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Nominations Sought for Historic Preservation Awards

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 8, 2016 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) announces that nominations are now being accepted for the 28th Annual Calvert County Historic Preservation Awards. May is Historic Preservation Month and the board is honored to carry on the tradition of recognizing residents who have worked to preserve Calvert County heritage and historic properties.

Many people and projects have received Historic Preservation Awards over the last 28 years, including the American Chestnut Land Trust for restoration of a historic cemetery; Stephen and Jean Sinclair for preservation projects at the Cornehill Historic District and Jeff Cunningham, Branson Wray and Rick Weber for public education exemplified during an archaeology class at Huntingtown High School. Examples of other great work include Randi Vogt for decades of devotion to research and action to preserve Calvert County heritage; Carter Gray for his postcard history of Calvert County and Osprey Property Companies for archaeology stewardship at Chapline Place.

Have you noticed an old house or tobacco barn being restored as you drive around the county? Does someone in your community record its history or the stories and memories of its longtime residents? Have you ever thought, “whoever fixed up that old place did a great job, they deserve a thank you for that!” Now is the time to recognize people who have worked to preserve the county heritage and historic properties.

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There are three categories of awards to recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation of Calvert County heritage: project awards, service awards and awards for preservation education. Projects eligible for recognition this year must have been completed by Jan. 1, 2016.

Nomination forms are available at the Department of Community Planning and Building in the County Services Plaza, located at 150 Main St. in Prince Frederick; the Calvert County Historical Society, located at 70 Church St. in Prince Frederick and at all Calvert County public libraries. You may also download forms from the Calvert County website, www.co.cal.md.us/historicpreservation. Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, May 6, 2016. The BOCC will present the awards on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. For more information or to request a nomination form, contact Kirsti Uunila, Historic Preservation Planner, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2504 or email UunilaK@co.cal.md.us

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to more than 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, energy, advanced manufacturing and administrative services.