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2018 COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of year again! All commissions will be receiving a 2018 membership dues invoice shortly. The dues remain unchanged from last year: \$75 for commissions serving communities of less than 10,000 and \$150 for commissions who serve more than 10,000 and/or are Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Membership dues represent the organization's primary source of program funding, enabling us to provide on-call technical support to you, training programs, networking events, and advocacy. Your prompt payment is appreciated. You may pay your dues online by credit card at mahdc.org/join. ■



WELCOME

New Board Members!



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Robinson, Jr.



Cathy
Thompson

The MAHDC Board of Directors is delighted to welcome three new members to the board: Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc.; Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Archives Specialist with the Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution; and Cathy Thompson, Community Planning Program Manager for the Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management. At the annual meeting in November, MAHDC membership voted to elect Aaron, Franklin, and Cathy for two-year terms. The other directors will be up for reelection in fall 2018. ■

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CITY OF FREDERICK'S NEW PRESERVATION MATTERS COLUMN AND PRESERVE THIS VIDEO SERIES

By Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy, City of Frederick Historic Preservation Planner

In 2017, the City of Frederick Planning Department embarked on several new outreach efforts for the historic preservation program. Continuing the initiative from 2016, where an informational mailing was sent to property owners, historic preservation planners started spending a few hours a month visiting with historic district businesses and providing a packet of information and introducing themselves. This ongoing effort will continue until early 2018.

For many years, the Planning Department published, printed, and mailed a biannual historic preservation newsletter to historic district property owners. When budgets for printing and mailing were cut, the newsletter moved online

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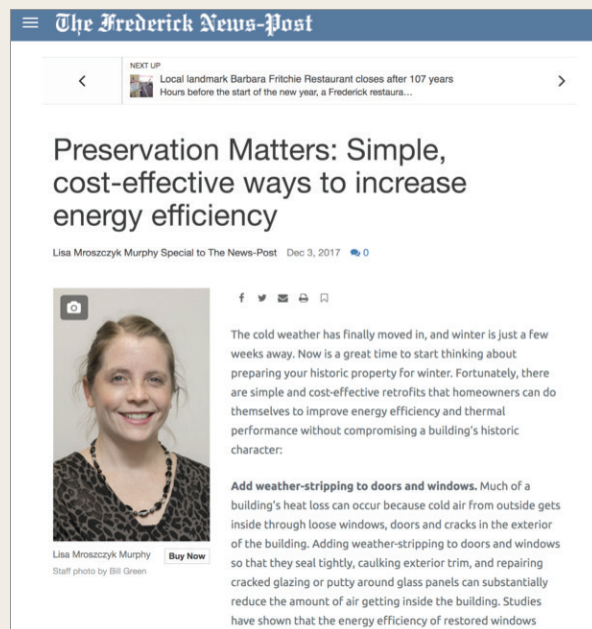
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Community Outreach: City of Frederick's New Preservation Matters Column and Preserve This Video Series

and later was also distributed to an email list. At this point the newsletter, including layout and design, was completed entirely by Planning staff at a significant investment of time. The newsletters were not widely-read and therefore not effective for outreach or educational purposes. As a result, our outreach strategies shifted. In 2017, Planning Department staff coordinated with reporters and editors at the Frederick News Post about the possibility of writing a weekly historic preservation column.

With enthusiastic support, *Preservation Matters* began in November. Alternating between the two full-time historic preservation planners, the approximately 500-word articles will vary from interesting architectural histories to more technical topics, as well as answering reader questions when received. Articles will attempt to be timely and cover a diverse range of topics. Already, the articles have generated more response from and interaction with the public, mostly positive, than previous newsletter efforts. The weekly schedule and push to keep it interesting to the average reader is proving to be a challenge, but there is a great list of upcoming topics, so check out the [Frederick News Post](#) for examples.



