

New Directions

The Heritage Area of Anne Arundel County



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Chesapeake Crossroads Sees Change and Growth in 2023

In 2023, the heritage area completed some significant updates: we adopted a new Five-Year Plan, approved a new set of Interpretive Themes, and we legally changed our name (to Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area, Inc.) We also got to work on new goals.

One goal is to support new partners in the grant application process, and this year, four new partner organizations received funding from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (out of seven), and four new organizations received Mini-Grant funding (out of twelve).

We are also hard at work on our goal to increase our technical assistance to partners, offering new workshops to inform and train stakeholders.

In 2023, we hosted four workshops/webinars: an in-person workshop about our Interpretive Themes; a webinar about the National Register process in Maryland; a webinar about local marketing partnerships; and a webinar version of our annual grant-writing workshop. The webinars were recorded, and links are available on our website. *(cont. on page 2)*

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(cont. from page 1) We are planning several more workshops for the upcoming months in 2024 (watch our weekly E-newsletters for announcements). In 2023, the heritage area sponsored four partner events: the Annapolis Juneteenth Celebration, a lecture series by the Friends of Historic Linthicum Walks, the Port Marker Ceremony at Historic London Town and Gardens, and the Holiday Maker Mart at the Chesapeake Arts Center. Finally, two "Small Changes" Grants were awarded, both to Friends of Historic Linthicum Walks (one in FY 2023, and one in FY2024).



Thank You For Your Support!

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

In 2023, 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: Patricia Barland, *Linnell Bowen, Tara Clifford, Deborah Coons, Lynne Forsman, Mark Hildebrand, *Timothy Leahy, Jane McWilliams, *Diane Nowak-Waring, Openshaw Charitable Fund, *Jean Russo, William Sanders III, Dorothy Whitman, and Laura Carrier Wood.

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*indicates Board Member serving in 2023



Thank you!

Grants Awarded in 2023

In 2023, the Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area brought \$470,273 in funding to capital and non-capital projects at heritage sites, museums, and non-profit organizations in our area, as well as three grants to the Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area, which include support for our important Mini-Grant program. These fully-matched grants leveraged more than \$2,341,783 in total project costs.

Grants Awarded in 2023				
Type of Grant	Recipient and Project	Category	Grant Amount	Total Project Amount
MHAA Capital Project Grant (FY24)	Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation Elktonia Heritage Park Phase II Site Acquisition	Capital Acquisition	\$90,000	\$1,250,000
	Severn Crossroads Foundation Restoration of Historic Baldwin Hall - Exterior Painting	Capital Improvement	\$20,000	\$41,915
MHAA Non-Capital Project Grant (FY24)	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Master Planning and Inclusive Interpretation	Heritage Tourism Product	\$47,500	\$163,397
	Chesapeake Conservancy Elevating Black Voices in the New Elktonia Heritage Park's Master Plan	Heritage Tourism Product	\$47,500	\$100,000
	St. Mary's Annapolis Roman Catholic Church Renewal of Instructional Panels in the Charles Carroll House, Annapolis	Heritage Tourism Product	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Sharing Civil Rights Stories with Visitors	Heritage Tourism Product	\$47,500	\$132,750
MHAA Emergency Grant (FY24)	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Emergency Funds for the Annapolis Maritime Museum	Emergency Grant (Capital)	\$17,773	\$36,573
MHAA Management Grant (FY24)	FY2024 Management Grant	Management	\$100,000	212000
MHAA Marketing Grant (FY24)	FY2024 Two-Year Marketing Project	Marketing	\$50,000	\$100,000
MHAA Block Grant (FY24)	FY2024 Block Grant (for Mini-Grant Program)	Block Grant	\$25,000	\$50,000
Totals for State-Funded Projects in 2023			\$ 470,273	\$2,136,635
	Recipient and Project	Category	Grant Amount	Total Project Amount
Mini-Grant Program Grants, Fall 2023 (FY24)- Funded by MHAA Block Grant and CCHA Fund-Raising	Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park Underserved Youth Sailing Into History	Project	\$2,000	\$11,242.16
	Annapolis Symphony Orchestra Protecting the Sheet Music Collection	Project	\$1,000	\$9,030
	Captain Avery Museum Avery Heritage Gardens and Tour	Project	\$3,500	\$17,216
	Chesapeake Arts Center World Art Day Open House	Project	\$3,500	\$15,993
	Chesapeake Children's Museum First Foragers	Project	\$1,500	\$7,500
	Historic Annapolis, Inc. Hogshead Interpretive Materials and Supplies	Project	\$2,000	\$6,480
	Live Arts Maryland Passion According to St. John 300th Year Commemoration	Project	\$2,000	\$35,070
	London Town Foundation African American Lecture Series	Project	\$2,500	\$11,846
	Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts Nava Dance Theatre Residency	Project	\$3,500	\$18,500
	Severn Cross Roads Foundation Interpretive Signage for Historic Baldwin Hall	Project	\$2,000	\$6,725
	SoCo Arts Lab Community Enrichment through Traditional Wood Firing	Project	\$3,000	\$52,546
	Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center Oral History Project 2.0	Project	\$3,000	\$13,000
Totals for Mini-Grant Funding in FY2024			\$29,500	\$205,148
Totals for Funded Projects in 2023			\$499,773	\$2,341,783

Twentieth Annual Heritage Awards

Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area held its Twentieth Annual Heritage Awards at Historic Baldwin Hall in Millersville on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The 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.



Board Chairman Timothy Leahy with Public/Private Initiative Award honorees



Dr. Carol Benson with Heritage Partnership of the Year Award honorees



Board Chairman Timothy Leahy with honoree Corey Lewis



Dr. Carol Benson with honoree Christine Simmons



Board Chairman Timothy Leahy and Dr. Carol Benson with honored guests

2023 Heritage Awards honorees include:

HERITAGE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD –
Christine Simmons, Anne Arundel Genealogical Society

HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD
– Archaeology of Jug Bay: Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Anne Arundel County Cultural Resources Section, Lost Towns Project

HERITAGE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD
– Michelle Doerr, United States Naval Academy

HERITAGE INTERPRETER OF THE YEAR AWARD –
Diane Rey, Historic Annapolis

GERTRUDE MAKELL DEIA IN PROGRAMMING AWARD – Corey Lewis, Maryland State Archives

PUBLIC/PRIVATE INITIATIVE AWARD – Anne Arundel County Historic Marker Program: Arundel County, Office of Planning & Zoning – Cultural Resources Section; Anne Arundel County, Department of Recreation and Parks; Anne Arundel County, Department of Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division; Heritage Sites and Historians

PATRICIA BARLAND LEADERSHIP AWARD –
Jane Cox

Congratulations to this year's outstanding honorees!

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