

## **Maryland Humanities Council Grants Fiscal Year 2003**

### **Pre-concert Lectures**

Six lectures by conductor and singer Erin Freeman took place before concerts of the National Chamber Orchestra in the 2003 season. Freeman discussed the historical and social context of the music and illustrated her lectures with recordings and by performing excerpts on the piano.  
National Chamber Orchestra Society  
Montgomery County  
\$1,200

### **In Celebration of Books**

At a day-long book festival at Gunston Day School twelve authors offered workshops on topics such as poetry writing, techniques of interviewing, publishing a novel, and creative writing. Authors included novelist Elizabeth Nunez, Pulitzer Prize winning correspondent Richard Ben Cramer, political cartoonist Rick Kollinger, children's book author Priscilla Cummings, historian Christopher George, and poet Marta Knobloch.  
Gunston Day School  
Queen Anne's County  
\$1,000

### **Re-enactment of the British Attack on Havre de Grace in the War of 1812**

A re-enactment of the British attack on Havre de Grace in the War of 1812 and five public lectures highlighted the military, social, and cultural history of the region. A sixteen-page insert in three local newspapers featured articles on topics such as the role of women and notable Havre de Grace leaders at the time of the 1813 attack.  
Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace  
Harford County  
\$5,110

### **Scribbling Women**

A curriculum and lesson plans relating to the work of Zora Neale Hurston were developed and made available on the Scribbling Women Distance Learning website, [www.scribblingwomen.org](http://www.scribblingwomen.org). A RealAudio broadcast of a dramatization of the Hurston play "Sweat" accompanied the educational materials on the website.  
The Public Media Foundation  
Statewide  
\$5,000

### **My Place Between the Bays: Community Commentary on Change**

An interactive exhibition examined living traditional culture and folkways of the Delmarva Peninsula by highlighting people in the landscape, economic engines, and community celebrations. The exhibition and public programs were a collaboration with two other museums of the Delmarva in Delaware and Virginia.  
The Historical Society of Talbot County

Talbot County  
\$9,392

### **Exploring Eastern Woodland Indian Culture**

Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum interpreted the history of prehistoric Indians of Maryland and the Eastern Woodlands through an outdoor panel about a circa 1450 AD archaeological site and through a series of three lectures during American Indian Heritage Day in August 2003. The Museum also constructed an authentic wigwam and purchased educational materials such as a Native American Traveling Trunk to be sent to schools for outreach.

Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum  
Calvert County  
\$3,350

### **Greentowns, USA: A New Deal**

A pre-production grant supported the research and writing of a script for a one-hour television documentary on the history of Greenbelt, Maryland, and two other planned communities created as part of the New Deal in the 1930s.

Lost and Found Productions  
Statewide  
\$3,000

### **History of Prince George's County Institute: Learning and Teaching at Historic Sites**

A one-week summer institute for sixth-grade teachers explored the history of Prince George's County through lectures and tours to historic sites. Participants prepared lesson plans which they presented to other teachers at two fall workshops.

Prince George's Community College  
Prince George's County  
\$8,908

### **College Park Airport: Cradle of American Aviation**

In celebration of the anniversary of one hundred years of flight, a ninety-minute documentary examined the history of the College Park Airport, America's first nationally recognized airport that is considered the oldest continuously operated airport in the world. The video was featured at the College Park Aviation Museum and is available for television broadcast.

Field of Firsts Foundation  
Prince George's County  
\$5,000

### **Silver Anniversary Irish Evening**

Irish poet Ciaran Carson read his works at the twenty-fifth annual Irish Evening of the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society where attendees will receive a special retrospective program booklet. Maryland author Terence Winch interviewed Carson on the literary talk show "The Writing Life," which was aired on six Central Maryland cable stations.

The Howard County Poetry and Literature Society  
Howard County  
\$1,200

### **Using Oral History in the Classroom**

Selected videotapes of oral histories in the collection of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society were transcribed and made available in the Society's library and ultimately on a website. A professional oral historian led a day-long institute for high school teachers on using oral history in the classroom with emphasis on teaching African American history.

