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The newsletter of the Four Rivers Heritage Area

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2020 Year in Review

For Four Rivers (and the world,) the Year 2020 is divided into two periods: Pre-COVID and Post-COVID. Prior to March 13, the Four Rivers Heritage Area conducted normal operations, convened committee meetings, formulated grant requests for FY2021 operations and projects, and assisted numerous heritage partners in consideration and submission of grant proposals to FY2021 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant round. Fourteen projects submitted "Intent to Apply" forms by January 31, and 12 final MHAA FY21 project grants were submitted by partners by the final deadline of February 29, 2020. Five applications were for Capital grant projects, and five were for Non-Capital grant projects, with two additional multi-heritage area grants, for a total of \$748,795 in grant requests. Four Rivers was also a sponsor of the Maryland State House's very successful community event, "A Celebration of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass," pictured here.

After COVID-19 so greatly impacted the world and so many offices, businesses, and events shut down, Four Rivers moved its operations online, as so many of our partners did as well. Meetings were held via Google Meet and Zoom; a work-

shop on making our sites more accessible, with speaker Robert Forloney, was also offered virtually. The Maryland Day Celebration, which had to be cancelled in March, was "re-booted" in June with both in-person and virtual programming with the title "Maryland Day: Unpaused." While many heritage sites remained closed to the public, Four Rivers created a new section on our website dedicated to "Virtual Experiences" offered by our partners. MHAA awarded 4 COVID-19 Emergency Grants in our Heritage Area in May, 10 FY2021 Grants to organizations in our Heritage Area in July, and the Fall Four Rivers Mini-Grant Round offered the opportunity for both project grants and Emergency Operating funds grants, and we awarded 9 grants total (see grants awarded on page 3).

Finally, our Boundary Amendment Project progressed from receiving the completed study from our partners at Anne Arundel County Cultural Resources Division, to site reviews, assessment, and discussion by our Boundary Amendment Committee, to a draft map that was completed in late December. Watch for final refinements as we aim to present a proposal to MHAA in April 2021.



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Thank you for Your Support!

Thank you to all our sponsors, donors and active supporters of the Four Rivers Heritage Area this year!

In 2020, we received major grant support from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis, and benefited from a generous partner relationship with Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (VAAAC). We are also grateful to the following donors: Tim Baker, Lou Biondi, *Linnell Bowen, Deborah Coons, *Alice Estrada, Lynne Forsman, Friends of the Maryland State Archives, Richard Hughes, Ray and Jean Langston, Roberta Laynor, Jane McWilliams, *Gertrude Makell, *Diane Nowak-Waring, Cathy Oliver, Lily Openshaw, *Barbara Polito, *Jean Russo, Lauren Silberman, Tony Spencer, Melanie Teems, Beth Terranova, Dorothy Whitman, and Laura Carrier Wood.

Four Rivers would also like to recognize many additional local partners for in-kind contributions made in 2020, including: Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning, Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Chesapeake Children's Museum, City of

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Four Rivers salutes the following individuals for their generous donations of volunteer time in 2020: Lisa Arrasmith, Katie Redmiles Barron, Cecilia Benalcazar, Becky Benner, Cindy Borchardt, *Linnell Bowen, Pam Browne, Eve Case, Robert Clark, Rod Cofield, Chanel Compton, Jane Cox, Johanna Doty, Christine Dunham, *Alice Estrada, Erik Evans, Lynne Forsman, Mary-Angela Hardwick, Janice Hayes-Williams, Sabriyah Hassan, Diana Klein, Sarah Krizek, Peggy L'Hommedieu, Roberta Laynor, *Tim Leahy, *Gertrude Makell, Claudette McDonald, *Diane Nowak-Waring, *Lily Openshaw, *Barbara Polito, Anastasia Poulos, Hilary Raftovich, *Jean Russo, William Sanders III, Jo Shallcross, Heather Skipper, Tony Spencer, Caitlin Swaim, Emily Oland Squires, Marcie Taylor-Thoma, Tatiana Wells, Dorothy Whitman, Debbie Wood, and Laura Carrier Wood.

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Four Rivers Continues Sponsorship Program in 2020

Four Rivers sponsored two collaborative events in 2020; the first supported the family event at the Maryland State House that celebrated the installation of the statues of Harriet Tubman of Fredrick Douglass, on February 15. The second supported the "Kick Gas" collaborative event presented by Annapolis Green, which brought partners together as it virtually showcased more than 40 plug-in vehicles in a fun, interactive way at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library, on October 1. This program offers limited support for events/programs that foster creative collaborations among multiple heritage-related organizations to build partnerships for the benefit of our local community. Only non-profit organizations are eligible to apply, for an event or program taking place within the geographic boundaries of our heritage area. For more details on the Sponsorship opportunity, please visit our website.

