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Maryland Historical Trust Announces 2011 Maryland Preservation Award Recipients

William Donald Schaefer to receive the Calvert Prize for Statewide service

CROWNSVILLE, MD — The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has selected 17 projects, organizations, and individuals as the recipients of the 2011 Maryland Preservation Awards. The awards, presented annually by MHT's Board of Trustees, are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation and heritage education projects in Maryland. The Awards will be presented on Friday May 20 at 4:00PM in the East Room of the Miller Senate Conference Center in Annapolis, with a reception to follow in the Rotunda of the State House. The Awards Ceremony and Reception will be the concluding events of the Maryland Preservation & Revitalization Conference and will serve as a celebration of the Trust's 50th Anniversary.

William Donald Schaefer to receive Calvert Prize

Among the recipients will be the late William Donald Schaefer, who will be honored posthumously with the Calvert Prize for his many contributions to historic preservation which were statewide in significance. The Board of Trustees voted on the 2011 recipients at their March 31 meeting. Governor Schaefer was notified of the Trust's intent to honor him just days before his passing on April 18.

During his decades' long career in public service, Governor Schaefer was a pivotal figure in the success of many preservation-related projects and legislative efforts. As Mayor of Baltimore he was a champion of the preservation and revitalization of numerous historic districts and neighborhoods and as Governor he played an instrumental role in the design of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, including the preservation and adaptive use of the 1856 Camden Station and 1899 B&O Warehouse. Among his most significant contributions at the statewide level was the passage of legislation protecting archeological resources, particularly including those submerged in Maryland's vast waterways, including hundreds of shipwrecks,

and the establishment of one of the first state-level underwater archeology programs in the country. He was also a principal figure in and champion of the design and construction of the Maryland Archeological Conservation (MAC) Laboratory at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in Calvert County. The MAC Lab is a state-of-the-art curation facility for archeological materials and currently houses more than 1,000,000 artifacts from every county in Maryland and several Mid-Atlantic States. The MAC Lab gained recent notoriety as the treatment facility for the 19th century merchant ship uncovered at the World Trade Center in New York.

The Calvert Prize was established by the Trustees in 1975 to recognize paramount leadership in or contributions to historic preservation in Maryland at the statewide level. Honorees must have a record of service to historic preservation and had a demonstrable impact at the broadest level. The Calvert Prize was last presented in 2008 to Charles L. Wagandt of Baltimore County, who served as Chairman of the MHT Board of Trustees in the 1980s and oversaw the transition of the Trust from a quasi-public organization to a State agency. Governor Schaefer will be the first Governor to receive the Calvert Prize. Past recipients include United States Senators Paul Sarbanes, Charles McC. Mathias, and Glen Beall, Jr., former House of Delegates Speaker Casper Taylor, former Senate President William S. James, former Comptroller Louis Goldstein, State Senator Ronald Young, Abell Foundation President Robert Embry, and famous Annapolis preservationist Anne St. Clair Wright, among others.

Awards recipients from ten Maryland counties to be honored

In addition to the Calvert Prize, MHT will present awards in seven categories to individuals and organizations from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Harford, Prince George's, Somerset, and Talbot Counties and Baltimore City. The categories are: Preservation Service, Heritage Book, Educational Excellence, Project Excellence, Preservation Partnerships, Stewardship of MHT Easement Properties, and Stewardship of Historic Resources by a Government Agency. "Each award highlights an important and unique aspect of historic preservation and the important and powerful ways that historic places can impact our lives and communities" said Harrison B. Wetherill, Jr., of Annapolis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The 2011 recipients were selected from nominations submitted by individuals and organizations from across Maryland. In selecting the winners the Board considers a variety of factors including community impact, adherence to best practices, and innovation, but all winners are considered to be exemplary role models. "These individuals and projects represent the best in heritage education, community revitalization, and volunteerism in Maryland" said Wetherill.

Awards presentation is part of MHT's 50th Anniversary celebration

The presentation of this year's Maryland Preservation Awards will take on a special significance as the Trust is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its creation by the Maryland General Assembly. In the 1961 Legislative Session, the Assembly passed Senate Bill 447, establishing the Maryland Historical Trust as the primary state-level organization charged with helping Maryland's citizens and communities identify, protect, and preserve historically significant places. The bill was introduced by Senator William S. James and signed on May 3, 1961 by Governor Millard J. Tawes. Orlando Ridout IV, a former Delegate from Anne Arundel County became the first Director in 1963. Maryland was among the first and only States to adopt legislation creating an organization dedicated specifically to preserving and enhancing historically, cultural, and architecturally significant places and served as a model for the National Historic Preservation Act passed by Congress in 1966.

