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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors.”

DR. JONAS SALK

In difficult moments, I turn to the past and the future. History reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles—and that there is always a future worth fighting for.

IRONICALLY, the future is what is driving Preservation Maryland—an organization dedicated to preserving the past. We are dedicated to endowing future generations with the historic places, stories, and communities which speak to the great expanse of our heritage; from our greatest achievements to our darkest hours. We are dedicated to telling the full story of our history and



being the good ancestors our descendants deserve. At a time when retreat or holding our position would be an understandable strategy, we’ve poured our money,

energy, and souls into expanding our work. In 2020, as the pandemic upended our operations, we purchased an historic cabin threatened by demolition and made headlines across the nation for the archaeology project we helped to organize. What’s been dubbed “the little cabin that could” is now sparking a catalytic investment in the broader community—an opportunity to reshape the future of one of Maryland’s most historic African American neighborhoods.

We have also been quietly laying the groundwork for a major expansion of our partnership with the National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Training Center with a viable plan that we believe will completely change the future of trades training in America. Meanwhile, we’re also preparing to announce yet another historic property redevelopment project with a focus this time on saving a structure from rising tides and an unpredictable climate. And, if that’s not enough, we’re continuing with our core operations—providing grants to important projects, releasing a new podcast every week, leading local smart growth advocacy and racking up big wins, hosting sold-out webinars to national audiences, and preparing for our in-person, socially-distant drive-in event to celebrate preservation successes.

None of this would be possible without our generous donors—a fact I repeat every chance I get. Your support makes it all possible. The staff of Preservation Maryland also deserves recognition—as they have excelled at a moment when the challenges were stacked high and have made this continued growth a reality.

No one knows what tomorrow holds—but we are confident that tomorrow will be richer, stronger, and smarter with its history preserved.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding
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ON THE BIG SCREEN

Preservation Maryland staff at Bengies Drive-In Theatre, the last drive-in in Maryland; Phoenix Rising attendees took the opportunity to bring out their vintage convertible perfect for the drive-in.

Phoenix Rising 2020: A Unique Evening at the Drive-In!

Bengies is Maryland’s last drive-in theatre, boasts the U.S.’s largest screen ...and hosted this year’s Phoenix Rising fundraiser.

AS THE SUN SET and a drizzle started on October 1st, dozens of cars lined up to enter historic Bengies Drive-In near the Baltimore City/County line for the unique experience of celebrating the Best of Maryland awards during continued health precautions necessitated by the ongoing COVID health crisis.

Once parked and safely-distanced, the crowd enjoyed vintage jingles and Maryland movie trivia on the big screen before an amazing video highlighting the organization’s recent work and the 2020 Best of Maryland Award winners.

Executive Director Nicholas Redding addressed the crowd from the 52 by 120-foot screen in a pre-recorded video filmed at his home office in Walkersville, Maryland. Paramount to the address was thanking the organization’s stalwart sponsors and generous donors. Attendees also voted on new members to the 89-year-

young organization’s Board of Directors. When folks settled into their front seats and lawn chairs to enjoy the feature film—the 1980s classic “The Money Pit” starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long—they relished the opportunity to come together to appreciate our shared history—while also making new memories together. Thank you to our generous sponsors: Platinum Sponsors: Grunley, Southway Buildings, Whiting-Turner. Gold Sponsors: Brennan + Company Architects, Consigli Construction, Historic Roofing Company, Penza-Bailey Architects, Lewis Contractors, Ruff Roofers, SGH, SM+P Architects, Worcester Eisenbrandt, Ziger|Snead Architects. Silver Sponsors: Encore Sustainable Architects, Maury Donnelly & Parr, Quinn Evans, Waldon Studio Architects.

If you missed the video, check it out at: presmd.org/bengies

Bengies Drive-In aglow during Phoenix Rising; attendee enjoying complimentary popcorn thanks to our generous sponsors; Jerry and Gabriel Matyiko accepting the President's Award from Jana Carey and Katie Parks of Preservation Maryland.





