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Four Rivers Heritage Area Announces Honorees for Sixteenth Annual Heritage Awards

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County, will hold its Sixteenth Annual Heritage Awards on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. These awards recognize individuals, organizations, partnerships, programs and products that contribute significantly to the community by interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching and/or supporting our historical legacy. The honorees have had a lasting impact on authentic stories and experiences at our museums and historic attractions, the sustainability of local organizations, and the preservation of the history and heritage of the local community. We are pleased to announce the honorees to be recognized this year:

2019 Heritage Tourism Collaboration of the Year Award:

This award recognizes an outstanding heritage tourism product created in the past year. Eligible products include exhibits, events, programs, self-guided or guided tours, audiotours, videos/CDs/podcasts, interpretive brochures, publications and websites. The 2019 award goes to an impressive collaboration between many collaborators working together to create a trailblazing online resource; we recognize the Lost Towns Project, Anne Arundel County's Cultural Resources staff, and partners for **“African-American Voices, Memories, and Places: A Four Rivers Heritage Trail.”**

2019 Heritage Professional of the Year Award:

This award recognizes an author, archaeologist, architect, artist, exhibits/publications designer, historian, natural resource professional, preservationist, professional staff person, or researcher, for significant professional contributions to heritage interpretation, stewardship, and/or education in the past year. This year's award recognizes **Rachel Lovett, Curator and Assistant Director of Hammond-Harwood House.**

2019 Heritage Volunteer of the Year Award:

This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has made a significant difference to the growth, sustainability, programming, or other essential element of a non-profit or for-profit heritage organization. This year's co-honorees are **Craig Biggs and Dennis Krizek of the Annapolis Maritime Museum.**

2019 Heritage Partnership of the Year Award:

This award recognizes an outstanding regional partnership in heritage interpretation, preservation, stewardship, and/or education. This year's award goes to the **Chesapeake Music Festival.** The project

was achieved through a partnership of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Arundel Rivers Federation, and many more.

2019 Heritage Sponsor of the Year Award:

This award recognizes a regional business or organization for outstanding sponsorship, patronage or other role in funding one or more heritage-related organizations, events, or products in the past year. This year's award goes to **Bay Weekly**.

2019 Legacy Award: This award recognizes an individual, group, or event that continues or preserves a traditional craft or livelihood -- a craftsman, waterman, farmer, quilter, musician, boat builder, etc. This year's award goes to the event, "**Model Boat Builders of South County**," organized by the Galesville Heritage Society and the Deale Area Historical Society.

2019 Stewardship Award:

This award recognizes an individual, family, organization, event, or business in the heritage area that demonstrates outstanding leadership in a stewardship capacity. This year the award goes to Annapolis Green's lecture series, "**Tread Lightly: Climate Change & You**," and the partners who helped to make it possible.

2019 Public/Private Initiative of the Year Award:

This award recognizes an outstanding initiative undertaken through a partnership of public and private businesses or organizations to promote local heritage—i.e., historical signage or markers, photographic displays, brochures, programs, tours, etc. This year's award goes to the initiative entitled, "**Smith Price: The Homecoming – Reparation, Reunion and Reburial**," and the many partners who came together for this important process.

2019 Patricia Barland Leadership Award:

The Leadership Award is named for the long-time former Chair of the Four Rivers Heritage Area Board, Patricia Barland. For this award, we look for an individual whose career reflects a broad vision and reach, a lasting dedication to our community, and a long career that has strengthened the depth and vitality of our local heritage. This year, the Patricia Barland Leadership Award goes to **Dale Glenwood Green**.

Come join us in our annual celebration of excellence. You can order tickets through [Eventbrite](#) or purchase your tickets at the door. For more information, please call our office at 410-222-1805.

Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town & South County, one of Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas, is a partnership among the State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County, the City of Annapolis, the town of Highland Beach, and local historic sites, heritage organizations, and heritage-related businesses, to encourage economic vitality through historic preservation and heritage tourism. For more information, please contact Executive Director Carol Benson at the Four Rivers office at 410-222-1805, or by sending an e-mail to heritage_area@aacounty.org.