Grants Awarded in 2020

Type of Grant	Recipient & Project	Category	Grant Amount	Total Project Amount
MHAA Capital Project Grant (FY21)	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Restoration of Skipjack Wilma Lee	Capital Restoration	\$34,841	\$73,377
	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Phase 1 Improvements at the Park Campus	Capital Improvement	\$95,954	\$555,893
	Historic Annapolis, Inc. William Paca Garden Accessibility: Planning Phase	Capital Restoration	\$8,000	\$16,000
	London Town Foundation Educational Pavillion Construction	Capital Improvement	\$100,000	\$275,000
	Preservation Maryland Stabilization of the Captain William Burtis House	Capital Restoration	\$100,000	\$250,000
MHAA Non-Capital Project Grant (FY21)	Captain Avery Museum From Vision to Reality	Heritage Tourism Product	\$10,000	\$20,000
	Historic Annapolis, Inc. History of Annapolis Exhibit: Fabrication and Installation	Heritage Tourism Product	\$50,000	\$296,000
	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Sellman-Kirkpatrick-Howitt House: Museum Exhibit Planning - Phase 1	Heritage Tourism Product	\$50,000	\$145,000
MHAA Management Grant (FY21)^	ALTSCHA, Inc.	Management	\$100,000	\$212,000
MHAA Marketing Grant (FY21)^	ALTSCHA, Inc., in partnership with VAAAC	Marketing	\$25,000	\$50,000
MHAA COVID-19 Emergency Grant (FY20)	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park	COVID-19	\$20,000	\$40,000
	Captain Avery Museum	COVID-19	\$10,000	\$20,000
	Historic Annapolis, Inc.	COVID-19	\$10,000	\$20,000
	London Town Foundation	COVID-19	\$10,000	\$20,000
Totals for State Funding Project in FY2020			\$623,795	\$1,993,270
Four Rivers Mini-Grant Program Grants, Fall 2020 (FY21)	Annapolis Community Foundation, in partnership with Annapolis Greek Heritage Project Annapolis Greek Heritage Project	Project	\$4,000	\$14,471
	Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation, Inc. Anti-Racism Program Series	Project	\$4,000	\$20,000
	Galesville Heritage Society Heritage Tour Brochure	Project	\$2,210	\$5,455
	Historic Annapolis, Inc. "Annapolis: An American Story" Brochure	Project	\$2,710	\$5,435
	London Town Foundation, Inc. Interpretive Signage in Response to COVID-19	Project	\$4,000	\$17,435
	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Emergency Operating	Emergency	\$4,000	\$9,666
	Galesville Community Center Organization Emergency Operating	Emergency	\$1,250	\$2,527
	Ralph J. Bunche Community Center, Inc. Emergency Operating	Emergency	\$1,250	\$2,500
	Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center Emergency Operating	Emergency	\$4,000	\$8,068
Totals for Mini-Grant Funding in FY2020			\$27,420	\$85,558
Totals for Funded Projects in 2020			\$651,215	\$2,078,828

^Four Rivers Management Grant includes \$10,000 redistributed to mini-grant recipients

Annual Heritage Awards Go Virtual



Four Rivers Heritage Area held its Seventeenth Annual Heritage Awards online on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, via Facebook Live, in a half-hour presentation that can be viewed in recordings on both Facebook and Youtube. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, partnerships, programs and products that contribute significantly to the community by interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. The honorees have had a lasting impact on authentic stories and experiences at our museums and historic attractions, the sustainability of local organizations, and the preservation of the history and heritage of the local community.

We are pleased to list the honorees recognized this year:

Heritage Tourism Product Award – Experience

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park,
Wilma Lee Tour

Heritage Tourism Product Award – Book

The Maryland State House:
250 Years of History

Heritage Volunteer Award

Cathy Oliver, *Galesville Heritage Society*

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Catherine Schmidt, *Historic Annapolis*

Legacy Award

“Cooking On The Chesapeake” Culinary
Programs – Honorees:

- Galesville Community Center Organization
- Vincent O. Leggett

Heritage Partnership Award

“A Celebration of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass” – Partners:

- Maryland State Archives
- Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture
- National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (*National Park Service*)
- Maryland Department of Commerce – Office of Tourism
- Friends of the Maryland State Archives

Heritage Interpreter of the Year

Nannetta Hall, *Historic Annapolis*

Public/Private Initiative Award

Anne Arundel County Lynching
Memorial – Partners:

- Connecting the Dots
- Maryland Lynching Memorial Project
- Equal Justice Initiative
- Anne Arundel County
- City of Annapolis

Individuals: Monica Lindsey and Jennifer Haber, co-chairs, with Emma Buchman, Lee Zanger, Jane Zanger, Renee Cantori, Will Schwarz, and Janice Hayes-Williams

Heritage Professional of the Year

Carrie Kiewitt, *Historic Annapolis*

Heritage Leadership Award

Mimi Scrivener Calver



Pictured: Detail of presentation, Public/Private Initiative Award

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