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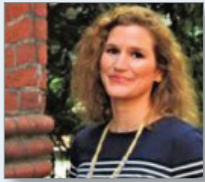
Spring 2018

The MAHDC 2018 Annual Symposium Keynote Speaker is CHARLES DUFF, President, Jubilee Baltimore, Inc.



Charles Duff

Charlie is an experienced developer and planner and an authority on Baltimore's architecture and development. He has served 23 years as president of Jubilee Baltimore, Inc.



Lauren Oswalt McHale

The Afternoon Featured Speaker is LAUREN OSWALT MCHALE, President, The L'Enfant Trust, Washington, DC

Lauren was appointed President of The L'Enfant Trust in 2017, after serving as Executive Director and Director of Preservation. In 2012, she initiated The Trust's Historic Properties Redevelopment Program.

See page 5 for details on the MAHDC Symposium on June 16, following Preservation Maryland's Old-Line State Summit on June 15.



THANK YOU TO PATRICIA WEICHMANN, board member since 2014.

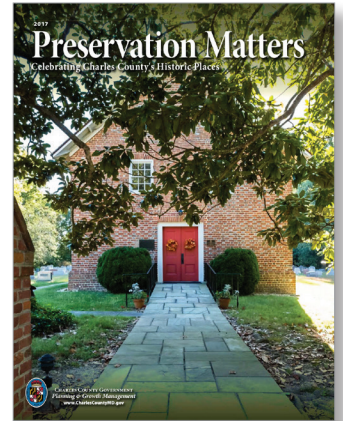
At its March meeting, the MAHDC board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Patricia (Tish) Weichmann-Morris, who served tirelessly as a board member since 2014. It is with deep gratitude that we thank you for your reliable service during your tenure, Tish. Your contribution to our work—as editor of *Maryland's Historic Districts* and host of the famous MAHDC crab feast/fund raisers, among other responsibilities, is greatly appreciated and we wish you success and happiness in your future endeavors!

PRESERVATION MATTERS: CELEBRATING CHARLES COUNTY'S HISTORIC PLACES, A NEW PUBLICATION FROM THE CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT.

By Cathy Thompson, Planner Coordinator at Charles County Planning Department and MAHDC Board Member

The Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management recently published the third annual preservation magazine, *Preservation Matters: Celebrating Charles County's Historic Places*. Available online and in print, this publication is the centerpiece of the Charles County historic preservation survey and outreach program. Each year, many great projects are undertaken in Charles County by a whole host of partners, including private citizens, local non-profits, friends' groups, government entities, and developers. Too often in the past, valuable research and preservation accomplishments went largely unrecognized by a wider audience.

Over the last decade, while social media has provided new opportunities to stay connected with constituents, the magazine format provides a longer look and a deeper perspective on the rich stories that Charles County has to offer.



Preservation Matters draws from a wide range of preservation action. Each year, award-winning efforts taking place in Charles County are spotlighted as well as the work that is undertaken through the summer intern program. The publication also

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Kathleen Seay

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Welcome to Kathleen Seay, new Graduate Student Board Member. Kathleen is currently a Graduate Student at Goucher College studying Historic Preservation. She holds a Bachelors Degree from the University of Maryland College Park in Art History/Landscape Management and three years of study in Landscape Architecture. Kathleen has also spent time working as a Preservation Planning Intern for Charles County. She is a DE/MD/VA native and active in local preservation efforts rooted both Maryland and Northern Virginia. She began her service as the newest board member at the March 21st board meeting. ■

We are seeking applicants to fill a vacant seat on the board. If you are interested in serving, please contact Leslie Gottert at director@mahdc.org for more information.



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Frederick Stachura, MAHDC Board President, and Melanie Lytle, retiring MAHDC Executive Director, during MAHDC Social Hour at Mt. Aventine Historic Site, February 25, 2018. Photo courtesy of Cathy Thompson.

