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COALITION CALENDAR

2017 Periwinkle Award

Nominations due:
March 15, 2017

Board of Directors Meeting

- *April 1, 2017 - 1:15-3:15 p.m.*
Central Branch,
Howard County Library
10375 Little Patuxent Pkwy,
Columbia

Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting

- *April 29, 2017*
St. James EC & Cem
Anne Arundel County

Trader Foundation Grant

Application deadline:
July 1, 2017

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cemetery owners, advocates,
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*This project was enabled by
a Heritage Fund grant from
Preservation Maryland and the
Maryland Historical Trust that was
matched by Coalition funds.*

Cemetery Coalition Statewide Conference on April 29

The Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites is pleased to announce our 26th annual Meeting and state-wide Conference in Lothian, in beautiful southern Anne Arundel County, on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The day – from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. -- is planned to be educational, fun, and full of collegiality!

The event will be held at St. James Parish Episcopal Church and Cemetery, one of Maryland's original parishes. The churchyard was laid out in 1696, with oldest burials dating from the late 17th and early 18th centuries, and the current church was built in 1765.

Conference sessions include a joint presentation titled "Reclaiming the Forgotten in Institutional Cemeteries" by Dennis Montagna (Director, Monument Research & Preservation Program in the National Park Service, Northeast Region) and Tina Simmons (Cemetery Inscription Chair for Anne Arundel Geneological Society) and "What is Happening Now in Cemetery Conservation" by Robert Mosko of Mosko Cemetery Monument Services. Mr. Mosko will speak on conservation by the book, what to expect from a cemetery conservator, volunteer roles, and the latest in technology: drones, GPR, and Social Media.

There will be opportunities to talk with others who care about historic cemeteries, and 2017 Periwinkle Awards will be presented to deserving volunteers and projects. A brief business meeting will elect 2017-19 members of the Board of Directors, and hear committee reports and announcements about the Six to Fix partnership with Preservation Maryland, the Trader Foundation, and other initiatives. Continuing CPMBS traditions, expect a bountiful silent auction, interesting gift shop, delicious food, and a unique tombstone dessert.

Our popular Open Forum encourages attendees to raise concerns, describe problems, suggest strategies, and share the highs and lows of preserving historic burial grounds. All topics are welcome! Also, Gene Meyer, author of *A Pigeon Named Pete*, will sign copies of his book, with all proceeds to CPMBS on this day.

After lunch, we will walk around the cemetery to note gravestone styles and symbolism, discuss conservation issues and solutions, and visit the oldest dated gravestone in Maryland. Bring your questions and cameras. The day ends about 3:30 p.m.

Registration, now open, can be conducted via PayPal on www.cpmbs.org or by mail using the form on the insert page.

St. James is located about 20 minutes south of Annapolis, and about one hour from the Baltimore and Capital Beltways. Ample free parking is on site.

Driving directions and a list of nearby accommodations can be found on www.cpmbs.org Other attractions in the area: Historic Annapolis, historic Galesville with its Quaker Burying Grounds, and more local cemeteries.



The Board met on NOVEMBER 4, 2016, at the Historic Takoma Building in Takoma Park and on **FEBRUARY 4, 2017**, at Savage Library in Laurel. Quorums and guests were present at both meetings. Draft minutes were approved and Treasurer's Reports accepted.

The newly designed and updated **Coalition website** is up and running. Consultant Teresa Hopkins transferred webmaster duties to Board member Glenn Wallace, who continues to add material and depth. The Board agreed to place a downloadable copy of the *Coalition Guide to Burial Site Stewardship* on the website and also to sell hard copies. A committee was formed to update the document.

Trader Foundation update: The new 501c3 non-profit announced its first grant cycle and received multiple applications. In February, the foundation's Board of Directors approved \$3,000 in grant awards to three worthy applicants. Tax-deductible donations can be made through www.cpmbs.org

Preservation Maryland Six to Fix project: The CPMBS Board approved a work program that outlines details of our partnership with Preservation Maryland. Earliest items will

be to record a Podcast, select a joint clean-up project, and co-sponsor a session at the Montgomery County History Conference.

CPMBS Annual Meeting: Planning commenced for the 2017 annual meeting and statewide conference, to be held in Anne Arundel County at the end of April. Presenters have been selected and plans are progressing for the cemetery visit, silent auction, meals, and other details.

