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MEET ANNE KETZ MAHDC's Graduate Student Board Member

Earlier this year, the MAHDC Board of

Directors voted to create a new position within the Board of Directors: a graduate student board member with a one-year term and full voting privileges. Anne Ketz was nominated, and she joined the Board in October 2013. Anne is serving as MAHDC's ambassador to Maryland historic preservation students and university staff, educating them about our important mission and encouraging other students to be involved in MAHDC and their local communities' historic district commissions.

Anne is a graduate student in the Masters of Historic Preservation program at the University of Maryland College Park with an anticipated graduation of May 2014. Anne brings to the board her recent internship experiences with Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, as well as several years' previous experience in business and program administration. She has a BA from the University of Minnesota and is also currently serving as a student member for the Old Town College Park Historic District Local Advisory Council.

WINTER SOCIAL HOUR

Please join us for MAHDC's winter social hour in Frederick on January 31, 2014. We'll be gathering at the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center for a tour of the Shop and then enjoying complimentary drinks and refreshments at the nearby Frederick Visitor Center (recipient of a 2012 Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Award). Members of the Frederick Preservation Trust will be on hand to speak about their mission and to guide attendees to historic downtown Frederick after the event if anyone would like to extend the evening with shopping and dining (you probably will!)

The social hour will be a casual affair, with plenty of time for socializing with other commissioners, commission staff, and our preservation partners.

Please RSVP and spread the word about this event to your colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Resource: A Field Guide to American Houses (2013) by Virginia Savage McAlester by Melanie Lytle, MAHDC Executive Director

No other guide to American architecture has quite stood the test of time and been so consistently popular as the straightforward *Field Guide to American Houses* by Lee and Virginia McAlester (1984). Yet, the guide's end-date of 1940 means it has been inadequate as a resource for the architectural styles of the mid-century and beyond. Since buildings from the post-war period represent the majority of our nation's building stock, and decisions regarding them are increasingly coming before our historic district commissions, preservationists have had to look elsewhere for guidance.

The long-awaited update has arrived! The refreshed and fully expanded *A Field Guide to American Houses: The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding*

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Preservation Agenda Set for 2014 General Assembly Session

Wednesday, January 8th marked the opening of the 434th Session of the Maryland General Assembly. A coalition of statewide heritage interests and organizations, including MAHDC, Preservation Maryland, and the Maryland Historical Trust, has developed a preservation agenda to guide legislative and budget advocacy efforts in Annapolis during the upcoming session.

The following budget and legislative items have been identified for the 2014 Session:

BUDGET

- **Sustainable Communities Rehabilitation Tax Credit:**
Increase funding for the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program to \$20 million
- **African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program:**
Level funding for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program at \$1 million
- **Main Street Maryland:**
Level funding for Community Legacy at \$6 million
Level funding for Neighborhood BusinessWorks at \$2.36 million
- **Maryland Heritage Areas:**
Level funding for the Maryland Heritage Area Authority at \$3 million
- **Maryland Humanities Council:**
Increase funding for the Maryland Humanities Council to \$107,000

LEGISLATIVE

■ Sustainable Communities Rehabilitation Tax Credit (SCRTC):

During this legislative session we must push for the reauthorization of the SCRTC, which is set to expire on June 30, 2014. There is nearly a fivefold return on every dollar Maryland invests into rehabilitation projects through the SCRTC. The credits have transformed older neighborhoods into vital places to live, work and play, while creating jobs, investment and tax revenue for Maryland.

TAKE ACTION!

1. Contact the Governor's Office to register your support for the budget figures listed above and the reauthorization of the SCRTC. If you have received a grant or other assistance from the programs above, be sure to emphasize how important those programs are to the success of your project or organization. You do not need to weigh in on every item, but be sure to let the Governor know what programs are most important to you.