■ **THANK YOU TO MELANIE LYTLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SINCE 2013.** It was with regret that the MAHDC Board accepted the resignation in February of Melanie Lytle, who ably and tirelessly served as MAHDC Executive Director for five years. At the Social Hour held on February 25, at Mt. Aventine Manor, Indian Head, Board President, Frederick Stachura, presented a beautiful bouquet to outgoing Executive Director, Melanie Lytle, and thanked her for her outstanding service to MAHDC on behalf of the Association and Board. We wish her well as she continues to add to her accomplishments in the historic preservation field, both nationally and internationally, as an adjunct professor in the Goucher College Master of Historic Preservation Program, an architectural historian and on the board of directors of Restoration Works International, Inc. ■

■ **NEWLY-APPOINTED MAHDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LESLIE LARSEN GOTTERT.** The MAHDC Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Leslie Larsen Gottert as Executive Director. Leslie is a graduate of the Goucher College Master of Historic Preservation Program. She also holds a Masters degree in conflict resolution from the McGregor School, Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Ms. Gottert received a Bachelor degree in Art from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. Prior to joining MAHDC, from 2014 to 2017, Leslie was a lecturer in historic preservation at the Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development, Addis Ababa University, a USAID Fellow in Antananarivo, Madagascar and a Faculty Research Associate, UMD Center for International Development and Conflict Management, College Park, Maryland. ■



Leslie Gottert

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Preservation Matters: Celebrating Charles County's Historic Places, A New Publication

provides an opportunity to share the findings of archaeological and historic structures studies, making the compelling stories embedded in these reports accessible to a broader audience.

Over the last three years a variety of resources have been highlighted including the ongoing documentation efforts at historic Rich Hill, a county-owned historic site; survey findings for the Pomonkey Historic District, an important early 20th century, African American community; burial grounds and private cemeteries; and Anglican churches of the 18th and 19th century. Charles County is fortunate to have a multi-faceted and talented Media Office, including graphic designer, Tina Kozloski. Tina specializes in publications using graphically-rich content to make the stories in print come to life on the page. Beth Groth works closely with the design team and contributors to bring everything together.

To view the newsletter, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/pgm/planning/historic-preservation-newsletter. To obtain a printed copy of the newsletter, or for more information about the "Preservation Matters" publication, contact Ms. Beth Groth at GrothB@CharlesCountyMD.gov or 301-645-0684. ■



BOSTWICK,

18th century Historic Site in Bladensburg, Maryland Serves UM Preservation Program as Hands-on Laboratory

by Daniel Tana, Planner Coordinator at Prince George's County Planning Department and MAHDC Board Member

Bostwick, west elevation, January 2018. Daniel Tana.

Bostwick is an eighteenth-century historic site in Bladensburg, Maryland, composed of several structures, including a main house, two larger barns, and several smaller buildings, on a seven-plus acre landscaped parcel. The property is a Prince George's County Historic Site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and protected by preservation easements held by both the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Built in 1746 for Christopher Lowndes, the main house is a 2 ½ story Flemish bond brick structure that sits at the top of three rising terraces at an elevation of over 50 feet, where it once would have provided views of the bustling port of Bladensburg. Lowndes's daughter, Rebecca, who married Benjamin Stoddert in 1781, was willed Bostwick upon her father's death in 1782. Stoddert, a captain in the Revolutionary War, was appointed the first Secretary of the Navy by President John Adams in 1798. He also served as the Secretary of War beginning in 1800, and in both roles until 1801. Today, Bostwick is owned by the Town of Bladensburg that stewards it in partnership with the University of Maryland Historic Preservation Program, which has classes there,

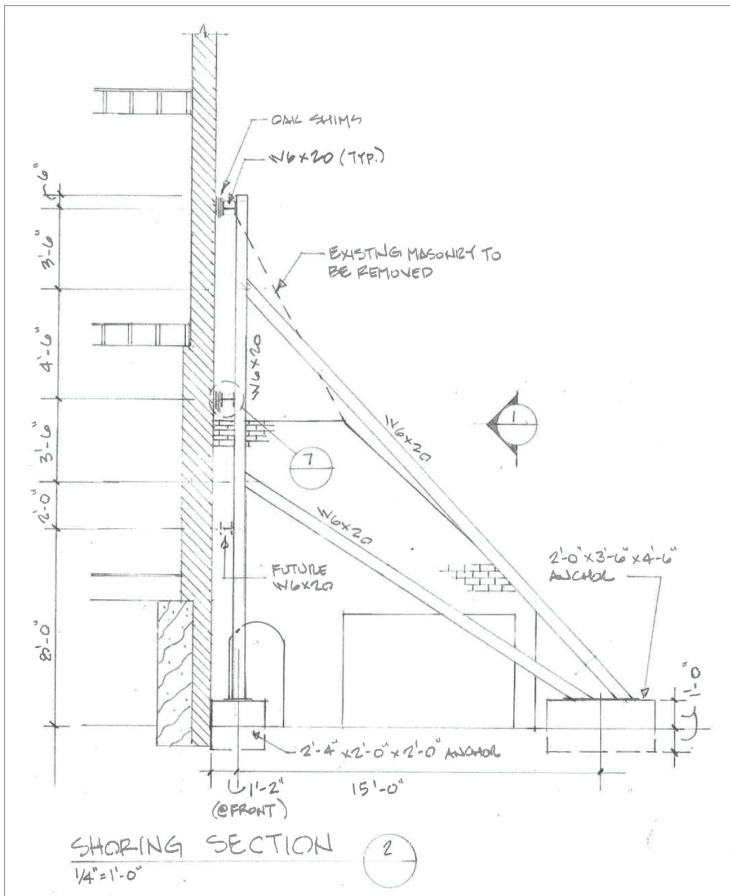
and uses the property as a preservation laboratory for students. Additionally, in the last few years, the Anacostia Watershed Society has also been involved in utilizing more of the land on the property as a plant nursery.

