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## SPRING SOCIAL HOUR

MAY 29, 2015

6:00 p.m.

SCHIFFERSTADT

ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM

Frederick, MD

*Watch your email for more details.*



## WINTER SOCIAL HOUR: EMERGING PROFESSIONALS EDITION

A great group turned out in College Park for an evening of socializing with other commissioners, commission staff, and preservation colleagues at a special edition of the MAHDC social hour. We invited historic preservation and planning students from mid-Atlantic programs to join us, and we featured a mini career fair and a raffle. Thank you to our sponsors Histpres.org, Maryland's Milestones, Preservation Maryland, and Goucher College.



## IDEAS FROM THE FIELD

Ahead of the April 1st deadline to apply for county preservation tax credits, the Montgomery Planning Department produced an engaging short video promoting their preservation tax credit program. [Watch the video.](#)





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## Use National Preservation Month to Engage Your Community

By Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy, AICP, Historic Preservation Planner,  
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Since the National Trust created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust has extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.



The popularity of Preservation Month is a unique opportunity for historic preservation commissions (HPCs) to engage their communities and connect with them in a positive manner. Since 2009 the City of Frederick has been celebrating Preservation Month with a variety of activities. One of the city's annual programs includes the historic preservation awards ceremony. Following a National Preservation Month proclamation at the first May meeting of the city's Mayor and Board of Alderman, the Mayor announces and recognizes the award winners. In addition to rehabilitation projects, the awards recognize sensitive new construction and additions as well as stewards and community leaders. The winners are selected by a committee of the HPC which includes representatives from the community. The winners are given a plaque and their projects are promoted to the media, on the city's website, e-newsletter, and social media.



Another annual program includes the "This Place Matters" photo contest. Piggy-backing off of the National Trust's "This Place Matters" photo sharing campaign, the city encourages participants to submit photographs of themselves in the places that matter most to them in the city and to help submit

and spread the word by sharing the photos. The photo contest winners are also announced at the annual awards ceremony. Other Preservation Month programs have included walking tours, repointing workshops, and window repair workshops.

These Preservation Month activities have created opportunities for the HPC to have a different public face—one that is not mired in any real or perceived controversy or ill feelings. They have engaged a broad audience ranging from school children

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to homeowners to contractors, a few of whom hopefully can now call themselves preservationists.

## MARYLAND PRESERVATION MONTH EVENTS

**MAY 2** - Maryland History Day, Maryland Humanities Council

**MAY 3** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, St. Mary's County

**MAY 3** - Civil War Encampment, Carroll County Farm Museum

**MAY 7** - City of Frederick Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony

**MAY 9** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, Dorchester County

**MAY 16** - Wood Window Repair & Weatherization Workshop, Frederick, MD

**MAY 16** - Coming Home to Montgomery County: Civil War 1865, Heritage Montgomery

**MAY 16** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, Anne Arundel County

**MAY 17** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, Baltimore City

**MAY 17** - Rocks, Rivers, and Railroads in Ellicott City, Main Street Ellicott City

**MAY 20** - Annual Prince George's County Historic Preservation Reception

**MAY 21** - Best of Maryland: Preservation Maryland Awards

**MAY 29** - **SPRING SOCIAL HOUR, MAHDC**

**MAY 30** - Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage, Washington County

**MAY 31** - Heritage at the Top of the Bay Tour, Baltimore Heritage

### Also:

- City of Annapolis Unveiling of Historic District Artistic Bike Racks
- Harford County Historic Preservation Awards
- Calvert County Historic Preservation Awards

MAHDC wants to hear what Preservation Month activities you have planned for your community. Send them to [director@mahdc.org](mailto:director@mahdc.org) and we'll promote them on our website and Facebook page.

## MAHDC HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTANT DIRECTORY

We need your help growing our new [Historic Preservation Consultant Directory](#). We are searching for all types of historic preservation specialists, but especially craftspeople that can help our historic district residents repair and maintain their properties. Do you know of a skilled mason, building contractor, engineer, carpenter, plasterer, or window conservator? Forward this newsletter on to them and tell them about the benefits of an MAHDC Business Associate membership, which includes listing in our online directory and access to our statewide membership. They can [complete the application](#) on our website to join MAHDC as a Business Associate for just \$30 (for a limited time; normally \$50 per year). We ask that they read and agree to abide by our [Directory Policies](#).



## STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S HISTORIC BRIDGE PROGRAM

By Anne Bruder, Senior Architectural Historian – Cultural Resources Section, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Maryland State Highway Administration

The State Highway Administration (SHA) makes every effort to engage Maryland's historic preservation commissions. On a daily basis, SHA writes to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) regarding our road and bridge development projects and always includes an invitation for the county historic preservation commission (HPC) to participate in the consultation and provide information regarding historic properties in the project area. In 2010, when SHA considered the National Register eligibility of bridges constructed between 1948 and 1965, the county HPCs were again invited to review the historic bridge contexts along with the determinations of eligibility that were provided for 287 highway bridges.

There are several ways to learn about Maryland's bridges through SHA resources. SHA's Historic Bridge Program includes technical reviews of projects that affect historic bridges, and we have developed the Historic Bridge Management Plan to guide treatment of SHA's 168 eligible bridges. Although the county-owned bridges are not subject to the Management Plan, it is a useful tool when dealing with such structures.

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# Maryland Heritage Advocacy Update

By Nicholas Redding, Executive Director, Preservation Maryland

Preservation Maryland has been busy in Annapolis, working to generate support for the programs, funding and policies that make preservation possible. Here's the latest:

## HERITAGE AREA FUNDING

Sustained advocacy during the 2015 Maryland General Assembly, 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. In addition, a proposed \$200,000+ cut in the Budget Reconciliation Act was also rejected.