"This is a very special year for the Maryland Historical Trust and an important milestone for historic preservation efforts in Maryland and the United States" said Harrison Wetherill. "Maryland has been a leader in the movement to preserve the places and communities that are truly irreplaceable for the last fifty years, and we intend to continue setting an example for the rest of the country."

The reception honoring award recipients and celebrating the Trust's Anniversary will be held in the iconic Rotunda of the Maryland State House, the oldest legislative building in continuous use in the United States. The Reception will include presentations of Citations from both the Governor and the General Assembly recognizing the Trust's Anniversary and remarks from Chairman Wetherill, MHT Director J. Rodney Little, and Orlando Ridout IV.

For more information about the Maryland Preservation Awards visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/awards.html>.

The 2011 Maryland Preservation Award Recipients are:

THE CALVERT PRIZE

- **RECIPIENT: The Honorable William Donald Schaefer**
The late William Donald Schaefer, former Governor, Comptroller, and Mayor of Baltimore, will receive the Calvert Prize in recognition of his paramount leadership in and substantial contributions to historic preservation programs in Maryland. Among Governor Schaefer's many accomplishments were the support of revitalization efforts in Fell's Point, the design of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the establishment of the Maryland Maritime Archeology Program, and design and construction of the Maryland Archeological Conservation Laboratory at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum.

PRESERVATION SERVICE

- **RECIPIENT:** Maryland Traditions Program at the Maryland State Arts Council
LOCATION: Statewide

The Maryland Traditions program has developed a statewide infrastructure for the documentation, preservation, and presentation of the cultural traditions and folklore of Maryland's diverse communities. Maryland Traditions has raised the profile of traditional arts and culture by spearheading cultural preservation initiatives from the Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore City to Appalachia. These initiatives have been recognized by federal and state institutions, intellectual societies, and countless Maryland communities for their relevance and their high standards of scholarship. Maryland Traditions has protected and reinvigorated threatened traditions, and has created lasting resources for communities to sustain living traditions.

- **RECIPIENT:** Donna C. Hole
LOCATION: Anne Arundel County

Donna Hole has been at the forefront of historic preservation and heritage tourism efforts in Maryland and around the world for nearly 30 years. In 1992 Donna began a 15 year stint as the Chief of Historic Preservation in Annapolis. During her record tenure she served as a liaison between the Historic Preservation Commission and the community and coordinated a series of roundtable discussions with the public — all with the goal of improving the HPC's service to the community and its public perception. Donna was the first chair of the Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area Coordinating Council, and is a continuing member of the Board of Directors and the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation. Donna has also been a respected board member of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions for over a decade and served two terms as President.

- **RECIPIENT:** Franklin A. Robinson, Jr.
LOCATION: Charles County

Franklin Robinson has been a leader in historic preservation efforts in Southern Maryland for more than a decade. His work has included not researching, preserving, and protecting only buildings and landscapes, but entire communities. Mr. Robinson regularly donates his time to assist a broad range of projects, including researching specific properties, preparing National Register and Maryland Inventory forms, identifying and writing grants for preservation projects, conducting free seminars on archiving and preserving papers and historical artifacts, advocating for historic properties and projects throughout Southern Maryland, and testifying at hearings and

other public forums in defense of preservation measures. Mr. Robinson is employed as an Archives Specialist with the Archives Center in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History.

HERITAGE BOOK

- **PUBLICATION:** *Maritime Maryland: A History*
RECIPIENTS: William S. Dudley, Ph.D. (author) and Johns Hopkins University Press

There have been many publications which studied, analyzed, and described the Chesapeake waters and their importance to Maryland's past, present, and future, but the value of *Maritime Maryland* is its broad scope and inclusiveness. The author has made a significant contribution by creating a narrative synthesis of these many and varied studies, all within the context of regional and national events. He shows how the bay and its tributaries have made a major impact on the lives of this region's inhabitants. He argues that the abundant waters of the Chesapeake have shaped and improved the lives of those who have depended on it for their livelihoods, for transportation of agricultural and manufactured products, during naval conflicts for defense of the bay, for the harvesting of seafood, and for recreational pursuits. The economy of the entire state has benefitted from the geographical asset of this marvelous estuary which has made a permanent impact on Maryland's history and heritage. Dr. Dudley is a retired historian with the United States Navy.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- **RECIPIENT:** Baltimore Heritage, Inc.
LOCATION: Baltimore City
PROJECT: Behind the Scenes Tours