One of the most interesting features of Bostwick's architecture is the large brick buttress on its south end. It rises from the ground at the base of the foundation up to the second floor. Built of thick brick walls, and filled with a combination of loose, dry bricks and mortared bricks, it is massive, and was initially constructed in 1793 for much the same purpose that it serves to this day: to shore up the south



Buttress, view of east elevation after east wall collapse, September 2017. Daniel Tana.

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Buttress shoring section, Peter Neubauer, Neubauer Consulting Engineers.

exterior masonry wall of the house. Unfortunately, in the last several years, the buttress has sustained multiple instances of damage. In 2012 a strong storm tore the roof from the buttress and destroyed it when it struck a tree on the property. The opening was covered by a tarp for several years while other, even more critical repairs were made (for example, repairing two damaged chimneys from the 2011 earthquake), but when the tarp was recently destroyed and the interior of the buttress was fully exposed to weather, it began to deteriorate. Just a few months ago, in August 2017, after several heavy downpours, the east wall of the buttress collapsed, making the repair even more urgent.

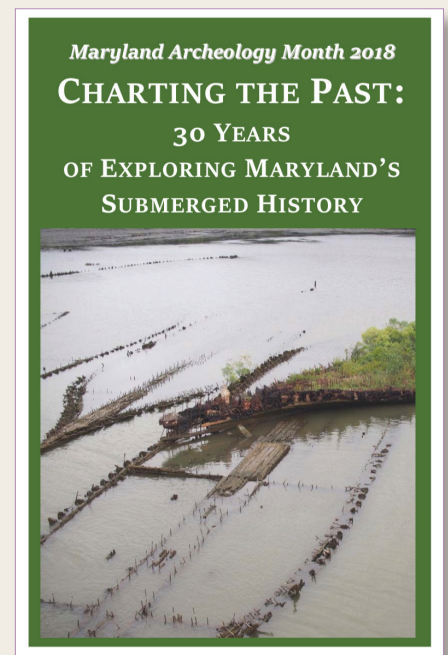
With help from the University of Maryland Historic Preservation Program, a two-phase plan was developed to reconstruct the buttress. First, the south wall will be braced with a temporary system of nine, W6 x 20 (roughly 6.2" x 6.02") wide-flange steel beams and two pieces of square 3" x 3" Hollow Structural Sections (structural pipes, essentially), all held against the building with four cast concrete block anchors. Once this system is in place, the buttress can be carefully deconstructed and documented to have a deeper knowledge of its construction. Once the first phase is complete, the second phase will involve faithfully reconstructing the buttress based on what is uncovered in the deconstruction, using as many bricks from the deconstructed buttress as possible. These projects are made

possible by grant awards from the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program and the Maryland Milestones Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. ■

Celebrating Archaeology

By Kirsti Uunila, RPA, Historic Preservation Planner at Calvert County, Department of Planning & Zoning and MAHDC Board Member

April is Maryland Archeology Month. The theme for this year is "Charting the Past: 30 Years of Exploring Maryland's Submerged History." Maryland, with 3,190 miles of shoreline, is one of only ten states that have a Maritime Archaeology Program (MMAP) which was established thirty years ago. The program through the efforts of able professional staff, partner organizations, and volunteers have recorded 830 submerged sites so far. You can learn more about the MMAP and how to get involved in their work—and in archaeology on dry land, too—at <http://marylandarcheology.org/MAM2018/index.html>. There you can download a booklet with fascinating articles, and see the calendar of events planned around the state. ■





UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

■ TRAINING CALENDAR

May 24–26, 2018

Construction History Society of America Biennial Meeting on Construction History
College Park, MD

June 7, 2018

HPC Training 100. Design Review
Frederick, MD

Save the Date!