Outreach efforts: Committee chair Dave Mills reported on his investigation of two Hambleton family cemeteries in Talbot County that are endangered. Guest Dennis Green described a difficult situation at the Aspin Hill Pet Cemetery in Montgomery County.

2017 Maryland legislation: The Board agreed on the prudence of creating partnerships with other cemetery advocates to develop strategies and support certain bills that have been introduced in the current General Assembly session.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Carson, secretary



Silent Auction Donation

for April 29, 2017 annual meeting

1. Item(s): _____
2. Detailed Description Of Item Or Service: _____

3. Estimated Value: \$ _____
4. Suggested Minimum Bid: . . . \$ _____
5. Would you like to have a reserve option... your choice to withdraw item if not sold above this amount? Yes / No
6. Delivery: How will item reach CPMBS by April 29?

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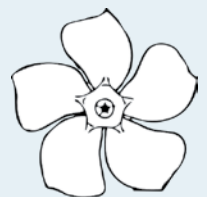
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Questions: **Sandra Wright** 301-520-9557
Email information to: swrightplace@msn.com



Nominations for 2017 Periwinkle Awards due on March 15, 2017

Periwinkle Awards are conferred on concerned citizens and groups who dedicate time and talent to protect and preserve cemeteries in Maryland. The form is available on www.cpmbs.org



Please ask questions and submit candidates for this honor to Robert Mosko, chairman, via email: robertmosko@embarqmail.com



New Coalition Members:

- Putt & Nancy Willett.... (*Montgomery County*)
- Katherine Rogers (*Montgomery*)
- Nancy E. Robertson (*Wicomico*)
- Gary Meyers (*Prince George's*)
- Margaret DeArcangelis (*Baltimore City*)
- Allen C. Browne..... (*Montgomery*)

Spring Cemetery Events in Anne Arundel, Howard and Montgomery Counties

- **Anne Arundel Genealogical Society inscription dates**
April 22 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Annapolis
June 17 at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Glen Burnie
Hand-copying of memorials and cellphone photography for BillionGraves
For more information:
tinasimmons622@yahoo.com
- **The Friends of Whipps Cemetery and Memorial Gardens Spring Events**
Whipps Daffodil Day
3561 St. Johns Lane, Ellicott City
Saturday, April 8 • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Celebrate at Whipps Garden Cemetery featuring Madrigal Singers, sale of spring potted plants, horticultural talks, Daffodil Demonstration Garden. Free.
- **Whipps Plant Sale at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City**
Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Featuring many hard-to-find perennials, natives, registered daylilies, butterfly plants, rain garden plants and many other plants donated by Master Gardeners.
For more information, call 410-274-7795
www.whippsgardencemetery.org
- **Rockville Cemetery** annual community meeting on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at Rockville City Hall. For more info:
www.rockvillecemeterymd.org
- **Monocacy Cemetery** will host a Gravestone Conservation Workshop on Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m. Register at www.monocacycemetery.com/events/
- **Sunday Volunteer Days at Rosa Bonheur Memorial Park** on Washington Boulevard, in ElkrIDGE, Howard County. Every Sunday (weather permitting) between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more info:
www.rosabonheursociety.com

Trader Foundation Announces First Grants

The Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites was created to provide financial assistance directly to qualified parties for worthy cemetery projects. The first three grants are:

- **Davis Burial Place at the VFW** (Howard Co.) for tree work, sign, fencing
- **Magruder Family Cemetery** (Prince George's) for site clearance and clean-up
- **Whitehall Slave Burials** (Anne Arundel) for non-invasive investigation

The next deadline to submit applications is July 1, 2017. For further information or to request a form, contact traderfoundationmd@gmail.com

Submission deadlines are January 1 and July 1 of each year.

The Trader Foundation invites applications for grants up to \$2,000. The project or program must benefit a specific burial ground in Maryland, and Trader funds must be matched by the grantee. Examples of eligible projects include rescue of an endangered site, gravestone conservation or restoration, documentation, protection of burial site from desecration by nature or by man, cemetery clean-up, and planning for restoration.

To sustain this program, the Foundation welcomes donations and bequests. Contributions to the Trader Foundation are tax deductible. Send donations to Dave Mills, Treasurer, 210 South Walnut Street, Milford, DE 19963-1958.

