2021 Maryland Preservation Awards
Nomination Instructions

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2020
The Maryland Preservation Awards, presented annually by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education and community development projects in Maryland. Since 1975, MHT has honored the outstanding preservation efforts of more than 270 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

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 pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Chartered by the Maryland General Assembly in 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 archaeology, 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.

MHT 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 Archaeology and the award-winning Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory.

On cover and above: C&O Canal National Historical Park’s Conococheague Aqueduct, Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency 2020
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 archaeology 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:

**Outstanding Individual Leadership at the Local Level:**

This award recognizes significant contributions made by individuals to historic preservation or archaeology 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 archaeology 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, archaeological 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.

Leadership and Service nominations will be evaluated on the extent to which a nominee’s contributions have:

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

and heightened public awareness of historic preservation or archaeology in Maryland.

Scaffolding on the Paca House, one of Outstanding Individual Leadership recipient Robert C. Clark’s projects as President and CEO of Historic Annapolis, Inc. in 2020
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, archaeology 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 archaeology 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 archaeology 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 archaeological or historic resources. Eligible projects include but are not limited to design charrettes, advocacy campaigns and planning processes.

Education and Community Engagement 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.
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.

The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category:

**Outstanding Stewardship of Archaeological Resources:**

This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties with significant and/or sensitive archaeological 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 MHT Easement Property:**

This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties that are under perpetual easement to MHT 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.
The Board of Trustees gives Five awards in this category.

**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 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 archaeological 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.

The impact of the project on the surrounding community.
Submitting a Nomination

Nominations must be completed via the MHT Grant Application System online software. You must first create an account if you have never used our system:


Questions? Contact Steve Allan at steven.allan@maryland.gov

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Eligibility:

Individuals, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and 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 undertaken by MHT are not eligible. Projects using MHT grant funds, loans and tax credits are eligible. Self-nominations 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, please 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. Nominators may submit no more than two nominations per category.

Notification and Award:

Award recipients and nominators will be notified in writing immediately following the Board’s selection. The awards ceremony typically takes place in January or February in Annapolis. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is possible that the 2021 awards ceremony will be held virtually. No matter what, we anticipate a very special event! Additional information will be forthcoming.
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