Special MAHDC Event!

June 15 - 16, 2018

MAHDC Annual Symposium/

Preservation Maryland's Old-Line State Summit, UMD School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
College Park, MD

July 19-22, 2018

Conference: NAPC Forum 2018
Des Moines, IA

November 13-16, 2018

PastForward 2018
San Francisco, CA

■ 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.

■ HPC 100. COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM: DESIGN REVIEW

FREDERICK, MARYLAND • JUNE 7, 2018 | 6 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

www.frederickcountymd.gov



Special MAHDC Event!

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS 2018 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

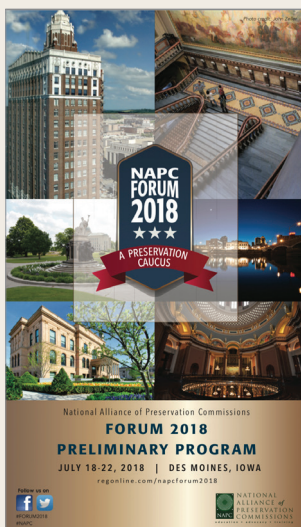
"When Money is Tight, but the Roof Isn't..."

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 • 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WHERE: University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, 3835 Campus Drive, College Park 20742.

This year the MAHDC Annual Symposium is being held the day after Preservation Maryland's Old-Line State Summit, which will be on **FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018 • 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Register for one or both events at www.oldlinestate.org.



■ NAPC FORUM 2018

DES MOINES, IA • JULY 19-22, 2018

Forum 2018 is a national gathering hosted by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions - NAPC.

■ NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE – PASTFORWARD 2018

SAN FRANCISCO, CA • NOVEMBER 13–16, 2018

PastForward is the National Trust for Historic Preservation's premier educational and networking event for those in the business of saving places.

<https://savingplaces.org/conference>

■ SURRATT HOUSE MUSEUM CLINTON, MD **FEBRUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 9, 2018**

Exhibition: *The Full Story: Maryland, The Surratts, and The Crime of the Century – An Exhibition*



CONGRATULATIONS TO MAHDC BOARD MEMBER, AARON MARCAVITCH,

following the recent publication of his new book by Arcadia Publishing: *US Route 1: Baltimore to Washington, DC* in April.

HERE IS A SYNOPSIS:

America's Main Street, US Highway 1, Baltimore Avenue, Washington Boulevard—there are many names for the link between Baltimore City and Washington, DC. Connecting residential communities and commercial crossroads clustered along both sides of this historically important artery of transportation, this road has spanned three centuries of transportation, communication, and community development. From the earliest ships in Elkrige and Bladensburg to modern communities supporting the Washington/Baltimore region, Route 1 has been a vital part of this history.

On May 17, Preservation Maryland honored Aaron with the Gearhart Professional Service Award during its Best of Maryland Awards ceremony at the Star-Spangled Banner House and Museum. The award citation states that "Aaron is a leader in heritage tourism and preservation partnerships....he was instrumental in Maryland's recognition of the War of 1812 bicentennial."



NEW!

A special hotel rate is available and early registrants can secure a room at The Hotel at the University of Maryland for a special rate for conference attendees.

Call 301-277-7777 and identify yourself as part of the Old-Line State Summit Guest Room block to receive a rate of \$159 plus tax.

Hurry, this room rate is only good through Friday, May 25, 2018.

Questions? Send your questions to director@mahdc.org



Save the Date!

Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions
presents

"When Money is Tight, but the Roof Isn't..."

A Symposium on Historic Communities and Affordability

University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, & Preservation
3835 Campus Drive, College Park, MD

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8:30am — 4:30pm

www.mahdc.org

Also don't miss Preservation Maryland's Old Line Summit on June 15. Joint registration available.

The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions announces the 2018 MAHDC Annual Symposium to be held on Saturday, June 16th, at the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation - GSAPP, College Park, MD from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is: **"Historic Communities and Affordability – When Money is Tight but the Roof Isn't..."**.