Six to Fix: Preservation Maryland & Coalition Partnership

Our Coalition is proud to partner with Preservation Maryland this year to improve the plight of historic cemeteries in our state. A protector of Maryland places since 1931, PM initiated this innovative program in 2015 to help provide real solutions to big preservation challenges. The partners plan to work closely from February through October 2017 on key education and outreach efforts and to make a positive lasting impact.

Six to Fix priorities are short, mid, and long term. A recent history conference session was well received, and a PreserveCast podcast has been — and a workshop at the April conference will be — recorded. Existing GIS databases will be



strengthened, as will County pages on the Coalition website and the existing Guide. Specialized practitioners will be included in PM's forthcoming contractor's directory, legislation explored, a clean-up day scheduled in October, blog posts written, presentations made, ideas to reach non-regulated burial grounds considered, and more pro-active information disseminated to the greater community about historic cemetery protection, maintenance, and repair.

CPMBS views this partnership with PM as a time for owners, caretakers, and advocates of historic cemeteries to take giant steps forward. We hope Six-to-Fix will remind Marylanders of forgotten local burial sites, and spur them to action. This is an opportunity for the Coalition to broadcast its mission and activities in the larger community, as well as to integrate cemeteries into Maryland's preservation movement as historic resources and land held in the public trust.

You can read about this exciting program at <http://preservationmaryland.org/programs/six-to-fix/>



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**2017 Statewide Conference
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Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites

NOTE: This is NOT a renewal notification; it is provided for convenience only.
 Membership year is June 1st through May 31st

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 FORM**

Name _____

Address _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Make Checks Payable to: **CPMBS**
 P.O. Box 1533
 Ellicott City, MD 21041-1533

Questions?
 Call Kristin Kraske, Membership 410-461-6313

Annual Membership Rates: New Renewal

Individual	\$ 10
Student (grade 12 and under)	\$ 5
Organization	\$ 20
Household	\$ 15

Can you help CPMBS to preserve Maryland cemeteries?
 Please list occupations / skills / interests.

2017 Annual CPMBS Meeting

CPMBS by-laws require the corporation to hold an annual meeting, with reports to the membership, election of a governing body, and the conduct of other business as needed. *In 2017, the Board proposes to change the By-Laws (Article III Meetings) to remove the requirement for a spring quarterly board meeting, as this often sets up a scheduling conflict with the annual meeting. Members will vote on April 29.*



Let us know if you are interested in serving on a Coalition committee or on the Board of Directors: mail@cpmbs.org

INFORMATION and REGISTRATION FORM

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites

26th Statewide Conference and Annual Meeting – April 29, 2017

Where: St. James Parish Episcopal Church and Cemetery, in Anne Arundel County
5757 Solomons Island Road, Lothian, Maryland

When: Saturday, April 29, 2017
Registration, morning refreshments, and silent auction open at 8:30 a.m.
Event starts at 9:15 a.m. • Day ends at 3:30 p.m.

Registration: Coalition or Preservation Maryland member: \$ 50 • Non-member: \$ 55

Non-members: Join the Coalition by adding your dues to the member registration fee:
Dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 households, \$5 students, \$20 organizations

Registration includes: Continental breakfast, morning speakers, Open Forum, delicious lunch, afternoon snack, Walk and Talk through historic St. James Cemetery

Speakers: Dennis Montagna (National Park Service), Tina Simmons (Anne Arundel Geneological Society), and Robert Mosko (Cemetery Conservator)

Questions: Visit www.cpmbs.org or call Eileen McGuckian 301-468-7331

Silent Auction Donations: swrightplace@msn.com • 301-520-9557

Please Pass This Information Along to Colleagues, Friends, and Other Interested Marylanders !

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **Deadline For Registration Is April 20** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites • Registration Form

Name(s) (and Organization name if applicable): _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

I have enclosed the registration fee for members non-members \$ _____

Yes, I want to become a member and have added the applicable dues \$ _____

Total amount paid \$ _____

You may pay by credit card through our PayPal account on www.cpmbs.org or mail your check, payable to CPMBS, with this form to COALITION TO PROTECT MARYLAND BURIAL SITES, P. O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, MD 21041-1533.