

2018

Maryland Preservation Awards



Nomination Instructions

Deadline is

October 31, 2017



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Crownsville, MD 21032
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Above: Kennedy Farm, Sharpsburg - Winner
of 2015 Preservation Award for Outstanding
Stewardship

The Maryland Preservation Awards



Baltimore Design School - Winner of 2015 Preservation Award for Project Excellence Photo Credit - Ziger/Snead Architects

The Maryland Preservation Awards, presented annually by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust, are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education and community development projects in the state. Since 1975, the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has honored the outstanding preservation efforts of more than 250 individuals and projects throughout the state.

The awards honor and celebrate significant achievements by individuals, businesses, contractors, nonprofit organizations, local governments and others who protect, promote, share and give continued life to the historic places and cultural heritage that make Maryland unique.

The MHT Board of Trustees encourages nominations for a variety of historic and cultural preservation activities including those undertaken by Main Street and community development organizations, museums, heritage areas, historic preservation commissions, elected officials, neighborhood organizations, homeowners and private developers.

About the Maryland Historical Trust

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, MHT assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. MHT is an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Chartered by the Maryland General Assembly in May of 1961, MHT is overseen by a 15-member board of trustees appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. MHT's mission includes the survey and identification of historic properties throughout Maryland, review of state and federal projects affecting historic properties, assistance to historical and cultural museums, terrestrial and underwater archeology, local government assistance, administration of the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program, grant and loan funding for rehabilitation projects and heritage tourism activities through the Maryland Heritage Areas Program.

The Maryland Historical Trust also administers the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum located in Calvert County, Maryland. This 560-acre property was donated to the State of Maryland in trust to MHT by Mrs. Jefferson Patterson to be a passive recreation, education and research facility. Today, the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum is home to the State Museum of Archeology and the award-winning Maryland Archeological Conservation Laboratory.

Award Categories

Leadership and Service

Awards presented for Leadership and Service recognize individuals and organizations for laudable activities or accomplishments that advance the public's appreciation, understanding and involvement in historic preservation or archeology in Maryland.

The nominee's activity or service can be related to a specific project or advocacy effort or can recognize leadership or involvement with one or more activities or organizations over time. Eligible nominees include but are not limited to: historic preservation commissions or individual commissioners, elected officials, nonprofit organizations or their staff, members of the local business community, Main Street organizations and volunteers. The activity or service must be ongoing or have been completed within the last two years.

The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category.



Gale Yerges received a 2013 Outstanding Individual Leadership award for 30 years of preservation leadership in Somerset County

Outstanding Individual Leadership at the Local Level. This award recognizes significant contributions made by individuals to historic preservation or archeology in Maryland including activities such as community development or heritage education efforts. Recipients will have played an instrumental role in planning or leading an event or advocacy effort or served in a leadership capacity within an organization during a time of significant achievement.

Outstanding Organizational Leadership at the Local Level. This award recognizes significant contributions made by agencies, organizations, businesses or institutions to historic preservation or archeology in Maryland including activities such as community development or heritage education efforts. Recipients will have played an instrumental role in planning or leading an event or advocacy effort or have a demonstrable track record and history of successes related to heritage preservation and stewardship activities.

The Calvert Prize. The Calvert Prize was the first award created by the Board in 1975 and is MHT's highest honor recognizing an individual, organization, agency or institution for paramount leadership in or contributions to the preservation of Maryland's architectural, archeological and cultural heritage at the statewide level. The activity or service can be of a specific or ongoing nature but it must have had a significant impact at the broadest state level. Preference will be given to unique services and activities that serve as statewide models. The Calvert Prize is awarded based on the quality of nominations and is not conferred every year.

Nominations will be evaluated on the extent to which a nominee's contributions have:

significantly preserved archeological, cultural and/or historic resources in Maryland; and

heightened public awareness of historic preservation or archeology in Maryland.



Cambridge City Hall Renovation - Excellence in Community Engagement, 2012

Education and Community Engagement

Awards presented for Education and Community Engagement recognize outstanding achievements by individuals, organizations, government agencies and others in developing and producing projects and materials that educate and engage with Maryland's past. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: outstanding publications, videos, creative training programs, innovative museum exhibits, informational brochures and technical briefs and planning processes that generate dialogue about historic preservation, archeology and history in Maryland. The activity or product must be available to the general public and have been completed within two years of being nominated.

The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category.

Excellence in Public Programming. This award recognizes significant achievements in the development and execution of programs and projects that engage members of the public with historic preservation and/or archeology in meaningful, dynamic and innovative ways. Recipients will have played a significant role in the planning and/or presentation of the program.

Excellence in Media and Publications. This award recognizes outstanding achievements in the presentation of information related to historic preservation and/or archeology through print or electronic media. Eligible projects may document the history of a region, subject or culture, serve as instructional materials in fields related to preservation or contribute to the general understanding of Maryland's heritage.

Excellence in Community Engagement. This award recognizes programs and projects that have spurred public discussion, debate, planning or advocacy for the preservation of archeological or historic resources. Eligible projects include but are not limited to design charrettes, advocacy campaigns and planning processes.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

the clarity and accuracy of the content of the project;

the demonstrated public impact of the project, including the degree to which the project reached new audiences; and

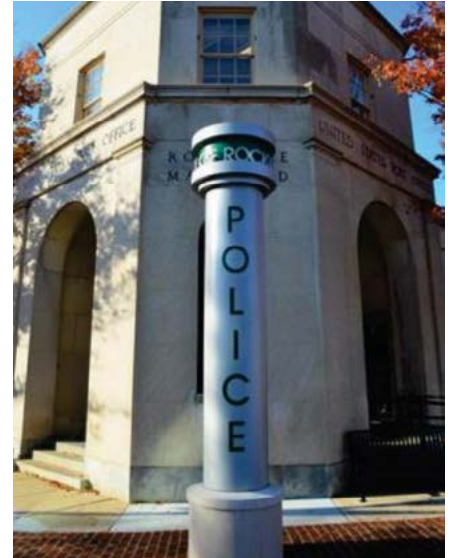
the extent and duration of the educational component of the project.