Rod Cofield accepts the Best of Maryland Award for Historic London Town & Gardens from Meagan Baco, Director of Communications; Katie Parks, Director of Development presents Best of Maryland Award to the Parsons Cemetery Advisory Committee; Delegate Stephanie Smith accepts the Legislative Champion Award from Elly Cowan, Director of Advocacy.



CELEBRATING HISTORY

Best of Maryland Awards

Preservation Maryland is honored to shine a spotlight on the tireless work of volunteers, architects, artisans, and legislators doing the essential work of protecting the places that make Maryland such a special place to live, work, explore—and celebrate.

WILLIAM MURTAGH, the first “Keeper” of America’s National Register of Historic Places once wrote that, “At its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.” In the spirit of Murtagh’s forward-looking approach, Preservation Maryland proudly announces the 2020 Best of Maryland Awardees:

1 Expert House Movers PRESIDENT’S AWARD • STATEWIDE

Sharptown, Maryland-based Expert House Movers, is a national leader in structural lifting and transport. The third-generation family-owned company’s portfolio includes the relocation of six lighthouses, several historic theatres, two covered bridges, an airport terminal, and countless historic residential structures of every shape and size across the country.

2 Delegate Stephanie Smith CITY OF BALTIMORE, DISTRICT 45 • LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION

Delegate Stephanie Smith of District 45 in Baltimore City was the House sponsor for the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2020. Delegate Smith understands the transformative potential an historic tax credit project can have on a community as a whole and is a voice for revitalization in her role as Assistant Director of Equity, Engagement and Communications in Baltimore City’s Department of Planning.

3 Senator Katie Fry Hester HOWARD COUNTY, DISTRICT 9 • LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION

Senator Katie Fry Hester served District 9 and all of Maryland when she sponsored a 2019 bill in Maryland General Assembly that called for a study of the preservation and reuse of the state’s historic government complexes, such as Warfields Hospital and Glenn Dale Hospital—that report has since been released and is in use as a guiding document. Sen. Hester also championed legislation related to the historic tax credit and making adaptive reuse projects even greener.

4 Pete Leshner CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM • TOWN OF ST. MICHAEL’S GEARHART PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Pete Leshner has been working full-time at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum for nearly 30 years. As Chief Curator, he develops interpretive exhibitions and public programs that highlight the Bay’s maritime history and culture, including Native American life, naval history, boat building traditions, seafood harvesting, and recreation. Pete is a committed advocate in support of Maryland’s museums and cultural sites and is often in Annapolis testifying or speaking passionately in support of Maryland’s heritage tourism.

5 James Castle BRUNSWICK HERITAGE MUSEUM CITY OF BRUNSWICK • HARRISON VOLUNTEER AWARD

A native of Brunswick, Maryland in Frederick County, James Castle is a model citizen, dedicated volunteer, skilled historian, and stalwart preservationist. In his tenure as President of the Brunswick Potomac Foundation since 2015, he has led a note-worthy fundraising effort, supported the creation of a protective conservation district and the relocation of the historic WB Railroad Tower, and reinvigorated the organization’s online presence during Covid-19.

6 Enoch Pratt Free Library Central Library Renovation & Modernization CITY OF BALTIMORE • PRESERVATION ARTISAN AWARD

Baltimore City’s ca. 1933 Enoch Pratt Free Library Central Library is the flagship location of the oldest public library system in the United States, and through the work and skills of many hands during an extraordinary renovation and modernization project, the Library shines bright as a beacon of community, knowledge, and betterment. Like the work of innumerable authors housed in the Library, the renovation project itself was the collective work of dozens of skilled artisans led by EverGreene Architectural Arts and F.G. Vogt Company to revive this Temple of Learning.

