

2019 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) announced its award recipients during a ceremony May 19, 2019 at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace. Presented each May in honor of National Historic Preservation Month, the awards recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to the preservation of the County's historical and cultural resources.



PRESERVATION PROJECT AWARDS

The Preservation Project Award recognizes significant achievements in preserving, restoring or finding a sensitive adaptive re-use for the County's built architecture. The 2019 award winners are:

Jericho Stone Bank Barn Stabilization/Restoration - The Friends of Jerusalem Mill



Jericho Road Stone Bank Barn

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill





About the Project

Much of the barn was destroyed by an arson fire in May 1961, and only parts of the stone walls remained. The barn continued to deteriorate overtime to due neglect and the elements. Intermittent stabilization and other projects were conducted between 2009 and 2015. After many years of fundraising, the final stages of the stabilization project continued in 2017 and was completed in 2018.

Work included:

- Removing overgrown vegetation
- Repointing and stabilizing the walls of the barn
- Installation and re-pointing the granite stone lintels above windows and doors
- Removing the collapsing, crumbling, degraded concrete floor



2015



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Havre de Grace Opera House Rehabilitation/Adaptive Reuse Project - The Havre de Grace Arts Collective



Havre de Grace Opera House Rehabilitation

Havre de Grace Arts Collective





The Havre de Grace Opera House is a landmark building in the city of Havre de Grace, Maryland. The building was constructed in 1890 and has been used for a variety of purposes, including a school, city hall, library and most recently, a two-story theatre.

About the Project

Completed in 1870, the 140-year-old, city-owned building was rehabilitated to better serve as a multi-use community theatre and performing arts venue. Located on North Union Avenue in the heart of Havre de Grace, the building has been used by the public since 1873 as an opera house, school, city hall, library and most recently, a two-story theatre. The project involved comprehensive interior renovations and the restoration of the building's exterior facade to its period of significance. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing was updated throughout the building, as well as the installation of modern lighting and sound systems in the theatrical space. Additionally, a new entrance with an ADA accessible elevator was constructed connecting the opera house to the adjacent bus station.

Contractor: Lewis Contractors

Project Start: July 2012 (Assessment & Design)

Project Completed: July 2015 (Construction start)

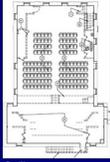
Funding: August 2017

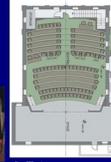
Grants - Maryland Heritage Area Authority: Community Legacy

General public fundraising - Havre de Grace Opera House Foundation under Community Projects of Havre de Grace, Harford County Government, and the City of Havre de Grace, Maryland. State Bond Bill









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SPECIAL PRESERVATION PROJECT AWARDS

The Special Preservation Award acknowledges groups or individuals whose programming, activities, publications, exhibits, demonstrations or presentations focus on Harford County's historic architecture, archaeology, or cultural heritage. They are presented in four subcategories: Communication, Education, Community Involvement, and Grassroots Advocacy

Communication - Harford Heritage Video Series, Funding & Airing - Harford Cable Network



Funding & Airing Harford's Heritage Video Series Harford Cable Network

Communication - Media

In 2017 Jan A. Swisher, host of the "Historic Harford" video series, retired and with his departure a hole was left in the schedule of Harford Cable Network. The network's Executive Director Kelly Jera was faced with a programming decision when approached by Jack Shapiro and Henry Peden with a plan to do a different type of historic program that would be titled Harford's Heritage. They convinced her of having adequate county historical knowledge but the pair had no previous video experience, so this posed a concern. She finally decided to give them a try and assigned experience videographer Tim Rice of Video Accord to provide video and editing support. Since that meeting in 2017 over 30 minutes videos have been produced and aired on Harford Cable Network in the Wednesday evening time slot at 7:00 p.m. sharing parts of Harford County's heritage to county viewers.

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Education- Harford Glen Ice House Restoration & Exhibit - Harford Glen & Harford Glen Foundation



Harford Glen Ice House Harford Glen & Harford Glen Foundation

Education

The wood frame building, constructed around 1830, was underutilized for years, and as a result, over time it became deteriorated and unsafe to enter.

