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Accomplishments and appreciation – 2021

We appreciate the continuing support of the Maryland Historical Trust.

Vernacular Architectural Forum – the new Chesapeake Chapter of the VAF toured both the Beatty-Cramer house and Schifferstadt in September, and were appreciative of the opportunity.

Thanks to the Frederick News Post for keeping us in the public eye this year, while Schifferstadt was closed. *“A Long Winter – Many Frederick County museums remain closed but are hopeful for future”* 1/21/21, summed it up well. And the 9/9 Weekender-section coverage of our Barnstormers program was great! FCLF was mentioned in a Washington Post article about the village of Urbana.

Schifferstadt: Repairs are underway on the windows and the chimney. The front door is also being repaired, and the front threshold stone is being adjusted to prevent future rainwater splash-back damage. Frederick County Landmarks Foundation is thankful to the Maryland Historical Trust for their Capital Grant of \$40,000, and to Board member, Kelley Berliner, for preparation and management. A portion of Frederick County’s Bounce-back grant was also applied to this project. Property Co-Director, Jim Gugel, has been assessing building needs, and has replaced damaged storage shelving room, updated electric bulbs throughout the house for energy savings, and is now working with the service provider to update the very old security system. The house has not been open to the general public, due to the restoration work and concerns about the pandemic. **The Heritage Garden** was included in Frederick’s “Beyond the Garden Gates” tour. Thanks to Mary Beth Fleming, Jim Gugel and Roy Connor for maintaining the garden. Its availability to the public, as a beautiful outdoor space, and new colonial gardening signage serve our educational mission in a delightful way. The wayside walking path sign has been updated with a new poster, which now includes a QR code that scans to our website. Thanks to webmaster, Allison Duvall (she reports that people are using it!), Jennie Russell, and Jim Gugel.

The Beatty-Cramer House: *The National Park Service listed the Beatty-Cramer House on the National Register of Historic places on August 17. And it was approved for addition to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places in June.* Bids have been received to repair and stabilize the north wall of the house and to replace the gutters and downspouts. Thanks to the Maryland Historical Trust

for their grant of \$16,000 for this project. The grant application was initiated in 2019 by our former office administrator, with subsequent assistance from Winnette and Hettie Ballweber. The work needed a second bid process, which was managed by Property Director Joe Lubozynski and Committee Chair Peter Pearre. A contract has been awarded to Bell's Restoration and Timber Framing, and work is scheduled to begin in January 2022. A video of the Beatty-Cramer House is in the works, funded by the Frederick County Bounce-back Grant, to tell the story of the property and to reach out to the community and potential partners, as we search for a path-forward for this property.

Zion Church in Urbana: FCLF has acquired the original bell that hung in the tower of the church, prior to its destruction by fire on November 18, 1961. The bell has been stored and protected ever since, and thanks to Truby LeGarde and her sister Barbara, it is now back in the church building. Truby and Barbara visited the church this year, and reminisced about when the building was still part of an active congregation, where they were both confirmed.

A marketing plan to increase public awareness about and use of the building is being developed for 2022.

Grant applications were a priority for the Board of Trustees, both applying for new grants and managing the ones we have. Thanks to Frederick County for approving a \$10,000 Bounce-back Grant! And thanks to Scott Winnette, for working with me on this application. And thanks to the Maryland Humanities for their SHARP Recovery Grant of \$10,000 and to Mary Mannix for submitting the application. Joe Lubozynski has also filed a grant application – more on this as we hear.

FCLF has awarded its own grant money too – two Converse Grants were awarded this year, both for homes on South Street.

The Barns of Burkittsville program was presented September 11, by the Barnstormers Committee, with 370 tickets sold, including a vibrant art-show/sales by the plein-air artists. Thanks to the Frederick Arts Council for their grant of \$2,000, and to Rose Weinhoff, for making application. Thanks to Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit for their donation of \$1,500. And MANY THANKS to the Barnstormers Committee, docents, volunteers and barn owners – all of whom helped to make this event happen.

Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt was cancelled for the second year, due to lack of volunteers to plan and hold the event; a new Committee needs to come together and start planning for 2022.

Infrastructure – Our organizational files have now been consolidated in the Schifferstadt office. The 2004 HABS field notes and photographs of the Beatty-Cramer House, remain at Heritage Frederick, along with our paper files of plaqued houses, which are

often consulted by staff and public for research. Comcast rates were renegotiated and a phone line dropped to save money. A contract for bookkeeping has been signed with Greenbank Business Services. Job descriptions have been prepared for both the Property Director and Board of Trustees positions. The Office Administrator position has not been filled.

The Landmark, our quarterly newsletter, continues to inform and reach out to membership. Thanks - Boyce Rensberger!

Plaques: #435 was awarded to 6823 Maryland Avenue, in Braddock Heights, home of Tom and Bonnye Dixon. Built around 1906 and named Adelphia, it served as a boarding house on the Frederick and Middletown trolley line, which took visitors up to visit the vibrant resort village. It has since been a single family home for more than 50 years, and is a fine example of folk Victorian architecture. #436 was awarded to 121 W 2nd Street, home of Oliver and Barbara King, built about 1858. This home had already received an award for private stewardship for its careful restoration in 2013. There was also one plaque awarded after last year's annual meeting - #434, which went to 309 S. Market - home of John Edward Rossi. It was built circa 1855, by William Bennett, who was described as a carpenter in the Englebrecht diary. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to historic preservation. And thanks to Heidi Schlag and Bonnie Liens for managing the plaque program.

AND FINALLY, MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS THIS YEAR,

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And we also appreciate ALL the rest of you, who support us by membership dues renewals, donations via pay-pal on our website, and by "rounding up" your membership renewals.

Every little bit helps!