Since 2006, Baltimore Heritage's Behind the Scenes Tour program has offered regular tours of historic places across the city to a diverse and growing community of Baltimore area residents. Beginning with only 40 people and one tour in early 2006, the distribution list of members has grown to over 1400 people today and the number of tour sites grew to 25 separate places last year. The subject of the Behind the Scenes tour programs varies depending on the featured historic site and the volunteer tour leader or guide for the program. These tours and others address both the architectural and social history of their buildings and neighborhoods, as well as the process of architectural restoration and the preservation and development of historic properties. Tours are intended to promote and support Baltimore's historic sites and to create a group of "heritage ambassadors" made up of Baltimoreans who know and care about the city's heritage.

- **RECIPIENT:** **Community Media Center of Carroll County**
LOCATION: **Carroll County**
PROJECT: **Carroll County History Project**

The Carroll County History Project is an ongoing multi-part initiative to digitally capture and preserve the oral and pictorial history of Carroll County, and make it accessible to the general public. The History Project began in 2008 when the Community Media Center of Carroll County partnered with the Carroll County NAACP to preserve the memories of local African-Americans by videotaping them, then aired them on Carroll's public access channel. That early partnership grew to include the Historical Society of Carroll County, the Carroll County Public Library, the Human Relations Commission of Carroll County, the Carroll County Genealogical Society and the Carroll County Bureau of Aging. The History Project was officially unveiled to the community in the Fall of 2008 and to date, the archive contains nearly 500 oral history interviews. In 2009, a collaborative effort was developed with the Carroll County Times for an ongoing newspaper column based on the History Project interviews.

- **RECIPIENT:** **Huntingtown High School and Calvert County Public Schools**
LOCATION: **Huntingtown, Calvert County**
PROJECT: **Huntingtown High School Archeology Class**

The Archaeology Class at Huntingtown High School was started two and a half years ago by teacher Jeff Cunningham with the support of school and district leadership. The class teaches juniors and seniors not only archeological principles and methods, but how chemistry, math, art, geology, and other disciplines intertwine and relate to history. The class includes a mock archeological site and the school has forged a partnership with nearby Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, the State Museum of Archeology. Archaeology Class students also take multiple field trips to enhance their understanding of archaeology and history. These trips include Historic St. Mary's City, the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, and with the audio tour project, the National Museum of the American Indian and the United States Capitol. The class illustrates for students how we know what we know about American history beyond what is written in books.

STEWARDSHIP OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY

- **RECIPIENT:** **Town of Sykesville**
LOCATION: **Carroll County**

The Town of Sykesville straddles the Patapsco River as it winds its way between Carroll and Howard Counties. Home to a little more than 4,400 people, it is the picture postcard of small town life in one of Maryland's historic communities. The Town and its residents have long prized and celebrated their history and the dozens of historic houses, shops, and churches that line its streets. The Town's elected leaders, civic organizations, and citizens have shown great commitment to historic preservation and being good stewards of their inherited legacy over many years and have set a wonderful example for other communities throughout the State. The core of the Town is a locally-designated historic district and an all volunteer Historic District Commission helps property owners make sympathetic changes to their buildings while accommodating modern needs. The Town purchased and rehabilitated the 1883 B&O Railroad Station in the early 1990s and today leases it to a successful restaurant. The Town also owns and has assisted the restoration of the historic Black School House and B&O Switching Tower, and even houses its offices in a historic home right on Main Street.

In the early 2000s, the Town took a major leap of faith when it took ownership of the Warfield campus of the former Springfield State Hospital. The campus is comprised of more than a dozen Colonial revival style dormitories, treatment facilities, and service buildings atop a hillside overlooking downtown. The Town fought for the preservation of the historic buildings and formed a nonprofit organization to spearhead the redevelopment efforts on the property. Several buildings have been rehabilitated to date and house new business and several more rehabilitation and new construction projects are in development.

STEWARDSHIP OF MHT EASEMENT PROPERTIES

- **RECIPIENT:** Fairmount Academy Historical Association and Somerset County
LOCATION: Upper Fairmount, Somerset County

The Fairmount Academy consists of two late 19th century public school buildings that served the rural community of Upper Fairmount on a narrow peninsula in southern Somerset County. The rural school house once housed students in all twelve grades, but by 1944 served only as a primary school for first through sixth grade students. The County closed the school in 1969 and announced their intention to auction the property in 1972. Local residents formed the Fairmount Academy Historical Association and have served as the primary caretakers of the property since that time. The property is owned by the county, but is operated and maintained by the Historical Association. The Maryland Historical Trust supported the restoration of the buildings with a capital grant in 1990 and has held a perpetual preservation easement on the property since that time. The Historical Association receives limited annual funding from the County for

maintenance, and like many nonprofit organizations works hard to maintain their membership as well as the funding and programming necessary to preserve the buildings and their community's heritage.

PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIPS

- **PROJECT:** Proctor House
LOCATION: 54 E. Gordon St., Bel Air, Harford County
RECIPIENTS: Kelly Financial Group, Town of Bel Air, Harford County

The Proctor House, built between 1860 and 1873, is a Gothic Revival Style cottage unique in Bel Air for its board and batten construction and for its barge boards and finials as well as for the wide overhang of the eaves. The house remained in the Proctor family until 1965, when the Harford County School Board purchased it and used it for office space. In October 2006, after several years of vacancy, the house was given to Harford County Government. Remaining vacant thereafter, the house continued to deteriorate from neglect. Harford County approached the Town of Bel Air to determine what might be the best way to preserve the Proctor House and allow this significant structure to serve a functional role within the Town. The Town agreed to seek a buyer for the property who would be interested in rehabilitating the structure, but the real estate downturn in 2008-2009 made the prospect daunting. The Kelly Financial Group, an adjacent property owner, purchased the property in 2009 and undertook a \$500,000 rehabilitation project to expand their financial services business. The project owners were awarded \$100,000 from the Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits and property tax credits from the Town and County. Work on the project began in the spring of 2010, and Kelly Financial Group employees moved into the renovated Proctor House in January, 2011. The efforts and cooperation of local, county and state staff plus the willingness of a local business to invest in their community made it possible to save and renovate an important historical structure located in the Town of Bel Air. The project also turned a property that had formerly been a drain on public resources into a privately-owned property that is back on the tax rolls and contributing to the Town's economy.

PROJECT EXCELLENCE

- **PROJECT:** Restoration of the skipjack *Caleb W. Jones*
LOCATION: Mount Victoria, Charles County
RECIPIENTS: Michael J. Sullivan; Coastal Heritage Alliance

The skipjack Caleb W. Jones, one of less than a dozen surviving oyster boats of the once mighty Chesapeake fleet, was built in 1953 in Reedville, Virginia. The vessel was

built during the “second wave” of skipjack construction during a revival of the oyster industry after World War II. The 65-foot long wooden vessel was built by Jones’ grandson and after two decades of service in Virginia waters, was purchased by a waterman on Deal Island, Somerset County. The captain retired from oystering in 2006 and the boat was docked in shallow water in need of significant repair. In 2008 Michael J. Sullivan, a Charles County businessman with an interest in Maryland history, purchased the vessel and personally financed its restoration so that it could be used for environmental education programs on the Potomac River. The boat was shored up and transported to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael’s where Mike Vlahovich and his crew from the Coastal Heritage Alliance restored the vessel in public view as an education program for museum visitors. The project also served as a training program for apprentice boatwrights, allowing a master craftsman like Mr. Vlahovich to pass along critically endangered skills to a new generation.

- **PROJECT:** Rehabilitation of the Gilpin’s Falls Covered Bridge
LOCATION: Bayview, Cecil County
RECIPIENTS: Cecil County, Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, Kinsley Construction, Barns and Bridges of New England, Gilpin’s Falls Covered Bridge Committee

Built in 1860 on a site that had seen grain, saw and woolen mills, Gilpin’s Falls Covered Bridge was located upstream of a stone dam on the Northeast Creek. The bridge is a timber, single span, Burr Arch Truss structure built in 1860 by Joseph George Johnston. The bridge is 119 feet long and is the longest of the six remaining historic covered bridges in the State of Maryland. Until 1936, the bridge accommodated highway traffic. At that time, the State Roads Commission realigned Route 272 and the bridge was abandoned. Its repair and maintenance were left in the care of farmers in the area. A severe snowstorm in 1958 caused the deteriorated roof of the abandoned structure to collapse. In 1989, the Maryland State Highway Administration transferred title of the bridge to Cecil County. Because of a lack of maintenance, the bridge, again, fell into disrepair and was in a state of structural collapse. Inspections by various consulting structural engineers resulted in the closure of the bridge to pedestrian traffic in July 1999. Between 1999 and 2010 Cecil County worked to secure funding, develop plans, and hire contractors to rehabilitate the bridge for use on a bike and pedestrian adjacent to the new roadway. The Maryland Historical Trust supported the project with a Capital Grant and holds a perpetual preservation easement on the structure. The bridge reopened for use in June 2010.

