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### **2016 Maryland Preservation Awards to Honor Exemplary Work**

#### *Maryland Historical Trust to Recognize Historic Preservation Statewide*

CROWNSVILLE, MD – In anticipation of its 41st year of recognizing the best historic preservation efforts in Maryland, state preservationists have announced their annual awards program. This week, the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) opens nominations for the 2016 Maryland Preservation Awards to recognize outstanding preservation efforts in leadership and service, education and community engagement, project excellence and stewardship throughout the state.

The awards, which will be presented by the MHT Board of Trustees in March, recognize the best efforts in historic preservation, architecture, archeology, museum work and related fields.

Last year's awards recognized Montgomery County's 2013 Montgomery Modern program, which featured online educational materials and in-person tours; *The Painted Screens of Baltimore: An Urban Folk Art Revealed* by Elaine Eff (The University of Mississippi Press), which explores the history and development of one of Baltimore's most cherished traditions; the rehabilitation of the San Domingo School, a former Rosenwald School in Wicomico County; and many more worthy projects.

Nominations are sought for a wide variety of historic and cultural preservation activities including those undertaken by Main Street and community development organizations, museums, heritage areas, historic preservation commissions, elected officials, neighborhood organizations, homeowners and developers. Nominations are due October 30.

Learn more about the award and submission guidelines at [mht.maryland.gov/awards.shtml](http://mht.maryland.gov/awards.shtml).

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, MHT assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. MHT is a division of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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