Another significant effort of 2017 has been in collaboration with the city's audio-visual department on a new series of three- to five-minute videos titled *Preserve This*. This series will also cover a broad range of topics meant to promote an appreciation for historic preservation and an understanding of the regulations and incentives. The videos will be broadcast on the city channel, posted on the city's website and on their YouTube channel. Historic preservation planners have identified the topics and draft the initial scripts. Audio-visual staff edits the scripts for filming and handle the filming, audio, and final editing. Historic preservation planners will assist in identifying subjects and filming as needed. The [first film](#) debuted in late November and covered the history of the historic district—how and why it was established, who was involved, and how it has changed over time. The second video is expected in early 2018. The city of Frederick's Planning Department is hopeful that utilizing a multi-media approach combined with in-person contact will help educate the public and generate support for local historic preservation efforts. ■

Do You Know Your Heritage Area?

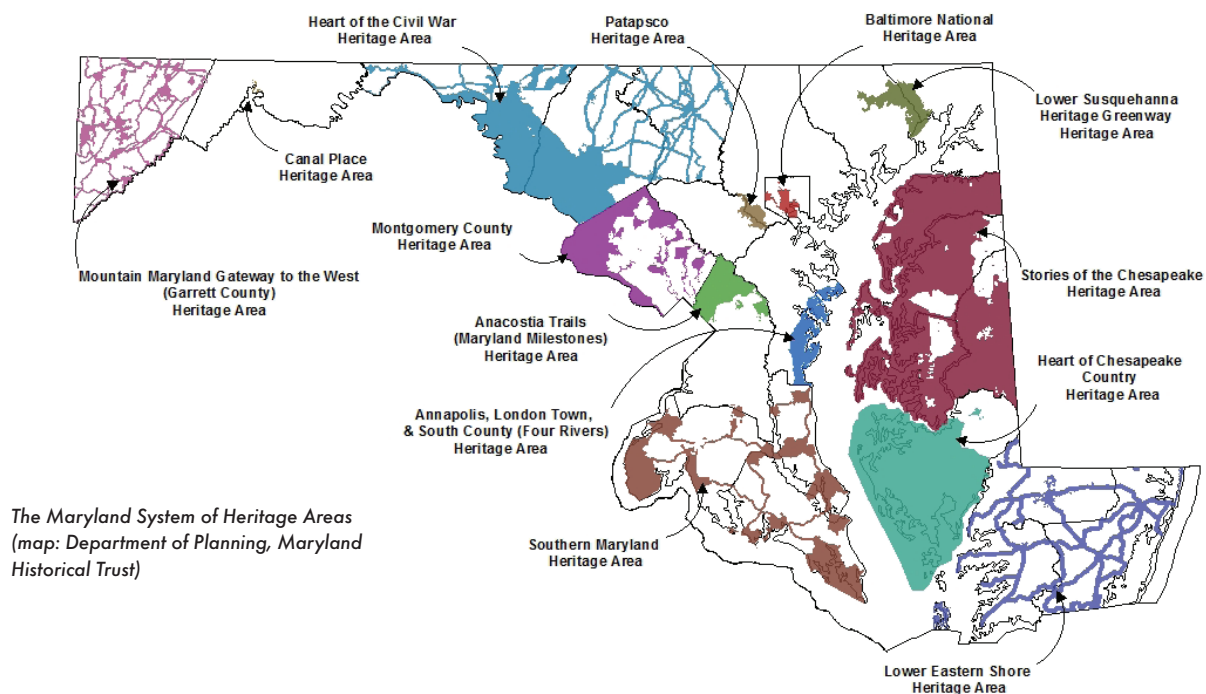
By Aaron Marcavitch, Board Member and Maryland Milestones/Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. Director

Maryland has a unique program that your local historic district might be missing! Created in 1996, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority now covers almost all of Maryland's counties and the City of Baltimore. Thirteen different heritage areas provide resources to encourage heritage tourism in the state. Each of the "management entities" (most are non-profit, some are government) works to create partnerships that preserve and promote the state's history, art, culture, and natural resources.

