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The Commission on Artistic Property was formed in 1969 (Chapter 111, Acts of 1969). It was incorporated into the State Archives in 1984 (Chapter 286, Acts of 1984).

The Commission is the official custodian of all valuable paintings and other decorative arts owned by or loaned to the State (except those located in a State room of Government House). The Commission provides for the acquisition, location, proper care, custody, restoration, display, and preservation of these paintings and decorative arts. Every person, agency, or organization desiring to acquire a painting or other decorative art work for display in a State building or premises (except in a room of Government House) must secure from the Commission both prior approval and final acceptance of the painting or decorative art work. In such instances, the Commission considers the competence of the artist, the proposed location, and the quality, historical significance, and appropriateness of the work.

The Commission may, with the approval of the Governor and the State Archivist, receive and accept gifts and loans of paintings and decorative art works. With the approval of the Governor, the State Archivist may accept gifts of money for the Commission from any source, public or private, and thereafter administer and expend the funds according to the conditions and terms of the gift. In 1996, the Commission, on behalf of the State, accepted the deposit of the art collection of the Peabody Institute.

The Commission consists of fifteen members. Eight are appointed by the State Archivist with the approval of the Governor. Seven serve *ex officio*. With the Governor's approval, the State Archivist names the chair (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1016 through 9-1023).

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Computer Services oversees database administration, electronic file management, geographic information systems, information systems, and Internet and World Wide Web functions for the State Archives. This office also assists other government agencies in designing and updating their home pages for the World Wide Web.

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Organized in 1989, Education and Outreach is responsible for Documents for the Classroom; Teachers' Institutes; the Biographical Initiative; College Internships; and Research Outreach.

Documents for the Classroom. This program makes facsimiles of original documents available for use by teachers and students in elementary and secondary schools, as well as colleges and universities. The State Archives also has developed an innovative program integrating computer technology and humanities education.

Teachers' Institutes. The State Archives conducts teachers' institutes on how to use original sources in the classroom. Throughout the year, Education and Outreach personnel also assist teachers and school systems in developing curriculum incorporating original sources.

Biographical Initiative. Education and Outreach conducts biographical research projects focused on government officials, Civil War veterans, or other historical figures.

College Internships. Each summer, internships are offered for college students to learn archival and historical methods at the State Archives. Work/study programs also are available.

Research Outreach. State Archives staff make presentations on the use of archival materials in historical or genealogical research.

*EXHIBITS*Mimi Calver, *Director*

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The State Archives creates historical exhibits. Currently showing in the new Hall of Records Building are "Charting the Chesapeake, 1590-1990," and "Providence Plantation, Anne Arundel County's First Settlement." At the State House are exhibits relating to the history of the State House; Annapolis, the Capital; and Maryland and the U.S. Constitution. Traveling exhibits include "Colonial Encounters in the Chesapeake: The Natural World of Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans, 1585-1800."

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