7 Center for Health Care and Healthy Living at the Baltimore Hebrew Orphan Asylum CITY OF BALTIMORE • THE PHOENIX AWARD

The nation’s oldest standing Jewish orphanage, a stately 1876 Romanesque structure in Baltimore City, was once slated for demolition and suffered decades of abandonment, but thanks to the hard work of community advocates and preservation professionals, the building has been reimaged into a much-needed health care center operated by the Baltimore Health Department and Behavioral Health System Baltimore. The combination of a signature vacant building and the desperate need for medical options created a powerful opportunity for reuse of the Asylum. For achieving this awe-inspiring rehabilitation and for providing a place for Marylanders to perhaps remake themselves, this year’s Phoenix Award goes to Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, Baltimore Heritage, Inc., and Waldon Studio Architects.

8 Kent County Cultural Landscape Assessment Report KENT COUNTY • SMART GROWTH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kent County, Maryland’s picturesque historic and natural resources were the subject of a model report which confirmed the unique and unparalleled opportunities for preservation in this eastern shore county. In recognition of the inspired and innovative undertaking, the Preliminary Cultural Landscape Assessment of Kent County, Maryland, will receive the Smart Growth Excellence Award from Preservation Maryland and Smart Growth Maryland. The project team is comprised of the Kent Conservation & Preservation Alliance, Barton Ross & Associates, McGinnis Landscape (now Kennon Williams Landscape Studio), Heritage Strategies, and Washington College Center for Environment and Society.

9 CASA de Maryland HISTORIC BELNORD THEATRE CITY OF BALTIMORE • STEWARDSHIP AWARD

As part of a physical and programmatic expansion, CASA de Maryland, a Latino and immigration advocacy and assistance organization, bought and rehabilitated the historic Belnord Theatre. Selective demolition removed a non-historic ceiling revealing beautiful architectural details and a space large enough to create a series of modern pods for different uses—all while respecting those design elements and achieving ADA compliance and LEED Gold Certification.

10 Maryland Department of General Services ANNAPOLIS POST OFFICE • STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Under the direction of the Maryland Department of General Services, one of Annapolis’s historic post offices just underwent a world-class comprehensive adaptive reuse program to restore the deteriorated Georgian Revival architecture and to convert its interior space into the governor’s office of community initiatives and the governor’s legal office. This Best of Maryland Stewardship Award goes to the Maryland Department of General Services for envisioning and financing this iconic \$15 million project on Annapolis’ Church Circle.

11 Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation ALLEGANY COUNTY • STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The Evergreen barn in Allegany County is believed to be the last remaining 18th-century barn in Western Maryland and was the site of a concerted preservation and reuse effort to reimagine the future of this stunning barn. Starting with a feasibility study in 2015 and major repairs in 2018, the Foundation reimaged the historic barn as an architectural museum complete with an exhibit called, “Living Off The Land,” that educates over 9,000 Western Maryland school children each year.

12 Town of Washington Grove Volunteers MONTGOMERY COUNTY • COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD

When Washington Grove transitioned from a summer resort to an incorporated town, much of the rustic camp character of this special place carried on, including their approach to handcrafting their street signs. Volunteers, led by Susan Van Nostrand, recently worked with the Historic Preservation Commission and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service to make minor modifications to the original design to ensure that the town would not lose these iconic signs that provide a sense of direction—and a sense of place.

13 Parsons Cemetery Advisory Committee CITY OF SALISBURY • COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD

Parsons Cemetery is an historic operational cemetery, an urban green space, and an outdoor museum. The six-member volunteer committee works diligently to create a site of reverence and culture by offering self-guided walking tours based on their on-going historical and genealogical research. They also maintain the 18 acres of sacred grounds and the promise of perpetual care, and lastly, a lively Facebook page with incredible and enduring stories of the interred.

14 Odenton Heritage Society ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY • COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD

Recently the all-volunteer group, led by President, Wylie Donaldson and Roger White, Curator, completed the transformation of the town’s ca. 1912 Old Masonic Hall for the Odenton Heritage Society Historical Center which serves as a local history museum, public archives, the Society’s office and a community meeting place. The group is also responsible for the restoration of the handsome and hospitable stone building at the Odenton stop of the MARC train.