- **PROJECT:** Rehabilitation of 105 E. Montgomery Street, Baltimore
LOCATION: 105 E. Montgomery St., Baltimore
RECIPIENTS: C. Bruce Boswell; Swanston & Associates Architects

This Federal style house in the Federal Hill National Register Historic District was built in the early years of the 19th Century and is typical of the earliest structures in Federal Hill. Located on a fifteen foot wide lot the house is a two room deep, two-and-a-half story building with a rear two story kitchen wing. Abandoned for nearly 30 years, the house was purchased by Bruce Boswell in 2006 and was in need of significant repair. The roof over the two story kitchen wing had collapsed and there was extensive water damage throughout. Termites had damaged many of the structural components and flooring of the rear wing. Water penetration had damaged all or part of every ceiling in the house. Every room in the house had floorboards that were missing and/or rotted. While the house had gas lines installed in the late 1800's for lighting, plumbing in the early 1900's and a rudimentary electrical system, it had had virtually no updates in many years. Mr. Boswell worked with architect Rebecca Swanston to develop rehabilitation plans for the building that would allow for a comfortable, contemporary home while restoring the historic features that make the property unique.

- **PROJECT:** Rehabilitation of 212 Brookletts Ave., Easton
LOCATION: 212 Brookletts Ave., Easton, Talbot County
RECIPIENTS: Al Bond and Christin Dickey; O'Neill Development Company

Situated near the edge of the Easton Historic District, the Horsey House at 212 Brookletts Ave. recently underwent a remarkable transformation. The exterior of the large, late 19th century frame residence was completely rehabilitated by owners Al Bond and Christin Dickey and their contractors from O'Neill Development. The home was in reasonably good condition, but the siding, porches, and roof were all in need of repair from years of water damage and rot. The contractor removed the mid-20th century cedar shingle siding to reveal the original shiplap siding, which was repaired and painted, repaired the porch columns, floors, and roof, and restored the historic wood windows in the house. The result is remarkable and the visual impact of the rehabilitation project on the neighborhood is nothing short of amazing. The owners received a State Rehabilitation Tax Credit from the Maryland Historical Trust for the project and are the recipients of a 2011 preservation award from the Easton Historic District Commission.

- **PROJECT:** Rehabilitation of the Charles Carroll House
LOCATION: 107 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
RECIPIENTS: Charles Carroll House of Annapolis, Inc., Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Tower Construction

The Charles Carroll House is one of only 15 surviving birthplaces of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence and was owned by five generations of the Carroll family. The property has been owned by the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer since 1852 and served as a center of missionary activity for the Redemptorists until the late 1960s, when the order relocated their headquarters out of the building. The Charles Carroll House of Annapolis, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the property, recently completed a remarkably sensitive and impressive transformation of this significant house into offices and meeting space. The 18th and 19th century finishes and features were all stabilized and either restored or encapsulated, and the electrical and security systems were upgraded to meet modern safety requirements. This project is significant not only for the quality of work and attention to detail in the design and execution of the plans, but for the decisions made about the use of the property. Rather than turn the house into a museum, CCHA and the Redemptorists chose to make sensitive alterations to accommodate a contemporary use while still allowing for public access and interpretation of this iconic structure.

- **PROJECT:** Rehabilitation of the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion
LOCATION: 8151 15th Ave., Langley Park, Prince George's County
RECIPIENTS: Bucher/Borges Group, CASA de Maryland, Loiderman-Soltesz Associates, Linton Engineering, Mendoza Ribas Farinas Associates, EMO Energy Solutions, Hamel Commercial, Inc.

Once part of the 565-acre Langley Park estate, the three-story, 19,000 square foot mansion was built in 1924 as a private residence for Frederick Goodhart and his wife Henrietta McCormick. Frederick Goodhart was a noble from the Langley Park estate in England and Henrietta McCormick was a wealthy descendent of the inventor of the mechanic reaper. Following their death the mansion became a seminary, then a Montessori school, and finally a childcare center before sitting vacant for many years. The estate was subdivided several times and the surrounding land is now primarily used as garden apartments. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2008, the building has become a community landmark in Langley Park, Maryland. CASA de Maryland worked with architect Bucher/Borges Group to transform the mansion from a badly damaged, vacant historic property into a thriving office and community center. The construction work included restoration of the exterior and most of the existing historic interior, adaptive use of service and storage areas, and an underground addition. The project incorporated numerous green building features, including a green roof on the new addition and earned a LEED Gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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