

Coalition Courier

*"To build the future,
we do not have to destroy the past"*



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Old Greenbelt Theatre

COALITION CALENDAR

Maryland Cemetery Conference & CPMBS Annual Meeting

- May 4, in Greenbelt

Whipps Annual Plant Sale

- May 11, in Ellicott City

www.whippsgardencemetery.org

Historic Cemetery Symposium

- June 8, in Galesville

www.aacounty.org/cemeteries

Next Trader Foundation grant application

- deadline: July 1

www.cpmbs.org/trader-foundation/

Old Line State Summit Conference

- July 24, in Frederick

www.preservationmaryland.org

28th Statewide Conference and Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019

Join cemetery caregivers, volunteers, and advocates for a day of education, fun, and collegiality! Morning refreshments and check in open at 8:15 am, and the meeting starts at 9 am. This will be the Coalition's first conference in Prince George's County.

Morning sessions feature experts eager to share their knowledge and experiences, and to engage with the audience. Architectural historian Anne Brockett will talk about African American Burial Societies in Maryland, and historian Susan Pearl will introduce us to the variety of burial sites in Prince George's County.

Opportunities to present local issues and discuss cemetery concerns at Open Forum are a regular feature of this gathering, as are a short business meeting, a hot buffet lunch, and of course a tombstone dessert. Our silent auction and gift shop will be open for business. Deserving volunteers will be honored with the coveted Periwinkle Award, and the day will conclude with a special afternoon tour of historic Bowie family cemetery.

Old Greenbelt Theatre is 1930s-charming, with parking nearby. Cost for the day is \$50 per person for Coalition members, \$55 for non-members. You may register by check or on line. Please reserve your space by April 30. www.cpmbs.org

Pass this information along to colleagues, friends, and other Marylanders!

2019 Speakers and Topics, Cemetery visit

African American Burial Societies in Maryland

With few options available in public cemeteries and churchyards of largely white congregations, African Americans often turned to Mutual Beneficial societies for assistance with burials and funeral costs in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Burial grounds operated by these groups are the subject for Anne Brockett, architectural historian with the DC Historic Preservation Office. Anne recently produced the District's context study on burying grounds and previously led a survey of Montgomery County cemeteries.

Historic Burial Sites of Prince George's County, Maryland

This presentation will showcase a variety of cemeteries, including private sites on historic plantations, orphaned family cemeteries now surrounded by development, protected and abandoned church graveyards, sites associated with black communities, complex stories of relocated burials, and unique vaults and sculptures. For 30 years Susan Pearl was research historian for M-NCPPC. She currently researches, lectures, and writes about local historical topics.

Bowie family cemetery at Fairview

Fifteen minutes east of Greenbelt, this is the private resting place of at least 25 members of the family of Oden Bowie (1826-94; Governor 1869-72). Visible from here is *Fairview*, the early 19th century Bowie plantation house; both are preserved in a 10-acre setting surrounded by the Rouse residential development of *Fairwood*.

Major Actions of the CPMBS Board of Directors Annual, Summer, and Fall 2018 and Winter 2019 Meetings

The Board met on **JUNE 16** and **SEPTEMBER 15**, 2018, in Savage, and on **JANUARY 19, 2019** at East Columbia Library. Quorums and guests were present at all meetings. Draft minutes were approved and Treasurer's reports accepted. Reginald Bishop was appointed as Treasurer in place of Dave Mills, who retired.

CPMBS Annual Meeting and 2018 Maryland conference: The 2018 statewide conference was held on May 5 at Shepherd Pratt Conference Center in Towson, Baltimore County. Presentations by local government preservation planners Beth Burgess (Howard County), Anastasia Poulos (Anne Arundel County), and Jennifer Stabler (Prince George's County) were well received, as was Glenn Wallace's description of how to map a cemetery. Elections were held, Open Forum was animated, and Raven's Roost sales and the Silent Auction went well. Glebe Bay General Partnership and Paul Collinson received 2018 Periwinkle Awards, and all enjoyed the walk around historic Prospect Hill Cemetery in Towson guided by Carolyn Parker Knott.

Outreach: Calls, emails, website contacts, and letters continue to arrive from cemetery advocates. CPMBS volunteers follow through with advice, letters of support, visits, and workshops to assist. Partnerships with preservation and religious

communities as well as local government contacts continue to be fruitful. Purchase of Ground Penetrating Radar equipment was considered, but deemed to be too expensive at this time.

Trader Foundation to Preserve Maryland Burial Sites: During this year the new nonprofit conducted two more grant cycles, approving awards to six more worthy applicants. Work accomplished by all previous grantees confirms the need for and wisdom of this foundation, which is funded by donations and investment income.

New Maryland Burial Sites Law: The Coalition led the introduction, advocacy efforts, and successful passage of burial site legislation in the 2018 General Assembly session. Through letters and testimony from cemetery advocates and others from around the state, legislators were convinced of the need for better protection for historic cemeteries. Bills in the House and Senate passed unanimously, and were signed by Governor Hogan in May, gaining easier access, MHT consultation, and authorization for property tax credit as of June 1. CPMBS identified next steps as requesting meetings with States' Attorneys in each county to discuss interpretation and enforcement of state law and the role of local SA offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Carson, secretary

James Trader Foundation For Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. — Winter 2019 Update

As members of CPMBS are aware, a generous monetary donation was received from the estate of James Trader in 2015. He was a founder and Coalition activist for many years.

