

TideKeeper TIMES

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Tales from the place where time & tide meet

Six More Projects in Southern Maryland to Get State Funds

We are delighted to announce that six important projects in our region have been chosen for funding by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, (MHAA.) This program specifically funds both capital and non-capital projects for sites that will support cultural heritage activities across the three counties of Southern Maryland – Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's.

These are the third round of grants to come through the Southern Maryland Heritage Area. The funds are available to non-profits and government organizations that seek to promote heritage tourism and economic development in certified Heritage Areas across the state. The awards are:

The Commissioners of Charles County will receive \$15,000 to develop a plan for an *Interpretive Trail through Historic Port Tobacco*. This study will provide a preliminary design for the location and specifications, using community input and the history and archeology available.



The only sign currently at Historic Port Tobacco

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County will receive \$75,000 to help fund *The Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Park Enhancement Project*. This phase includes themed exhibits interpreting the

Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River waterways, watermen and the historic boat collection.



Cove Point Lighthouse

The Calvert Marine Museum Society will receive \$59,000 for the *Cove Point Lighthouse Historic Site Renovation Project*. The funds will support the repair and restoration of the interior of the masonry lighthouse tower. The light tower will be used for educational programs.

The Commissioners of Leonardtown will receive \$14,000 for the *Leonardtown Wharf Waterfront Interpretive and Historic Signage Project*. This work will be part of the Public Waterfront Park and includes the installation of new bulkhead, piers, a boardwalk, catwalk and promenade.

The Beach Business Group will receive \$4,000 to help create the *Beaches Heritage Loop Trail Map*. This association of business people from North Beach and Chesapeake Beach are planning to use the funds to

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Mini-Grants to Benefit Small Projects Across the Three Counties

We are happy to announce even more good news, the award of nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, total, for ten projects across the three counties of Southern Maryland in this, our fourth annual Mini-Grant Program.

The individual grants are for a maximum of \$1,000 per award. The award recipients and projects for fall 2007 are as follows:

Bayside History Museum, North Beach, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Bayside History Museum Brochure*. The brochure will be made available to the public at events, fairs, libraries, visitor center and through groups and organizations.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, Chesapeake Beach, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Heritage Tour: Exploring the Chesapeake Beach Railway*. This grant will extend an existing tour to include the entire right of way, will use a bus and also provide a self-guided tour.

Historic St. Mary's City Foundation, St. Mary's City, MD will receive \$850 for: *State House 1676 Audio Tour*. For the purchase of 2 audio carrels with 2 – 3 minutes each of interpretive information about the evolution of citizen government and justice in Maryland.

Historic Sotterley, Inc. Hollywood, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Reprint of Gateways Brochure*. This new brochure provides a history of the people who owned or worked the property, describes building modifications, and shows a map of site.



Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD will receive \$1000 for: *CCHS Document Imaging Project*. This project will collect, preserve, publish and disseminate historical facts for cultural purposes. The goal is to create a genealogical archive that is fully digitized and user friendly.

Friends of St. Clements Island & PPL Museums, Colton's Point, MD will receive \$1000 for: *St. Clement's Island Signage Project*. Phases 2 & 3 of this project will produce and install a three panel kiosk and up to 8 interpretive panels.

Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum, St. Leonards, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Interpretive Brochure for the MAC Lab*. The Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory's first brochure will inform the public about the conservation and study of the millions of artifacts housed at the MAC Lab, and how to visit the facility and view the collection..

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, Port Tobacco MD will receive \$1000 for: *The Search for Port Tobacco*. This project will expand and continue the archaeological survey that was undertaken this past summer in Port Tobacco. To identify the sites that comprised the town over the past 300 years.

Greenwell Foundation, Inc., Hollywood, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Interpretive Center Signage*. To provide interpretive signage in the chapel touching on key points of the Greenwell story and educate the public about the cultural and environmental resources at the site.

African-American Heritage Society of Charles County, La Plata, MD will receive \$1000 for: *Community Outreach and Awareness Campaign*. This project will develop the website and the support printed materials about African American who have made contributions to the county.

Last year the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium Mini-Grant Program funded 11 projects across Southern Maryland, this is the fourth year for this program.

A view of Sotterley Plantation



The Mackall Barn at Historic St. Mary's City

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design a walking map brochure of historic sites through both communities.