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority says "Maryland's Heritage Areas are places to experience – to see, hear and even taste – the authentic heritage of Maryland in ways that you cannot experience anywhere else. Heritage Areas exist where the stories of the people, the land, and the waters of Maryland, which have been intertwined for thousands of years, are told...These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others, and that in doing so they create more livable and economically sustainable communities." While heritage areas may work in infrastructure development, economic development, community development or government affairs, above all, the program is focused on using heritage and history as a tourism resource.

One of the most important parts of the Heritage Area's work is the one-to-one matching grant program to nonprofit and government agencies for capital and non-capital projects located within their boundaries. Grants support historic sites, preservation projects, arts and culture projects, public art, education, archaeology, and natural resource protection. Grants can be used for events as well. The program opens in January of each year and local Heritage Areas have closing dates generally around early March. Awards are made in July to start the fiscal year. A big part of the program is the matching funds. Applicants must have at least 75% of their one-to-one match in cash. Contact your local Heritage Area director for more information. They often have information on other grants that are available to local groups for preservation.

Heritage Areas also provide technical assistance, partnership development, connections to a wider range of groups working on similar projects, and general advice and project development. If your local historic district is struggling with how to best handle a preservation, arts, culture, or natural resource project, contact a Heritage Area and find out how they can help. If you don't know your nearest Heritage Area or its boundary, visit <https://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml> for a map showing the thirteen heritage areas. Don't live in a Heritage Area? Give your nearest one a call to find out how to join the Heritage Area or to just get some great advice. ■



COMMUNITY EVENT:

Lower Marlboro Freedom Day

By Kirsti Uunila, Board Member and Calvert County Historic Preservation Planner III

Lower Marlboro was first established in the 17th century on the shore of the Patuxent River in Calvert County. The community was affected profoundly by the War of 1812. In July of 1814, British forces sailed up the Patuxent River, landed at Lower Marlboro, burned warehouses full of tobacco, and left with at least fourteen enslaved persons from the Ballard plantation, near the wharf. The British actions were aimed at undermining the American economy by destruction of the cash crop and taking labor. At least four of the houses that remain in the community were witnesses to these events. The pier where the British came ashore has been replaced multiple times over the years, but the landing site is close to the existing wharf, if not directly under it. The riverside rural community of Lower Marlboro comprises many historic buildings, most built after the war.

The Lower Marlboro Freedom Day celebration in Lower Marlboro, begun in 2014, focuses attention on the community and its history. It is the freedom of the formerly enslaved people that the event is designed to celebrate, while providing opportunities to learn about the context of those events and the history of the town through exhibits, dramatic performances, lectures, and a self-guided walking tour, among other activities, including a popular food vendor.

For the past two years, the importance of the Patuxent River to this story and the town through its history has been highlighted. Last year, Fred Tutman, the Patuxent Riverkeeper gave an engaging presentation about the interaction of people with the river. This year the Calvert County Division of Natural Resources offered guided kayak tours on the water—staff supplied the kayaks and gear.



Tom Dugan, Chair of Calvert County HDC, demonstrates 18th century woodworking to visitors (photo: Whitall Clevenger)

The inaugural event in 2014 was recognized with Maryland Tourism's Best Small Event Award. Each subsequent celebration has explored the history and brought the results of continuing research back to the community and visitors. The Calvert County Historic District Commission is a sponsor of this event along with the Calvert County NAACP, the Calvert County Historical Society, Lower Marlboro United Methodist Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, Maryland State Archives, the Calvert Library, and the residents of Lower Marlboro. ■



HDC member Bob Evans with Andrea Banks, President of Calvert County Historical Society in the exhibit hall (photo: Whitall Clevenger)



Jackie King-Waymire authored and performed a monologue interpreting Elizabeth Ballard, a slave-holder from whom thirteen enslaved people escaped to freedom with British forces in 1814 (photo: Whitall Clevenger)



Costumed interpreters, Van Ireland and Andrea Chris Banks, in one of the two indoor venues in Lower Marlboro (photo: Whitall Clevenger)

■ TRAINING CALENDAR

January 16, 2018
Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Credit Workshop
Frederick, MD

January 16, 2018
Legislative Preview Meeting in Silver Spring
Silver Spring, MD



February 1, 2018
MARYLAND HISTORY ADVOCACY DAY
Annapolis, MD

Save the Date!