Work was performed by Hays Construction using a very generous donation to The Harford Glen Foundation by Mrs. Sue Gilman, in honor of her husband, Harford County Public Schools Facilities Department oversees the project, with input from Assistant Supervisor of Science Inwood Gilman.

The restored ice house will now allow for additional programmatic lessons and experiences that will help preserve the agricultural history of the area. An permanent exhibit is showcased inside the ice house illustrating local ice harvesting history and tools, an excellent teaching tool for educators in both science and social studies content areas.

Work Included:

- Reroofing and replacing roof decking with hand split shakes.
- Removal of existing floor structure and reeking in-kind.
- Repair of roof structure and replacing in-kind where needed.
- Repair of wood frame and wood siding, replacing with in-kind where needed.
- Scraping and painting of exterior facade.
- Archeological investigations
- exhibit installation.

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Honorable mention in this category was given to the Hays-Heighe House at Harford Community College

SPECIAL PRESERVATION PROJECT AWARDS

Community Involvement – Bulle Rock Historical Society/ Alicia Menefee - In recognition for sharing the history of the people and places within the Bulle Rock Community, including a historic cemetery clean-up and cemetery preservation workshop



Bulle Rock Historical Society

Alicia Menefee

Community Involvement

The Bulle Rock Historical Society (BRHS) was founded in November of 2017 by a group of residents who wished to advocate for the historic heritage of Blenheim Estate and the Mount Pleasant Estate, located behind the gates of the private community of Bulle Rock in Harve de Grace, Maryland. The mission of the BRHS was to connect people through preserving and sharing the natural and cultural history of Bulle Rock.

Proposed at the BRHS included monthly meetings with guest speakers and historic research presentations, community outreach through newsletters and an educational website, a cemetery preservation workshop, and a series of community clean-up events that included clearing Blenheim's historic cemetery. The BRHS worked collaboratively with the homeowners association and BrightView Landscaping to create a safer community where residents could learn about and appreciate its cultural significance.

The culminating event occurred during a Memorial Day ceremony to show remembrance for the War of 1812 and Revolutionary War soldiers and officers buried in the Blenheim Cemetery. Honored guests included Governor William Dunlap of St. John's Episcopal Church in Harve de Grace, Maryland; Mr. Johnny Baker of Post #47 of the American Legion; and local Boy and Girl Scout Troops.

Harford will observe Memorial Day Monday

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Grassroots Advocacy – The Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation - In recognition for saving the Havre de Grace Colored School through outreach and community fundraising events



The Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation

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Grassroots Advocacy

The Havre de Grace Colored School holds special distinction of being the first public high school for African American children in Harford County, Maryland. The initial portion of the school was built in 1918 and served as an emergency school for African American children. In 1930, as a result of parental prayers and petitions, the county expanded the building to accommodate a high school. This historic school building was built during segregation and has a story to tell. The brick edition of the school symbolizes the lives and legacies of parents, teachers and committed citizens who fervently advocated for better education for African-American students. They simply wanted to give their children equal opportunities. The building tells a story of their determination and perseverance.

The effort to save the school began in March 2016, when a "call to action" was placed in the local newspaper to assess the interest of the community. The community presented the call and a committee of 13 dedicated volunteers came together to form the Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation (CSF). Almost two years to date, the CSF became the proud owners of this forgotten piece of Harford County history.

In March 2018, Community Projects of Havre de Grace Inc., the Colored School Foundation (CSF) acquired the former Havre de Grace Colored School from a private owner that was disposing of it.

Community Events, Fundraising & Donations

- July 2016— Open House at the school
- January 2017— 1st Annual Prayer Breakfast Fundraiser
- February 2017— Collaboration with Morgan State University students to create a video about the history of the school. Teamed up with the Hosanna School Museum and hosted a black history month program
- March 2017— took over 100 members of the community to the National Museum of African American History & Culture (hosting two WW2 veterans)
- April 2017— CSF attended an event at the National Museum of African American History & Culture (hosting two WW2 veterans)
- July 2017— Arts, Wine & Jazz Fest Fundraising event— raised over \$7,000
- January 2018— 2nd Annual Prayer Breakfast— raised \$13,000
- Donation by County Executive Barry Glassman—\$30,000
- February 2018— Hosted the 2018 Langston Hughes Youth Oratorical contest
- June & Nov Fundraising— raised \$2,000
- March 2018— Night of History Fundraising event— raised \$3,000
- Harford Mutual Insurance Donation—\$10,000