Since the CPMBS does not have IRS 501(c)3 non-profit status, a separate entity was deemed necessary to best manage the bequest and future charitable donations. The estate funds were transferred in 2016 after the new corporation was formed and IRS 501(c)3 status obtained. The purpose of the Trader Foundation is "to support the preservation of Maryland burial sites and those engaged in such efforts."

Trader Foundation's Board of Directors meet twice yearly to review grant requests for the purpose of restoring and/or preserving cemeteries in Maryland. Current directors are:

John E. Higgins, Jr., <i>pres.</i>	Eileen McGuckian, <i>vice pres.</i>
Glenn R. Wallace, <i>sec.</i>	J. Patrick Warner, <i>treas.</i>
Evan Williams	James M. Perry

I am pleased to report that, as of February 2019, grant requests have been received for a total of 20 Maryland cemetery projects. These are located in the city of Baltimore and the following counties: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington. Monetary awards totaling \$16,900 have been approved by the directors to fund 15 projects, and checks for \$13,025 were written when work on each project was successfully completed.

Groups with cemeteries that need funds for preservation or restoration are encouraged to submit requests. Details of the application process are listed on the CPMBS website. In addition, the directors thank those who contributed to the Trader Foundation. All donations are tax deductible. www.cpmbs.org/trader-foundation/

Respectfully,
J. Patrick Warner, treasurer



WANTED: Silent Auction and Gift Basket donations for May 4

In addition to auction items, we ask for themed Gift Baskets to raffle. Tickets will be sold, and folks choose the baskets they want to win. You may bring items on May 4, but please email basic information by April 30 to swrightplace@msn.com or call Sandy at 301-520-9557.





2019 Cemetery Conference

Where: Old Greenbelt Theatre, 129 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Registration, morning refreshments, silent auction open at 8:15 a.m.
Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. Day ends at 3:00 p.m.

Registration: Coalition member: \$ 50 Non-member: \$ 55

Non-members: Join the Coalition by adding your dues to the member registration fee

Registration includes: Continental breakfast, knowledgeable speakers, peer assistance at Open Forum, hot buffet lunch, tombstone cake, and guided visit to historic Bowie Family Cemetery

Questions: coalitionpmbs@gmail

Silent auction donations: Sandra Wright swrightplace@msn.com 301-520-9557

Please pass this information along to colleagues, friends, and other interested Marylanders!



Conference Registration Form

Deadline for Advance Registration is April 30, 2019

Name(s) : _____

Organization
if applicable: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

Yes, I want to become a member and have added dues

\$10 individual, \$15 household, \$20 organization, \$5 student \$ _____

Total Enclosed:, \$ _____

Please mail your check, payable to CPMBS, with this form to:

Reginald Bishop, Treasurer, 510 S Rogers St REAR Apt B, Aberdeen, MD 21001

Registration fee may be paid on line at www.cpmbs.org

May we interest you in serving on the CPMBS Board of Directors?

Contact Eileen McGuckian 301-468-7331 or phileen3@verizon.net

- Rewards are:
- meet 5 times a year with like-minded volunteers from around Maryland
 - create opportunities to assist cemetery caregivers and advocates
 - reach out to needy burial sites
 - recognize and celebrate great projects and people

CPMBS dues renewal date is June 1

Members who must renew
are noted in **BOLD RED
CAPS** on address label
Please note your status and
RENEW!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY Revisited

Mission accomplished! Montgomery Preservation (MPI) delivered this project, built on a 2004-2009 ground-breaking survey to significantly update data, technology, and accessibility, to the Montgomery County Planning Department in December 2018. MCCI-R was a substantial volunteer effort coordinated by Glenn Wallace, whose passion and technological skills are now legendary. Glenn trained 90 volunteers (teenagers to senior citizens) to visit all known burial sites, where they assessed conditions, completed survey forms, conducted additional research, and photographed the current environment. Formerly “lost” and newly-discovered sites were added to the inventory for a total of 326 cemeteries, and all information was compiled into individual entries that are accessible on line.

As a result of this project, solid new information is available on Montgomery County cemeteries. Each survey contains additional fields (ownership, safety concerns, designation status). Another result – bolstered by two

protection laws passed in 2017, effective in 2018 – is more public and private attention to local burial sites. The final report includes summaries and statistics derived from the project, recommendations, and a variety of categorical lists: sites to watch carefully, GPS survey candidates, African American sites, sites needing clean-up and improvements. MCCI-R has drawn accolades beyond Montgomery County’s borders.

Brian Crane’s arrival as Montgomery Planning archaeologist in September brought new skills and insights to this effort. Currently, he is conducting sessions for cemetery owners to explain the inventory, two new County laws, and draft guidelines that will be adopted by the Planning Board later this spring.

Visit MPI’s website to view the final report and the cemeteries in a variety of ways: by name, by inventory ID number, and by vicinity. The site will be updated as the process moves along.

www.montgomerypreservation.org/historic-cemeteries/



*Gaither Family #046
Glenn Wallace on right.*



*Pearre
Family
#022*



Jones Family #040

Sign Up Now!
Maryland Cemetery Conference and Annual CPMBS Meeting
May 4, 2019