

The Office also oversees and coordinates the Division's three museum properties: Banneker-Douglass Museum of African-American History and Culture, Jefferson Patterson Historical Park and Museum, and Historic St. Mary's City.

MUSEUM ASSISTANCE REVIEW PANEL

Vacancy, *Chair*

The Museum Assistance Review Panel was created in 1990 (Chapter 322, Acts of 1990). The Panel reviews and recommends to the Secretary of Housing and Community Development the approval of grants under the Historical and Cultural Museum Assistance Program. In reviewing grant applications that relate to the care and preservation of, or access to archival material, the Panel seeks the advice and recommendations of the State Archivist.

The Panel includes members appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development and three ex officio members (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-701 through 5-705).

BANNEKER—DOUGLASS MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

Ronald L. Sharps, Ph.D., *Director*

84 Franklin St.
Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 974-2893

Open Tuesday—Friday, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Saturday, 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.

The Banneker-Douglass Museum of African-American Life and History opened to the public in February 1984 and was renamed the Banneker-Douglass Museum of African-American History and Culture in 1993. The Museum is both an exhibit facility and a research center for studies in African-American history and culture (Code 1957, Art. 83B, sec. 5-303(4)).

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Sara E. Patton, *Executive Director*

P. O. Box 39
St. Mary's City, MD 20686 (301) 862-0960

Open Wednesday—Sunday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
end of March through November
(Museum admission fee; group rates may be
arranged in advance)

Historic St. Mary's City was Maryland's first settlement and for sixty-one years its colonial capital. It is one of three heritage parks and museums within the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs.

Through the work of the St. Mary's City Commission, the outdoor exhibit and visitors center at Historic St. Mary's City was completed in 1984, the year Maryland celebrated its 350th anniversary.

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

Benjamin C. Bradlee, *Chair*, 1999

The Historic St. Mary's City Commission originated in 1966 as the St. Mary's City Commission (Chapter 115, Acts of 1966). Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commission became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Commission received its present name in 1991 (Chapter 590, Acts of 1991).

The Commission preserves, develops, and maintains Historic St. Mary's City, the site of Maryland's first capital. The Commission studies, preserves, interprets, and educates the public about Historic St. Mary's City, with emphasis on the 17th century. The Commission may acquire historical and cultural properties necessary for the proper use and administration of Historic St. Mary's City. The Commission also may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State and local government grants.

The Commission has thirteen members. Twelve are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. One serves ex officio. The Commission appoints the Executive Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-201 through 5-212).

JEFFERSON PATTERSON HISTORICAL PARK & MUSEUM

Michael A. Smolek, *Director*

Star Route 2, Box 50 A
St. Leonard, MD 20685 (410) 586-8500

Open Wednesday—Saturday,
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
from April 15 through Oct. 15

The Jefferson Patterson Historical Park and Museum at St. Leonard, Calvert County, opened to the public in 1984. On the Patuxent River and St. Leonard's Creek, the Park extends along two and a half miles of shoreline. It is located on the 546-acre Point Farm, which was deeded in trust to the State by Mary Marvin Breckinridge Patterson in honor of her husband, Jefferson Patterson. Here scientists have found evidence of prehistoric Indian sites, 10 to 12 million-year-old invertebrate fossils, and remnants of early European settlements. The Park and Museum function as an educational, research and recreational facility.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE JEFFERSON PATTERSON HISTORICAL PARK & MUSEUM

Dwight Young, *Chair*

In October 1983, the Governor appointed this committee under the trust agreement that transferred the Jefferson Patterson Historical Park and Museum to the State to be administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. The Committee over-