February 25, 2018
Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions Social Hour at Mt. Aventine Manor
Indian Head, MD

March 6, 2018
Seminar: Preservation Planning and Policy Development for Historic Roads
Richmond, VA

April 4–6, 2018
Seminar: An Introduction to Section 106
Washington, DC

April 24–25, 2018
Landscape Preservation: An Introduction
Fredericksburg, VA

April 26, 2018
Landscape Preservation: Advanced Tools for Managing Change
Fredericksburg, VA

May 2–5, 2018
Save the Date! Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference
Alexandria, VA

May 24–26, 2018
Save the Date! Construction History Society of America Biennial Meeting on Construction History
College Park, MD



UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

■ COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT WORKSHOP FREDERICK, MD • JANUARY 16, 2018

Owners of certified historic properties in Maryland may be eligible to earn a state income tax credit on qualified rehabilitation expenditures. Join the Maryland Historic Trust for a free workshop to learn more about the Maryland Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and the opportunities that may be available.

■ LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW MEETING IN SILVER SPRING SILVER SPRING, MD • JANUARY 16, 2018

Join Preservation Maryland and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and their local partners at an important town-hall style meeting to learn about local, state, and federal advocacy efforts to help save places that matter and how you can be a force for reinvestment and redevelopment.



■ MARYLAND HISTORY ADVOCACY DAY ANNAPOLIS, MD • FEBRUARY 1, 2018

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, Preservation Maryland will convene a statewide delegation of history, humanities and preservation advocates in Annapolis to let their elected officials know that our state's history is worth protecting. We will be advocating for the policies, programs, and funding that makes our collective work possible.

Save the Date!

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS SOCIAL HOUR AT MT. AVENTINE MANOR INDIAN HEAD, MD • FEBRUARY 25, 2018

The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions invites you to a Social Hour at historic Mt. Aventine Manor, one of Charles County's most important antebellum houses. Maryland's historic preservation commissioners, local government staff and elected officials, and preservationists are welcome for this educational networking event. Light refreshments and drinks will be served. **More info coming soon!**

■ SEMINAR: PRESERVATION PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT FOR HISTORIC ROADS RICHMOND, VA • MARCH 6, 2018

Explore the current tools and techniques used for the identification, preservation, and management of historic roads. As an emerging area of historic preservation, planning and policy for historic roads presents new challenges for the historic preservation professional. Learn how to apply transportation policies to historic roads, balance safety and function with historic preservation objectives, and build awareness and new constituencies for the legacy of highway design in the United States.

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■ **SEMINAR: AN INTRODUCTION TO SECTION 106**

WASHINGTON, DC • APRIL 4–6, 2018

Learn the basics of project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This seminar emphasizes practicalities—how to avoid pitfalls and victimization by myths. Discuss recent changes in regulations and procedures, with an emphasis on coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws.

■ **LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION: AN INTRODUCTION**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA • APRIL 24–25, 2018

In this introduction to the basics of cultural landscapes, learn about designed, vernacular, and ethnographic landscapes, and historic sites. Review applicable laws and regulations, and discuss how to identify and inventory character-defining features of a landscape. Explore the concepts of preservation planning and documentation, and the development of the cultural landscape report for use in managing historic and cultural landscapes. Case studies illustrate realistic approaches to effective landscape management and preservation.