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Local Government Preservation Award recognizes those on the local government level for their commitment to the cause of historic preservation in Harford County. The 2019 award winners are:

Bel Air Courthouse Window Restoration Project - Harford County Government



Harford County Courthouse Historic Window Restoration Project

Harford County Government





About the Project

Built in late 1818 after the first wooden courthouse burned down, the original brick courthouse building remains unchanged, although has been expanded several times in the past 190 years. The Circuit Courthouse is one of Harford County's most iconic and historic buildings. After growth in the county, flanking additions were added to the building in 1904 and in 1961 a more modern wing was added.

The project consisted of the restoration of 58 historic windows, lead paint abatement, installation of interior storm windows and masonry restoration across the exterior of the courthouse. Each window underwent extensive repairs in kind to the sash, jacks and frames along with re-glazing. Dutchman patches and/or component replacement was utilized to match existing components.

Interior and exterior of windows and surrounding frames were patched, repaired and repainted. The masonry restoration consisted of extensive mortar deterioration across the exterior, particularly evident at the base of the walls where both mortar joints and brick were failing. Hydraulic lime mortars were used for repointing and were selected after samples were taken from the building by preservation consultants.

Contractor: Enoch Engineering
 Project Start: September 2017
 Project Completed: March 2018








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Mt. Soma Barn and Cornerrib Stabilization - Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation



Mt. Soma Barn and Cornerrib Stabilization

Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation






About the Project

The Mt. Soma property adjacent to Route 1 and across Old Jesse Court, in Fallston is a viable remnant of Harford County's agricultural past. It was once a progressive farm where the Ames Family raised lambs, hogs, dairy cattle, affals, apple and small fruits. The barn was constructed around 1818. It is a post and beam masonry and frame tank barn constructed with wood peg connections, half-hewn logs and rough-sawn rafters. All of the barn's structural systems were starting to fail and both the barn and corn crib (c. 1950) were showing signs of neglect and deterioration.

Overall, the project weatherized and stabilized the barn and corncrib in order to prevent further deterioration and to protect and preserve it until future plans for its rehabilitation have been determined.

Contractor— Modern Construction Services
 Engineer— McCon Engineering
 Project Manager— Angela Hoover: Parks and Recreation

Work Included

- Replacement of flaking floor beams
- replaced/removed missing and rotted timbers
- repaired deficiencies in the foundation and framing of the barn by constructing a new buttress wall
- masonry repairs to existing cracks in the foundation due to settlement
- repaired, painted, and sealed the roof
- installed roof gutters, downspout piping and splash blocks added siding boards to insure exterior closure
- boarded all openings and provided lockable doors, and treated for termites.





