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Nominations Sought for 2021 Harford County Historic Preservation Awards

BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 23, 2020) - The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission, in conjunction with the county department of planning and zoning, is seeking nominations for the 2021 Harford County Historic Preservation Awards.

The 24th awards continue a tradition started in 1995 to honor excellence in local historic preservation.

The awards recognize individuals, organizations, community groups and local governments within Harford County that have made significant contributions in the field of historic preservation. The awards will be presented in May for National Historic Preservation Month.

Nominations may be made in the following four categories:

Preservation Project Awards recognize various preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse projects in Harford County. These may include projects of an archeological nature;

Special Preservation Awards recognize publications, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, unique presentations, and stewardship and advocacy efforts that focus on the County's historic architecture, archaeology, or cultural heritage;

Local Government Preservation Awards recognize projects and individuals at the local government level for efforts in historic preservation; and

Preservationist Honor Awards recognize individuals, museums, organizations, or businesses that have advanced the cause of historic preservation in Harford County over a long time.

Nominated projects, publications, workshops, etc. must have been completed, published, or have occurred between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020. More information and nomination packets can be found at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2420/Historic-Preservation-Awards>.


Nominations will be accepted from December 1, 2020 through Friday, January 15, 2021. Completed nominations can be mailed to the Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning c/o Jacob M. Bensen at 220 S. Main St., Bel Air, MD 21014 or emailed to jmbensen@harfordcountymd.gov

The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission is an appointed, seven-member board that works closely with the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning to advocate for the preservation of the county's historic and cultural resources. Commissioners meet monthly and are responsible for recommending properties to the County Historic Landmarks list, assisting property owners with the physical and financial aspects of preservation, and cultivating community support for the preservation and promotion of the county's historic and cultural heritage. For additional information, please contact Jacob M. Bensen at (410) 638-3103 extension 1385 or jmbensen@harfordcountymd.gov.



The Friends of Jerusalem Mill received a 2019 Historic Preservation Project Award for the stabilization and restoration of the 1803 Jericho Road Stone Bank Barn. The massive stone barn was damaged by fire in 1961, followed by years of neglect and overgrowth that severely deteriorated the barn's ruins. In 2017-2018 the barn's stone walls were stabilized and restored, creating a "preserved ruin" and saving an important part of the historic Jerusalem Mill Village.

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