s architecture.

4. **STABILIZATION OF TOMBSTONES** — Sharpsburg Historical Society
   - The Sharpsburg Historical Society will stabilize and restore tombstones that are missing, making the stones themselves invisible.
   - The society received $3,000 to stabilize and restore tombstones that are missing.

5. **INTERNATIONAL PRESERVATION TRADES WORKSHOP** — Preservation Trades Network/Chesapeake
   - The Preservation Trades Network is dedicated to promoting the building trades and history education.
   - This year, the annual International Trades Conference will be held in Baltimore and will focus on providing a forum to discuss preservation technologies and skills from preservation and craft experts.

6. **HARRISVILLE MALONE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE** — Madison, Dorchester County
   - The maintenance of the Harrisville Malone Cemetery is aimed at preserving the integrity of the historic cemetery.
   - The project will remove weeds, sunlight, and water damage to the stones and will involve the community in their upkeep.

7. **THE PHOENIX VALLEY MILL BUILDING** — Friendsville, Garrett County
   - The Phoenix Valley Mill Building is a historic water-powered mill that dates back to the 1880s.
   - The mill was recently awarded a grant to stabilize the building and ensure its continued use for educational purposes.

8. **THE WILMA LEE SKIPJACK** — Friendsville, Garrett County
   - The Wilma Lee Skipjack is an 1890s-era skipjack in North Carolina, and the project aims to stabilize and interpret the skipjack’s history.
   - The grant will support the preservation of the skipjack and provide educational opportunities for visitors.

9. **FRIEND FAMILY MUSEUM BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS** — Town of Friendsville/Garrett County
   - The Friends Family Museum and Library is located in a 1909 building originally constructed for the First National Bank on a prominent corner in downtown Friendsville and preserved as a walking museum.
   - Through heavy use, the structure is in need of repairs to its roof and wood windows and trim. With a Heritage Fund grant of $10,000, the Museum will complete the necessary repairs and will continue to have a place to house and share their collection.

10. **ABANDONED XI OF THE GLADE** — Valley Mill Bridge, Washington County
    - The Valley Mill Bridge was once a vital transportation link but has been abandoned.
    - A grant of $1,000 will help support the work to be done in bringing in an architect to create a master plan and schematic drawings for the adaptive reuse of the building.

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.

- **Increasing aviation** 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 successful legislative initiatives:

- **Advocating for a $225,000 bond bill** for the Baltimore Museum of Industry’s 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**.

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 across 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 the Advocacy Fund which makes this work possible, visit: presmd.org/advocacy
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 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 Repair
- 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.

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 modern electric drill technology.

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.

The Phoenix

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 Historic Preservation Organizations to discuss their work across many different jurisdictions.

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

Supporting and advocating existing programs is difficult enough—one of the reasons many organizations are unwilling to
Our Upcoming Events

Preservation Maryland invites you to get involved in our work, learn something new, and have fun supporting Maryland heritage at one of our upcoming events. For more, go to: presmd.org/events.

**JUL 1**
**FREDERICK DOUGLASS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**
The Banneker-Douglass Museum will host a summer event in Annapolis inspired by Douglass’ speech, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July,” that will include living history interpreters, guided tours, museum exhibitions, and educational activities. More info: bdmuseum.maryland.gov.

**SEP 7-9**
**NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL**
Salisbury on the Eastern Shore will host the National Folk Festival, the oldest multi-cultural traditional arts celebration in the country, for a free, large-scale three-day outdoor festival of arts, culture and heritage. Event details at: nationalfolkfestival.com.

**SEP 28**
**BMORE HISTORIC UNCONFERENCE**
The annual participant-led meeting hosted by Baltimore Heritage at the Baltimore Museum of Industry for people who care about public history and historic preservation in and around Baltimore City. Register: bmorehistoric.org.

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.