Session topics will focus on preservation economics, such as historic tax credits, and the Secretary of Interior Standards and their application in affordable restoration, rehabilitation and maintenance strategies.

SYMPOSIUM DESCRIPTION

The full-day symposium will tackle the challenges and opportunities for making preservation more affordable. Historic preservation commissioners, local government planning staff, architects, historic property owners, and preservationists will participate in interactive sessions led by leading practitioners in the field to consider:

- Why is making preservation more affordable so critical to our preservation goals?
- What financial incentives and tools (both well-known and less common) are available at lower costs?
- How do commissions and staff guide property owners and architects toward less expensive solutions that are still in accordance with design guidelines?
- How do commission and staff address modern alternative materials?

The symposium is eligible for CLG Educational and Training Funds reimbursement as formal commissioner training. AIA Continuing Education Credits are being pursued.

Light breakfast, mid-morning snack, and lunch will be provided.

A exhibition hall with vendor and university co-sponsor tables will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

With Preservation Maryland hosting its Annual Old-Line State Summit on Friday, June 15th, plan to attend both days!

A single page for registration with discounted tickets for MAHDC and PM members and/or those attending both days is available at oldlinestate.org. ■



A view of the Potomac from Mt. Aventine



Cathy Thompson recognizing attendees at Mt. Aventine



Welcome and introductory comments from Sandra Harrison, Board member of Friends of Chapman State Park.



Fred Stachura

THANK YOU, MT. AVENTINE MANOR!

Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions

Social Hour at Mt. Aventine Manor

INDIAN HEAD, MD • FEBRUARY 25, 2018



Fred Stachura and Melanie Lytle

The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions hosted a Social Hour at historic Mt. Aventine Manor, one of Charles County's most important antebellum houses, on Sunday, February 25. Over twenty historic preservation commissioners, local government staff and elected officials joined MAHDC board members for this educational networking event, which also provided a befitting occasion to thank outgoing Executive Director, Melanie Lytle, for her service to MAHDC. ■

The house at Mt. Aventine





NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

In June, MHT will host public meetings to solicit feedback about goals and recommended actions for the statewide preservation plan – a five-year guidance document for government agencies, non-profit advocates and others involved in historic preservation, archeology and cultural heritage.

Attendees should bring their ideas, questions and concerns about the future of historic preservation, archeology and cultural heritage. Each meeting will include a short presentation about the planning process and information about historic and cultural sites and activities in the region, followed by a facilitated discussion. Please plan to attend a meeting near you! **And don't forget!** you can take our statewide survey at any time: <http://mht.maryland.gov/plan.shtml>

Meeting Dates and Locations

■ JUNE 5 - CUMBERLAND

Cumberland City Hall • 57 N. Liberty Street, Cumberland, MD 21502 • 4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 7 - FREDERICK

Frederick County Visitors Center • 151 S. East Street, Frederick, MD 21701 • 5:00pm–7:00pm

■ JUNE 11 - SALISBURY

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Legacy Center
909 S. Schumaker Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804 • 4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 12 - CHESTERTOWN

Washington College, Litrenta Lecture Hall (Toll Science Center)
300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620 • 4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 13 - HAVRE DE GRACE

Havre de Grace Opera House • 121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 26 - HYATTSVILLE (NEW!)

City of Hyattsville Building, Prangley Room (2nd Floor)
4310 Gallatin Street • Hyattsville, MD 20781 • 4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 27 - BALTIMORE CITY

Baltimore Museum of Industry • 1415 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD 21230 • 4:00pm–6:00pm

■ JUNE 28 - PRINCE FREDERICK

Calvert Library • 850 Costley Way/Prince Frederick Way • Prince Frederick, MD 20678
4:30–6:30pm



2018 COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Coming soon in 2018 – New training module on Archaeology for Historic Preservation Commissions.

Now available from NAPC:

Design Review With Limited Resources: How Local Commissions Can Gain the Resources of Professional Preservationists Without Hiring Full-Time Staff. Authored by Robin Zeigler, trainer liaison for NAPC's CAMP and historic zoning administrator for the Metro Historic Zoning Commission in Nashville, TN and produced in partnership with Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation.



MAHDC depends on the support of our members, dedicated commissioners and individuals who understand that preservation, at its most vibrant and compelling, takes place locally.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Access to 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

PLEASE JOIN US! The membership application and payment can now be completed [online](#).



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