

Historic Preservation Events Subcommittee (Thursday, January 29, 2026)

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Patricia Samford, Teresa Wilson, Jocelyn Copeland, and Apryl Yates.

Staff in Attendance: Gabrielle Gleissner.

3. New Business

A. Maryland Day Event

There is no current information regarding the 2026 Maryland Day Event but staff said they would continue checking for details. Subcommittee members began discussing ideas for tabling. Jocelyn Copeland presented the idea of exhibiting something related to Maryland's 250th anniversary but something that is unique to St. Mary's County. She also suggested the idea of focusing on the word "Tolerance" and exhibiting all the different meanings and significant history surrounding the word in relation to Maryland and specifically St. Mary's County. Subcommittee members agreed to make a decision on whether the HPC should table at Maryland Day once more details about the event come available.

B. Oyster Festival Event

There is no current information regarding the 2026 Oyster Festival Event but staff said they would continue checking for details. Subcommittee members began discussing ideas for expanding on their exhibit from last year. Jocelyn Copeland plans to meet with the Calvert Marine Museum during the spring to continue working with them. She has also spoken to the author of the "Dancing Molly" article that was part of the exhibit last year and is planning to see if he would be willing to come down to be a speaker at this year's festival. Subcommittee members also discussed obtaining additional artifacts and photographs to help add more to the exhibit. Patricia Samford said she could look through her files and provide more photographs on oystering. The subcommittee members also discussed trying to get more volunteers to help out with the exhibit.

C. Scheduling the next Events Subcommittee Meeting

Staff asked the subcommittee members when they would like to schedule the next Events Subcommittee meeting. Subcommittee members asked that once staff receives details on the Maryland Day Event, they send an email to the subcommittee to gauge interest on tabling during the event or not. The Events Subcommittee members will also research additional events that they could attend and table at.

D. Discussion

There were no additional discussion items.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.