The Historic St. Mary's City Commission will receive \$28,500 for the *Stabilization of the Mackall Tobacco Barn*. This circa 1785 structure is the oldest intact building in St. Mary's City. The funds will be used for roofing and the repair of barn walls for eventual use as a historical agricultural exhibit space.

The SMHAC will also receive a grant to support its own operations for another year. The next round of state funded Maryland Heritage Area Project Grants will be in the Spring of 2008.

Swinging In the Barn – Our Third Annual Fundraiser

Once again, we held our Barn Dance on October 6th and it was a beautiful early fall evening in the barn at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in St. Leonard. The crowd enjoyed food, drink, an auction and live music by the Capitol Quicksteps, a traditional "Contra" dance ensemble.



Commissioner Sam Graves with Suzanne Cook, Joanne Roland and Debra Pence.

To the sounds of fiddles, tin whistles and a genuine caller who got people up and moving to the music, everyone was both entertained and, at times, entertaining! Over thirty items were auctioned off, some hotly contested and some went to bargain hunters. The tables filled with auction items were a good diversion for anyone who didn't wear their dancing shoes, and the auction also provided additional funds to the SMHAC.

For the first time the Heritage Area announced an award for an outstanding member of the Heritage Tourism Community – our Board Chair Maggie Schwartz. She has had a successful career with Chaney Enterprises and was part of the original group of dedicated visionaries who founded the Heritage

Area and its sister organization, the Southern Maryland Travel and Tourism Committee. Maggie will be returning to her native England where she and her husband Ron have a home in a small historic town. We will miss her enormously but she will remember us when she wears her Maryland Charm Bracelet which was our parting gift to her.



SMHAC Board Chair Maggie Schwartz received the first "Time & Tidekeeper" award.

Waldorf Restaurant Inc. and the Great Mills Trading Post, Holiday Inn Select was a silver sponsor and bronze sponsorship came from Gray's Home Improvement and Allen Scott Flooring. The use of the barns pavilion and the site was generously donated by Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

As always, without the support of our wonderful sponsors, the event would not have been a success. Our invitations and tickets were printed by Heritage Printing in Leonardtown and our programs were created by SMECO. Our golden sponsors were Chaney Enterprises,



Mayor Michael Bojokles with Diane Seller, Tom Hill and John Paradiso.

Barns in Southern Maryland Continue to Get Help

The second meeting of the Committee to evaluate and distribute funds from the Save America's Treasures allocation reviewed the list of old tobacco barns applying for assistance. There were barns both private and publicly owned from all five counties – Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince Georges and Anne Arundel. Once again, many applications were received and the criteria that

worked the previous year were still in effect. Barns with historical merit were given priority, and of course those that are in agricultural use or were in plain view were also considered to be important.

The fund works as a re-grant program, with the assets being allotted in amounts up to \$10,000, with a one-to-one match by the owner, for repairs that follow strict guidelines.

All the remaining funds were allocated, but often property owners will carry out repairs without using their allotment,



One of the barns that received funding, in Charles County.

so it remains to be seen if the program will have any money left. Meanwhile, Preservation Maryland will continue to administer the fund.

Mission:

The Mission of the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium is to enhance the economic activity of Southern Maryland through combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural & natural resource conservation and education.

Support Southern Maryland's Heritage... Become a **Tidekeeper** now!

The people of Southern Maryland are interested in the history and culture of our region. These people make up our Friends group, called *Tidekeepers*.

With your help, we will preserve, enhance and promote all that is special about our heritage area. By doing that we will demonstrate what a terrific place Southern Maryland is to work and play, for all the residents and also for the visitors and businesses in the region. Joining this elite circle of pride can cost as little as twenty dollars, so complete the Membership Form today and send it in with your donation – become a Tidekeeper of Southern Maryland.

YES, I want to join the Tidekeepers and demonstrate my pride in the unique Heritage of Southern Maryland! Enclosed is my donation for the Membership Level:

(please check one:)

Associate Member \$20 Supporting Member \$100 Sustaining Member \$500

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E Mail: _____

Address: City/State/Zip _____

Special interests/concerns/talents: _____

I want to make an additional contribution in this amount: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Friends of Southern Maryland Heritage**, a non-profit organization, organized under the 501-c(3) of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. Your dues are tax deductible.

Mail completed form and check to: **Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, PO Box 745, Hughesville, MD 20637.**

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