“I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men other-centered can build up.”

Tearing down is easy. We see it all too often, and recently, less than a block from our Baltimore office, two mid-19th century stone structures were toppled in an ignominious early morning razing.

Despite losses like this, we refuse to accept the tired and negative refrains which suggest our history is imperiled or somehow doomed—in fact—we have found the exact opposite all across the state. Other-centered people are building up in a way that should give every Marylander hope for the future.

In the foothills of Frederick County, the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society is building up young men from a nearby reformatory high school—giving them an introduction to the historic trades and using their campus of historic buildings as a living laboratory. The project, which was recognized with a Phoenix Award at our most recent Best of Maryland Awards, speaks to the power of preservation as a force for societal good.

At each of our diverse and unique Six-to-Fix projects, we see passion and energy leading the way. We work with local advocates, preservationists, and community leaders to help advance projects that matter to their communities—and with four years of impacts under our belt—we are seeing real and substantive momentum at dozens of these projects. From bricks-and-mortar projects to meaningful community engagement—the Six-to-Fix program is writing a positive new chapter for our collective past and future.

So, too, do we see this brighter tomorrow in our new partnership with the National Park Service which is working to expand opportunities for young adults (like those from Catoctin Furnace) and recent veterans to enter the historic trades. The Campaign for Historic Trades is bringing new funders, supporters and advocates to the preservation tent and underscoring the relevance of our work in meeting the vast challenges of the 21st century.

I would be remiss, of course, if I didn’t mention the impressive work taking place in Elliot City, where with the encouragement of Preservation Maryland, the new Howard County administration has put its weight behind establishing a new community development organization to help revitalize the flood-weary historic town. Contrary to previous plans which embraced a demolish-first approach, the community has rallied behind plans which will reduce the demolition footprint by more than sixty percent and bring much needed revitalization and resiliency in a shorter timeframe.

It’s easy to tear down—and easy to focus on the negative. Fortunately, the real story of preservation playing out in countless communities across Maryland is far brighter than a few headlines might suggest. Your continued support of Preservation Maryland is helping to build this brighter future.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director
Conference Keynote: “Making Preservation the New Normal”

Critical Funding

New Heritage Fund Grants Awarded

Remote Offices Bring Preservation Resources to Rural Maryland

Collaboration and Partnership are key parts of any successful preservation effort and in this, the first Old Line State Summit since the launch of Smart Growth Maryland, the plenary talk will explore the importance of this broad coalition to build systems that encourage building reuse. As the Summit’s keynote speaker, Jim Lindberg, Vice President of Research and Policy for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will discuss the ways the goals of preservation are interconnected with those of advocates for issues like the environment, community health, and equitable development.

Research across these various fields demonstrates the need to build new rules and unwind entrenched thinking on building communities. The aim to create places that are greener, healthier, and more equitable applies to urban and rural communities alike.

Additional session topics include placemaking, smart growth advocacy, augmented and virtual reality technologies at historic sites, real estate development, architectural documentation and cemetery documentation, engaging new visitors with Latinx history and outreach, climate change, and a tour of Frederick’s architecture. Register today at oldlinestate.org.

Image of the Glyndon Train Station in 1945; Carpenter Family Mausoleum in Cumberland before restoration work; Streetscape of New Market.

Image of Elly Cowan at Calvert Marine Museum; Kimberly Golden Brandt and Laura Kordzikowski Soper at Downtown Salisbury; Kimberly Golden Brandt and Nicholas Redding at Beans in the Belfry; Rachel Nichols of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area with Jessica Feldt; Meagan Baco in Kent County.
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THE PHOENIX

Preservation Maryland and Smart Growth Maryland congratulate all of the deserving awardees.

PRESIDENT’S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jacques Kelly has been writing about Baltimore’s historic neighborhoods and architecture since 1986 with a focus on writing for residents who the city and want to learn more about the special places they call home. He is the voice of local history in The Baltimore Sun.

LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION

During the Stephen W. Levy Fellowship, a long-time advocate for investment in Maryland’s cities and towns and for the protection of the environment. He has led efforts to secure resources for residential and commercial revitalization, to improve transportation to and from access to opportunity, and to prevent the loss of farms and forests.

SMART GROWTH EXCELLENCE AWARD

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Gaithersburg Campus Master Plan

The NIST campus is one of the largest intact groupings of modernist buildings in Maryland. Their master plan, completed by Metropolitan Architects & Planners, emphasizes smart growth in all areas: converting lawn to meadow and reforesting peripheral areas, improving water and energy efficiency, improving bike and pedestrian access to the campus, and rehabilitating historic structures.

THE PHOENIX AWARD

Catoctin Furnace Historic Building Trades Program / Catoctin Furnace Historical Society and Silver Oak Academy

The Catoctin Furnace Historic Building Trades Program embodies the mythology of the Phoenix as the symbol of new life for the historic buildings and the young people who take part in their preservation. Through the Building Trades Program, students of Silver Oak Academy, a residential boarding school overseen by the State of Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, gain marketable real-world job skills in the preservation trades. The partnership between the Historical Society and Silver Oak Academy exemplifies private and public resources coming together to save important historic buildings, while inspiring young talent.