[Click here to access the form to e-mail the Governor](#)

Mailing Address:

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Preservation Agenda

■ CALENDAR

January 31, 2014

5:30–7:30 PM

MAHDC Winter Social Hour
Frederick, MD

February 4, 2014

1:30–7:00 PM

Maryland Heritage Lobby Briefing, Direct Lobbying, and Maryland Historical Trust's Preservation Awards Ceremony
Governor Calvert House
Annapolis, MD

March 18–19, 2014

Historic Windows: Managing for Preservation, Maintenance, and Energy Conservation
Greenbelt, MD

April/May 2014

MAHDC Spring Social Hour
Details will be announced soon!

July 16–20, 2014

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2014: A Keystone Connection
Philadelphia, PA

2. Copy the Secretary of Budget and Management, T. Eloise Foster, on any communication to the Governor.

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3. Attend the Maryland Heritage Lobby Briefing on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, from 1:30–3:00 at the Governor Calvert House. At this event, leaders in the legislature and the preservation field will provide their perspectives on the budget and this year's legislative priorities, including the reauthorization of the SCRTC. This event will be followed by a direct lobbying opportunity from 3:00–4:30 and Maryland Historic Trust's Preservation Awards Ceremony from 4:30–7:00.



UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

■ NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FORUM 2014: A KEYSTONE CONNECTION • JULY 16–20, 2014

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) will be in Philadelphia this summer with five days of workshops, panels, educational sessions, and tours. Registration opens in spring 2014.

■ MAHDC DESIGN REVIEW WORKSHOP

MAHDC's Design Review workshop covers topics such as the scope and standards of review, the role of the public, and sensitive additions. Schedule a workshop for your commission by contacting Melanie Lytle at director@mahdc.org.



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■ NATIONAL PRESERVATION INSTITUTE SEMINAR - HISTORIC WINDOWS: MANAGING FOR PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND ENERGY CONSERVATION • MARCH 18–19, 2014

In this two-day intensive seminar, learn about the history of wood, steel, and aluminum windows, construction methodologies, character-defining features, and maintenance and rehabilitation techniques. Instructor Gordon H. Bock will also review the restore-or-replace debate and relevant regulations.



COMING SOON TO THE MAHDC WEBSITE!

- Maryland Historic Properties for Sale
- Maryland Historic Preservation Consultants Directory

Watch your email for more information about these new resources.



WELCOME, NEW MAHDC ASSOCIATES

Thank you for your support.

- Richard Arkin ■ Karen Brown
- Kenneth Firestone ■ Don Linebaugh

If you have not yet become an MAHDC Associate, please join today.

NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

Have you visited mahdc.org recently? Here are some of the news items you may have missed:

- Calvert County Historic District Commission selects 2013 Historic Preservation Award recipients
- Chestertown Historic District Commission approves plans for Sultana Projects' educational center, which is expected to receive LEED Platinum certification
- Montgomery County Designates Mid-Century Modern Georgia Avenue Baptist Church

Please share your commission's news with MAHDC by emailing Melanie Lytle at director@mahdc.org.

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A Field Guide to American Houses

America's Domestic Architecture by Virginia Savage McAlester was released in December 2013. It has swiftly become an essential reference for understanding the residential building trends in the United States between 1940 and the present.

If you're familiar with the 1980s version, you'll likely recognize more than half the guide's material, with its signature line illustrations, ample photos, organization by period and style, and informative text. Yet the 2013 version has been supplemented with additional photos, illustrations, and new chapters devoted to neighborhood development and the architectural styles of the recent past.

A Field Guide to American Houses: The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture is available in most bookstores and online. Consider adding the guide to your commission's library of resources and make certain your fellow commissioners and commission staff are aware of this excellent resource.



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- Access to the MAHDC training programs at the discounted membership rates
- Subscription to MAHDC's timely e-newsletter
- Participation in a professional network of historic preservation commissioners, preservation professionals, and grassroots activists
- Influence in advocating for responsible government decisions affecting historic resources

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