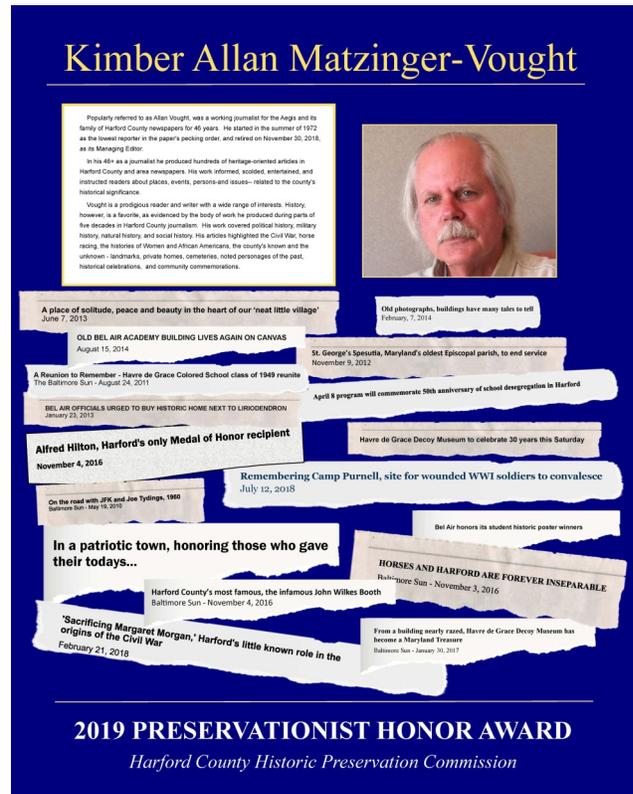
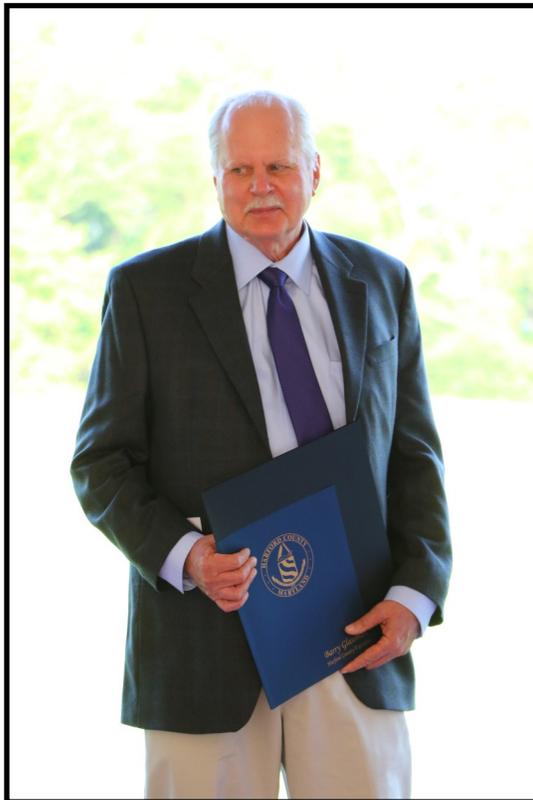



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PRESERVATIONIST HONOR AWARD

The Preservationist Honor Award recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that have advanced the cause of preservation in Harford County over an extended period of time. The 2019 award winner is:

Journalist, Allan Vought, in recognition for his 46+ year career as a journalist, where he produced hundreds of heritage-oriented articles in Harford County and area newspapers. His work informed, scolded, entertained, and instructed readers about places, events, persons-and issues-- related to the county's historical significance.



Honorable mention in this category was given to the Hosanna Community House and School Museum



PRESERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Stewardship Award recognizes outstanding effort and intent toward the maintenance and preservation of an historic property, structure and/or site in Harford County over a lengthy period of time. The 2019 award winner is:

The Liriodendron Foundation Inc.

Since its establishment in 1981, the Foundation has worked to achieve its mission by making physical repairs to the facilities, maintaining and improving the extensive grounds, and creating free and low-cost public educational and cultural offerings to draw in more visitors and broadly share and advance the legacy of Dr. Kelly.



The Liriodendron Foundation, Inc.

The non-profit, Liriodendron Foundation, Inc., was founded in 1981 when the historic mansion, its historic outbuildings, and its surrounding grounds were sold to Harford County by the Kelly family. Initially managed by the County's Department of Parks and Recreation Department, the Foundation took over complete management of the Liriodendron in 2015.

The Liriodendron Foundation exists to preserve and maintain the historic mansion, its outbuildings and its grounds, and to promote the legacy of Dr. Howard Kelly. Since its was established, the Foundation has worked to achieve their mission by preserving the mansion and its outbuildings through ongoing repairs and maintenance and improving its extensive grounds. In addition, the Foundation holds tours and lectures focused on Dr. Kelly and his impact in the community, and continues to expand the numbers of visitors to the Liriodendron each year through rentals, art exhibits, special programs, and regular Open House hours.

Preservation Projects:

- Repair and renovation of all rooms within the mansion, including painting, reframing floors, and repairing light fixtures
- Repair and general maintenance to the exterior of the historic mansion
- Insulated cedar shingle roof replacement
- Rehabilitation of the historic ice house that included the creation of a Native American exhibit
- Repair to the outdoor fountain
- Installation of "inset" interior storm windows to improve energy efficiency

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