15 Historic London Town & Gardens ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY • COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARD

Historic London Town & Gardens in Anne Arundel County is a long-established living history site tackling every day and extraordinary challenges head-on. Recently, the team led by Rod Cofield and Lauren Silberman embarked on recreating the tavern bar in the Brown House and included an LGBTQ-inclusive array of characters and experiences into their interpretation practices. Next up, they’ll utilize a Maryland Heritage Area Authority grant to build a new education pavilion.





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Archaeology Reveals Hidden History

This September at the invitation of Preservation Maryland, the Maryland State Highway Administration conducted an archaeological investigation of 417 North Jonathan Street—an condemned property purchased by Preservation Maryland as a part of the organization’s property redevelopment program.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT of Transportation chief archaeologist Dr. Julie Schablitsky was on-site overseeing the work aimed at determining the cabin’s age, who once lived there, and what life was like for those residents. In addition to the property’s long connection to the African American community, including nearby Green Book stops, new research suggests that the cabin may have once belonged to Hagerstown’s founder, Jonathan Hager.

The excavation uncovered hundreds of artifacts, including everyday items such as broken dishes, bottles, food remains, doll parts, marbles, animal bones, buttons, and tobacco pipes. The excavation also uncovered a pierced dime—a widely documented artifact found in sites of known African American habitation and worn as a good-luck charm intended to protect the wearer.

Archaeologists, preservatonists, and community advocates on-site at 417 N. Jonathan Street; archaeologists from the State Highway Adminstration sifting soil; a close-up of a pierced dime found during the dig.



INCLUSIVE HISTORY

Maryland is Second in Nation to Complete Statewide LGBTQ History Context Study

October is LGBTQ Heritage Month, and Preservation Maryland is proud to report the accepted submission of Maryland’s groundbreaking “Maryland LGBTQ Historic Context Study” by the Maryland Historical Trust.

THE 100-PAGE DOCUMENT and property database of nearly 400 sites important to LGBTQ life in Maryland is now part of the historic record—and is being abridged for a public report.

The report was funded in part by the Maryland Historical Trust and Preservation Maryland’s Heritage Fund and Waxter Memorial Internship Program. This document is a milestone in the organization’s multi-year commitment to LGBTQ heritage visibility in Maryland.

The author of the study is Dr. Susan Ferentinos, a leading expert in LGBTQ research oft associated with major national research projects. The report illuminates Maryland LGBTQ history in rural, suburban, and urban locations, including examples of non-binary historical figures, leading “out” elected officials, strong community groups and popular gay bars, advocates for AIDS treatment and marriage equality, and many other important milestones. Each unique Maryland theme is also keyed into the framework provided by the National Park Services’ LGBT Theme Study.

Preservation Maryland hosted five community listening sessions across the state and responded to dozens of research leads from Marylanders. These locations and many more were geocoded to a public map on HistoryPin with a short description, photo, and source by Benjamin Egerman.

Inspired and made possible by the Report, the Baltimore City Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation and Montgomery County Planning teamed up with Preservation Maryland on a National Park Service grant to nominate five specific LGBTQ-significant sites to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and National Register of Historic Places. The Maryland Historical Trust is a member of the project team, administering the Certified Local Government grant.

Access report at: presmd.org/lgbtq

SMART GROWTH

Three Legislative Victories in Frederick County

THREE PIECES of landmark legislation put the county at the forefront of smart growth, preservation and environmental policy.

Smart Growth Maryland worked with local partners through the Smarter Growth Alliance for Frederick County to achieve these successes.

The Forest Resource Ordinance updated the existing ordinance to ensure that developers replant elsewhere the same acreage of forest that is cut down during the project. Paired with Maryland’s Forest Conservation Act, this “no-net-loss” legislation establishes Frederick County as a leader in forest conservation in the face of intense development pressure.