Preference will be given to innovative projects that serve as models for future programs.

Project Excellence

Project Excellence awards are presented to property owners, project sponsors, contractors and other entities for restoration or rehabilitation projects of all sizes and scopes and on all types of properties. The design, materials and workmanship of honored projects must demonstrate superlative historic preservation standards. Projects can include additions to historic structures, adaptive reuse of historic structures, construction of a sensitive new building in a historic environment, restoration or rehabilitation of a historic structure and restoration or rehabilitation projects informed by or sensitive to archeological resources. Projects by do-it-yourselfers as well as those done by professionals are welcome. All nominated projects must have been completed within the last two years.

The Board gives five awards in this category, although the quality and content of the nominations determines which of the awards are given each year.



Rockville Police Headquarters - Excellence in Commercial / Institutional Rehabilitation, 2014

Excellence in Commercial/Institutional Rehabilitation. This award recognizes outstanding projects that preserve, rehabilitate or restore historic buildings for commercial or institutional uses including large-scale rental housing.

Excellence in Residential Rehabilitation. This award recognizes outstanding projects that preserve, rehabilitate or restore historic properties for residential use. The focus of this award is on owner-occupied and small-scale rental housing. Large apartment and condominium projects will be considered in the Commercial/Institutional category.

Excellence in Historic Preservation and Sustainable Design. This award recognizes projects that successfully integrate green building and sustainable design practices and technologies into historic properties in a manner that respects the character and distinguishing features of the buildings.

Community Impact. This award recognizes the significant role that individual rehabilitation projects can play in catalyzing positive revitalization and transformation efforts in their larger communities.

Preservation Partnerships. This award recognizes individuals, organizations, governments, agencies and/or institutions that have collaborated during a project's planning, development and/or execution. The intent of this award is to acknowledge and honor the unique and mutually beneficial relationships that are often vital to a preservation project's successful implementation. Preservation Partnerships is the only Project Excellence award that is not limited to restoration or rehabilitation projects. Other partnership activities that promote or achieve the preservation, restoration, protection or enhancement of archeological or historic resources are also eligible.

Project Excellence award nominations will be evaluated on:

adherence to superlative historic preservation standards and demonstrates best practices;

the extent to which the project incorporated innovative solutions to design challenges;

the extent to which the project incorporated sustainable planning, green design and/or building practices;

the extent to which the project benefited from federal, state and local tax credits or affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization programs;

the extent to which the project could serve as a model for projects in other locations and communities; and

the impact of the project on the surrounding community.

Stewardship

Stewardship Awards recognize outstanding effort and intent toward the maintenance and preservation of historic properties by individuals, businesses, organizations and government agencies of all types and sizes. These awards acknowledge the hard work, time, effort, money and dedication that are often required to maintain and preserve historically significant buildings and sites. Nominations do not need to be focused on a particular project, but rather should illuminate a history of care and commitment to preservation of historic properties.



2013 Field Session in Maryland Archeology.

The Board gives three awards in this category:

Outstanding Stewardship of

Archeological Resources. This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties with significant and/or sensitive archeological sites for a demonstrated track record of care and dedication to the property. Public education efforts are considered but not required for award eligibility.

Outstanding Stewardship of a Maryland Historical Trust Easement Property. This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties that are under perpetual easement to the Maryland Historical Trust for a demonstrated track record of care and dedication to the property as well as adherence to the highest standards of preservation and maintenance.

Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency. This award recognizes federal, state or local government agencies based upon the number and significance of the properties owned or cared for by the agency. Additional consideration is given to policies and procedures for the management and maintenance of the properties, the commitment of the agency to long-term planning for the physical and financial stewardship of historic and cultural properties and the extent to which the agency's programs and policies can serve as positive examples for other agencies and jurisdictions.

How to Submit a Nomination

Nominations must be completed via the Maryland Historical Trust's online grants software.

Eligibility

Individuals, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, institutions and federal, state and local agencies are all eligible to receive Maryland Preservation Awards. Please review award categories for specific guidance.

Current MHT staff, trustees or area representatives currently serving on the MHT Board and projects solely sponsored by MHT are not eligible. Projects using MHT grant funds, loans and tax credits are eligible. Self-nominations are accepted.

Review and Selection Process

All nomination materials are reviewed for completeness by MHT staff prior to presentation to the Board's Survey, Registration, Community Education and Museums Committee. The Committee then recommends award recipients to the full Board of Trustees for consideration and final approval.

When preparing your nomination, it may be useful to consider the following:

Nominations are reviewed and selected on a competitive basis and MHT may elect not to present an award in a given category if the nominations do not meet the criteria.

MHT reserves the right to evaluate nominations for categories other than those proposed by the nominator.

Concise, accurate and complete proposals that clearly state the worthiness of the nominee will be the most competitive. Nominees may submit no more than two nominations per category.

Notification and the Awards Ceremony

Award recipients and nominators will be notified in writing immediately following the Board's selection. The awards will be presented at a public ceremony in Annapolis. Date and venue information will be forthcoming.

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