The thirteen 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 this 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 & historic preservation.

There is a great deal of work left to accomplish, as the final approval is not complete, but this is a tremendous start. The credit is owed to our supporters and donors who make this important work possible.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

Additionally, Preservation Maryland has worked diligently to see the African American Preservation Grant Program reauthorized, and re-appropriated at a level \$1 million. The legislation has passed both chambers and now awaits the Governor's signature.

## PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS

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 nearby states. Preservation Maryland is working with a broad coalition of partners to reenergize support for this program and remains optimistic about the future of this tax credit.



## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST STAFF POSITIONS

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

## GET INVOLVED!

If you would like to get involved in preservation advocacy, Preservation Maryland needs your help. Sign up to receive our e-alerts at: [www.presmd.org](http://www.presmd.org).

*Since 1931, Preservation Maryland has worked to protect the places, stories and communities in Maryland that matter. As a non-profit organization, it works with partners across the state to accomplish this important mission and protect the Best of Maryland.*



## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### ■ TRAINING CALENDAR

**April 21, 2015**

**Modernism for Maryland's  
Historic Preservation  
Commissions**

Prince George's County, MD

**April 23, 2015**

**Financial Benefits of Historic  
Preservation**

Hagerstown, MD

**April 28, 2015**

**Solving Today's Adaptive  
Use Challenges, Webinar**

**April 30, 2015**

**Ethics and Defensive  
Decision Making for Historic  
Preservation Commissions  
& Sustainability for Historic  
Preservation Commissions**

Frederick, MD

**May 5–6, 2015**

**Section 106: Essentials**  
Washington, DC

**May 7, 2015**

**Section 106: Advanced**  
Washington, DC

**May 12, 2015**

**Modernism for Maryland's  
Historic Preservation  
Commissions**

Rockville, MD

**May 16, 2015**

**Wood Window Repair &  
Weatherization Workshop**  
Frederick, MD

**July 22, 2015**

**Preservation Summer  
School 2015**  
Baltimore, MD

### ■ FINANCIAL BENEFITS OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HAGERSTOWN, MD • **APRIL 23, 2015**

A seminar about available tax credit programs and grants that can be layered to make historic preservation more desirable.

### ■ SOLVING TODAY'S ADAPTIVE USE CHALLENGES

WEBINAR • **APRIL 28, 2015**

The first webinar in a live discussion series by Marks, Thomas Architects on how to create vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods through the development of individual properties. The webinar will cover key concepts in adaptive use and sustainable design principles, and the multitude of opportunities found in sustainable adaptive use projects.

### ■ SECTION 106: ESSENTIALS

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, DC • **MAY 5-6, 2015**

A two-day course for those who are most interested in building familiarity with the Section 106 regulations, learning how to conduct a review, and getting a firm grounding in the basics of federal historic preservation requirements.

### ■ SECTION 106: ADVANCED

NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM, WASHINGTON, DC • **MAY 7, 2015**

A one-day course focusing on the effective management of complex or controversial undertakings that require compliance with Section 106.

### ■ WOOD WINDOW REPAIR & WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP

FREDERICK, MD • **MAY 16, 2015**

Instructor David Gibney, local restoration contractor and window specialist, will be presenting this four-hour historic windows workshop.

### ■ PRESERVATION SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

BALTIMORE, MD • **JULY 22, 2015**

This year's Preservation Summer School will focus on how partnerships can lead to revitalization. Speakers will draw from regional and national examples to showcase how partnerships with Main Streets and Heritage Areas can benefit your community.



## 2015 MAHDC COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM

Foundational Workshops and Skill Sessions coming up:

■ **Ethics and Defensive Decision Making for Historic Preservation Commissions & Sustainability for Historic Preservation Commissions**  
**APRIL 30, 2015 • CITY OF FREDERICK HPC** (closed event)

■ **Modernism for Maryland's Historic Preservation Commissions**  
**APRIL 21, 2015 • PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HPC** (closed event)  
**MAY 12, 2015 • CITY OF ROCKVILLE AND CITY OF GAITHERSBURG HDC, PEERLESS ROCKVILLE, AND MONTGOMERY PRESERVATION INC.**  
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## NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

Have you visited [www.mahdc.org](http://www.mahdc.org) recently? Here are some of the news items you may have missed:

- Frederick County recommends designation of Trout Run
- Kent County debates wind farm construction
- City of Frederick keeps demolition review
- Montgomery Modern program wins MHT award

Please share your commission's news with MAHDC by emailing [director@mahdc.org](mailto:director@mahdc.org).

## THANK YOU, RENEWING MAHDC ASSOCIATES

- James McCenney
- Wnuk Spurlock

Thank you for your support. If you have not yet become an MAHDC Associate, please join today.

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## SHA's Historic Bridge Program

In addition to the management plan, HPCs may reference SHA's *Historic Bridges of Maryland* (2002) and now a brochure that discusses the seventeen arch, truss, movable and rare aluminum girder bridges that form Maryland's engineering legacy. SHA is also in the process of building an online archive of SHA's bridge photographs that were taken in the 1920s and 1930s.

Information about SHA's Historic Bridge Program is available online at [SHA Historic Bridges](http://SHA.Historic.Bridges). SHA can provide brochures and books, as well as speak about historic bridges. Please contact Anne Bruder at [abruder@sha.state.md.us](mailto:abruder@sha.state.md.us) or (410) 545-8559 for additional information.



Bridge 1100700 on US 40 Alt over Casselman River in Grantsville, built in 1932



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- Influence in advocating for responsible government decisions affecting historic resources

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