With the passage of County Council Bill 20-07, a developer seeking a rezoning application must also identify and report any historic resources on the proposed parcel—and explain how all efforts have been made to integrate, protect, or reuse that resource. This zoning amendment also helps protect priority forests and environmentally sensitive areas.

The Frederick County Council also passed the Climate Emergency Resolution, an overarching piece of legislation that directs the Council and the County Administration to consider all significant decisions through the lens of climate change, which could help shape policy aimed at adaptive reuse of buildings and protecting more open space. Frederick County joins only Montgomery County to adopt such a resolution.

Stay up to date with Smart Growth Maryland’s efforts at: smartgrowthmaryland.org



Photo from the personal collection of Louis Hughes; Gay Student Alliance at the University of Maryland, 1972.

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WILLIAM D. WAXTER III was born in Baltimore and spent summers in Ocean City. After serving in WWII and the Korean War, he became a securities analyst. He traveled the world and supported many charities. Bill's legacy gift to Preservation Maryland underwrites the training of the next generation of stewards through the Waxter Memorial Internship Program.

ESTABLISH YOUR LEGACY
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By the Numbers

With 2020's days waning and 2021 on the horizon, here's a quick snapshot of Preservation Maryland's work through these difficult times. Expect a more thorough analysis in our forthcoming annual report. And, of course, the best way to stay up to date with all of our work is to find and follow us on your favorite social media channels.

- 1** **BALTIMORE SUN** front-page article about our work on Jonathan Street in Hagerstown (and a great Washington Post article, too, among many local news stories)
- 10** **DEDICATED EMPLOYEES** working remotely from across the state, including nine really helpful cats, two often-napping beagles, and four more human positions to fill in 2021.
- 15** **BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDEES** announced and celebrated across the state. Learn more about these remarkable Marylanders on Page 2.
- 28** **AUDIO BIOGRAPHIES** of remarkable Maryland women added, in partnership with the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, to our multi-media Women's Suffrage website: ballotandbeyond
- 150** **EPISODES OF PRESERVECRAFT** released since 2017—that's 150 conversations with leading preservationists from across the globe available online anytime, with or without a podcast app on preservecast.org
- 216** **FUNDRAISING PINS** sold by CIRCA Old Houses with 100% of proceeds supporting our Revolving Fund—each \$25 pin moving the needle towards our goal to fully rehab 417 N. Jonathan St.

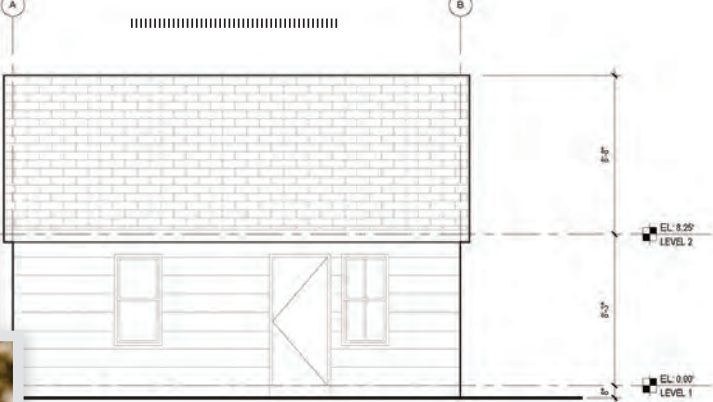


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Thank you to our fellow proud pin-wearing preservationists!

CIRCA Old Houses, a viral online real estate business, donated 100% of the proceeds of sales of their "Save All The Old Houses" pin to Preservation Maryland's revolving fund.

DURING THE SEPTEMBER PROMOTION, we raised over \$5,400 and helped put these awesome pins on the lapels and totebags of over 216 donors across the country. The funds have been directed for use at 417 N. Jonathan Street—an 1830s hand-hewn log cabin in the heart of the Hagerstown, Maryland's historic African American neighborhood. Every pin—and every dollar—puts us closer to meeting our rehabilitation budget and putting the restored house back into private local ownership. Learn more on Page 3 and donate at: presmd.org/revolving