PRESERVATION ARTISAN AWARD

David Gibney has honed his skill for preservation artistry over a 40-year career and has helped repair and restore countless historic places across the county and Maryland. These important sites continue to thrive as a result of his interventions. David has shared his passion and expertise with countless apprentices and employees, helping to continue and invigorate the vital role of the traditional trades.

GEARhart PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Eli Poussin has been a passionate advocate for preservation and historic representation in public history, and open source access to information and training materials.

STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

The Peale Museum / Baltimore Department of General Services, The Peale Center for Baltimore City Architectural, SM-P Architects, Ruff Roofers, C&M Restoration

The Peale Center, often referenced as the first purpose-built museum in North America, is a National Historical Landmark in the heart of Baltimore. In 2014, the City began a complex rehabilitation project with SM-P Architects, Ruff Roofers, and C&M Restoration. Their efforts and expertise led to the birth of a new kind of museum, The Peale Center, providing access to history, art, architecture, and culture to all Marylanders.

Firehouse No. 3 / Doug and Kristy Carroll and Wagner Roofing Company

Following previous restoration work, Doug and Kristy Carroll engaged Wagner Roofing to restore the highly detailed roof cupola on the ca. 1852 Firehouse they call home. Wagner proceeded by matching Buckingham slate, using copper flashing, and finishing the job using historically accurate paint colors. The stunning result is a bright beacon of private investment and careful preservation in downtown Hagerstown.

Mt. Washington Retreat in Baltimore County

George Schlossnagle and Fu Wu with Brennan+Company Architects

Mt. Washington Retreat is an historic site located in Baltimore County and is noted as the oldest structure in the portfolio of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The design, by Davis Buckley Architects and Planners, retains the rough industrial interior while making interventions of steel and glass to provide amenities and addressing new functionality.

Perry Point Griswold / VA Maryland Health Care System and Davis Buckley Architects and Planners

This 1271-griswold is sited on the Susquehanna River in Cecil County and is noted as the oldest structure in the portfolio of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The design, by Davis Buckley Architects and Planners, retains the rough industrial interior while making interventions of steel and glass to provide amenities and addressing new functionality.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARDS

Lisa and Dave Everett, Laurel Manor House Bed & Breakfast, Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Doors Open Baltimore, Historic St. Mary’s City, Brune’s Corner, Wavyer Group, Sweet Elizabeth Jane store front.

(To be continued at the next issue of The Phoenix.)

Increasing Our Reach

New Staff Working Hard to Expand Programs Across the State

Thanks to generous support and several new programmatic initiatives, our 89-year-old organization has welcomed several new team members since our last publication.

Ken Robinson, former Charles County Commissioner and smart growth champion, joined the organization in May as a contractual Advancement Officer. Ken’s work will focus on expanding and fundraising to support Preservation Maryland’s recently launched Smart Growth Maryland program and traditional preservation efforts as well as providing assistance to the organization on critical advocacy issues at the state and local level.

Benjamin Giroux, currently a student at the Peabody Institute of John Hopkins University, also joined the organization in June as a part-time recording engineer for PreserveCast, the podcast of Preservation Maryland. Ben is a native of Maryland and is pursuing a dual degree in audio recording and percussion. With 100+ episodes, PreserveCast is the nation’s most downloaded preservation podcast and received an award from the Maryland Historical Trust in 2017 for programming excellence.

Caroline Herritt joined the organization in February to serve as a Cemetery Documentation Specialist. A 10-month position funded under a subcontract with the State Highway Administration.

Caroline spends nearly all of her time on the road documenting historic cemeteries, including many African American burial grounds, located in the state highway right-of-way. Caroline is using a new purpose built smartphone application to document the cemeteries and to help iron out glitches before a public rollout of the app which is designed to help preserve the cemeteries and to help iron out glitches before a public rollout of the app which is designed to help build a statewide GIS map layer of every cemetery in the state.

Finally, as The Phoenix was handed to print, the organization was on a final round of interviews to hire a Workforce Development Manager. The dynamic new position will focus on launching and leading the Campaign for Historic Trades, the organization’s newest partnership with the National Historic Preservation Training Center (See Page 1).

Meet the team at: group.maryland.org/teams/
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 24 OLD LINES STATE SUMMIT Maryland’s statewide preservation and smart growth conference will be held in Frederick as a learning laboratory. Register now at: oldlinestate.org.

SEP 20 ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY SYMPOSIUM Held at Mount Vernon, learn about the array of new tools available for a preservationist’s tool box. More info: aptdc.org.

SEP 27 BMORE HISTORIC UNCONFERENCE The annual gathering of Baltimore’s citizens interested in people, places, and the past. Sign up: bmorehistoric.org.

OCT 24 PHOENIX RISING You’re invited to Preservation Maryland’s capstone annual benefit at the Baltimore Museum of Industry! Join us: presmd.org/phoenix.

CELEBRATING THE BEST ON MAY 16, 2019, during National Preservation Month, Preservation Maryland hosted over 200 revelers and carousel riders to the Best of Maryland Awards celebration held on the grounds of the vintage Glen Echo Amusement Park in Montgomery County. To meet the awardees go to Page 3 or online at: bestofmaryland.org.

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