

## Press Release

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### **Heritage Programs, Local Groups, Redevelopment Projects Honored with Annual Preservation Award**

*Maryland Historical Trust Recognized Honorees at Ceremony in Annapolis on Thursday*

**(February 2, 2018)** Annapolis, MD – The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) celebrated the state’s best efforts in historic preservation during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Preservation Awards, held in Annapolis on Thursday, February 1. The MHT Board of Trustees recognized outstanding education, restoration, and revitalization projects, as well as organizational and individual leadership.

“Maryland is rich in its historically significant and diverse resources, proud heritage, and cultural traditions,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “We must continue to recognize the vital role preservation plays in stimulating our economy, maintaining community character, and inspiring local pride.”

The following people and programs were recognized with 2018 awards:

**Acadians Were Here Organization for “Acadians Were Here” Website (statewide).** The “Acadians Were Here” website follows the history of Acadian exiles in Maryland. The website provides information and easy navigation for visitors to trace sites of Acadian settlement and learn about this over-looked piece of Maryland history.

<http://acadianswerehere.org/index.html> (*Excellence in Media and Publications*)

**Preservation Maryland for PreserveCast (statewide).** Each week, Preservation Maryland hosts *PreserveCast*, a podcast featuring topics that intersect technology and preservation efforts throughout Maryland and nationwide. In 2018, the podcast continues to attract a national audience as 70 percent of *PreserveCast* listeners are located outside of Maryland. (*Excellence in Media and Publications*)

**Historic Sotterley, Inc. for Slave Cabin Exhibit (St. Mary’s County).** The Slave Cabin Exhibit at Historic Sotterley Plantation exposes visitors to the harsh realities of slavery in pre-Civil War southern Maryland. Preserved from the 1830’s, the cabin provides a glimpse into the domestic lives of enslaved families. (*Excellence in Public Programming*)

**Eastern Shore Network for Change for “Reflections on Pine” (Dorchester County).** In the summer of 2017, the Eastern Shore Network for Change hosted a series of events titled "Reflections on Pine," in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Cambridge civil rights movement and the events that ensued during the Long Hot Summer of 1967. *(Excellence in Community Engagement)*

**Lisa Kraus and Jason Shellenhamer (Baltimore City).** Since 2014, archeologists Lisa Kraus and Jason Shellenhamer have trained community volunteers in archaeological fieldwork as they investigate the history of Herring Run Park, specifically the site of Eutaw Manor. Over the years, the project has attracted hundreds of volunteers as the community works together to uncover their local history. *(Outstanding Individual Leadership)*

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Oxon Hill Manor (Prince George’s County).** Overlooking the Potomac River and National Harbor, Oxon Hill Manor stands out in the modern landscape. Under the stewardship of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the neo-Georgian brick mansion retains its original 1929 structure and hosts nearly 300 private and public events throughout the year. *(Outstanding Stewardship of an Easement Property)*

**Morgan State University for Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum (Baltimore City).** In 2016, Morgan State University’s Office of Museums, in partnership with the Mitchell/Jackson family, reopened the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum. The museum honors the legacy of Baltimore civil rights activist, Dr. Lillie May Carroll Jackson, along with other freedom fighters of the modern civil rights movement. *(Project Excellence: Institutional Rehabilitation)*

**Parkway Theater/Maryland Film Festival (Baltimore City).** With more than a century of history, the restored Parkway Theater, and home of the Maryland Film Festival continues to bring local and international films to viewers in the Baltimore area. Filmgoers today can experience the vintage beauty of the theater, while still enjoying all the features of a modern cinema. *(Project Excellence: Commercial Rehabilitation)*

**Cultural Center at the Havre de Grace Opera House (Harford County).** Built in 1870, the restored Cultural Center at the Havre de Grace Opera House is an anchor of the town’s historic Arts and Entertainment District. While the building has weathered various roles over the centuries, the top floor has always remained a theater. Today, visitors can enjoy an array of performances from live concerts and dance, to puppetry and film. *(Project Excellence: Community Impact)*

**Center for Parks and People at Auchentoroly Terrace (Baltimore City).** The new campus center and headquarters of the Parks and People Foundation at Auchentoroly Terrace is a stunning example of innovative, sustainable design. With LEED Platinum certification, the Center for Parks and People features the latest in stormwater management, geothermal energy and green design. *(Project Excellence: Sustainable Design).*

Videos of the awardees are available on Planning’s YouTube channel at this link - [2018 Maryland Preservation Awards](#).

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