■ **LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION: ADVANCED TOOLS FOR MANAGING CHANGE**

FREDERICKSBURG, VA • APRIL 26, 2018

In this advanced landscape preservation seminar, explore the sometimes conflicting issues that direct the process of change and decision-making for challenging landscapes. Review the practice and discuss the implications of inventorying, evaluating, treating, and maintaining landscape resources. Identify tools and techniques for managing change when difficult issues affect the process. Understand the philosophical foundations for making sound, educated decisions about the preservation and long-term management of historic and cultural landscapes.

Save the Date!

■ **VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE FORUM CONFERENCE**

ALEXANDRIA, VA • MAY 2–5, 2018

The annual conference of the Vernacular Architecture Forum this year is titled a *Shared Heritage: Urban and Rural Experience on the Banks of the Potomac*, and will be hosted in Alexandria and Southern Maryland. Registration will open soon.

Save the Date!

■ **CONSTRUCTION HISTORY SOCIETY OF AMERICA BIENNIAL MEETING ON CONSTRUCTION HISTORY**

COLLEGE PARK, MD • MAY 24–26, 2018

The Construction History Society of America is dedicated to the study of the history and evolution of all aspects of the built environment—its creation, maintenance and management. The biennial meeting is a forum for scholars and professionals in the field to examine how our existing structures were planned, designed and built, with the purpose of using this knowledge to better preserve what we have and to guide us in determining future directions. ■

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RENEWAL TIME FOR RESTORATION CONTRACTOR DIRECTORY LISTINGS

Is your listing up to date? Check your email for a message from MAHDC and a link to keep your business' page active for 2018.



2017

Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions

Annual Meeting and Party



The Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions Annual Meeting and Party was held on November 7th in charming Washington Grove, a leafy and rural oasis in Montgomery County founded by Methodists as a summer revival camp in 1873. Attendees braved the evening's rough weather for a fun night in the National Register-listed town. We were treated to informative presentations by representatives of the Woman's Club of Washington Grove and the Washington Grove Historic Preservation Commission, and the membership elected three new board members to the Board of Directors. ■





NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

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

- City of Baltimore's CHAP to hold hearing about Elm Street Development in Fells Point
- Historic St. Anne's applies to Annapolis HPC to install cell antennae in church tower
- Meeting of stakeholders held in Frederick to discuss mitigation of Birely Tannery site
- Lisa Craig, longtime Chief of Historic Preservation in Annapolis, resigns
- Hagerstown HDC asks for proof of funding for new construction before approving demolition
- City of Baltimore's CHAP approves demolition of Eddie's of Mount Vernon
- St. Mary's County HPC sponsors presentation on African American genealogy
- City of Frederick HPC approves first design details for downtown hotel project
- Berlin HPC okays church sign and exterior fridge
- City of Frederick HPC holds workshops with developers to go over plans for Birely Tannery post-demolition
- Maryland Historical Trust concludes Baltimore did not have legal authority to remove Confederate statues
- Annapolis City Council changes part of code governing exterior changes in the historic district
- City of Frederick HPC postpones decision on utility meter placement for Washington Gas and owner to find better option
- Montgomery County HPC calls for committee to craft comprehensive approach to safeguarding burial grounds
- City of Frederick HDC approves Brewer's Alley rooftop terrace designs
- Hagerstown HDC approves design for the Maryland Theatre expansion
- Baltimore's CHAP determines Eddie's of Mount Vernon and the neighboring buildings contributing to neighborhood's significance
- Baltimore's damaged Columbus memorial to be repaired

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



2018 COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

COMING SOON – new training module on Archaeology for Historic Preservation Commissions

To learn more and schedule a training in your community, visit mahdc.org/training-programs.

■ SELF-STUDY

Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions Tutorial and Training Manual

■ FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOPS

HPC 100. Design Review

HPC 101. Law and Procedures

HPC 102. Ethics and Defensive Decision Making for Historic Preservation Commissions

■ SKILL SESSIONS

HPC 200. Connecting with your Community: Communication, Education, and Outreach

HPC 201. Sustainability for Historic Preservation Commissions

HPC 202. Modernism for Maryland's Historic Preservation Commissions



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- 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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