Shady Side Rural Heritage Society

Anne Arundel County

\$1,200

### **Voices of Our Children: Poetry Workshop Field Trips**

Students from Annapolis area middle and high schools worked with a poetry instructor to develop writing skills through poetry. They attended "poetry slam" readings and competitions in Washington, DC and Baltimore and participated in a special workshop with Pulitzer Prize winning poet Henry Taylor. Students has an opportunity to read their own works at a local community center, library, and coffee house.

First Night Annapolis

Anne Arundel County

\$1,200

### **The Community Blacksmith**

A demonstration by a master blacksmith and apprentice was followed by two presentations on the role of the blacksmith in the community and the apprentice system in the nineteenth century. The program was held in conjunction with a two-day gathering of Blacksmith Guilds in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum

Worcester County

\$594

### **An Afternoon in Time**

In celebration of Women's History Month, visitors to the Maryland Historical Society enjoyed a living history interpretation of a suffragist, created their own Suffragist Sash, learned about women's history through the museum collection, and participated in high tea and discuss etiquette customs with a representative from the International School of Protocol.

Maryland Historical Society

Baltimore City

\$805

### **Before the Refuge on Eastern Neck Island**

An eighty-page book entitled *Before the Refuge on Eastern Neck Island* examined the history of a small community of farmers and watermen on Eastern Neck Island in Kent County that thrived for a century before the federal government purchased the island in 1962-67 to create the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. The story was told through oral histories, historic maps, photographs, and public documents. Copies of the book were distributed to schools, libraries, colleges, and museums.

Friends of Eastern Neck

Kent County  
\$1,200

**2003 Colloquium on Language, Literature and Society: The Effects of Globalization on Language, the Arts and Society Today**

The effects of globalization on language, the arts, and society were discussed by international scholars at a free public colloquium. Topics include nationalism and postnationalism in Puerto Rican culture; globalization in Germany; literature and globalization; and the economics of globalization.

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and Loyola College in Maryland  
Baltimore City  
\$1,000

**Pre-concert Lectures on the Cultural, Historical, and Artistic Background of Concert Programs Performed by the Columbia Pro Cantare in the 2002-2003 Season**

Following a concert by the Columbia Pro Cantare mixed chorus, Irish composer Mary McAuliffe provided a historical perspective on Irish music and the cross-fertilization between Irish and American composers.

Columbia Pro Cantare  
Howard County  
\$920

**Bob Hines: National Wildlife Artist**

An interpretive exhibit and an afternoon symposium examined the life of wildlife artist Bob Hines and his artistic, literary, and environmental legacy. The exhibit included photographs, paintings, and drawings, as well as memorabilia and a short film on the artist; and the symposium featured three lectures.

The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art  
Wicomico County  
\$1,200

**Youth Development Summer Camp Reading Program**

One hundred students between the ages of 6 and 14 from Baltimore City area schools participated in a five-week program involving weekly themes designed to engage students in interactive discussions and hands-on individual and team projects. One afternoon each week, students visited an institution of culture, art, or higher learning. Council funding supported a week of academic and cultural activities focusing on reading, writing, and African American history.

Bishop Walter Madison Warner Program  
Baltimore City  
\$1,200

**In Celebration of Books**

At a day-long celebration of books, twelve authors will offer workshops on poetry writing, interviewing techniques, how to publish a novel, and creative writing. The event will also feature a keynote speaker, book fair, and book signings.

Gunston Day School  
Queen Anne's County  
\$1,200

**Rediscovering the Manufacture of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Clay Tobacco-Pipes and the Working Kiln of Maryland Artisan Emanuel Drue**

English archaeologist, Dr. Allan Peacey, a widely published and recognized authority on English clay tobacco-pipe making, presented a lecture for the public during his one-week stay during the fall 2003. Dr. Peacey also provided guidance with the construction and initial operation of a working 17th century tobacco-pipe making kiln at historic London Town Park. The kiln was an important interpretive tool for a reconstructed colonial village currently under construction at the park. Its construction will be based on archaeological data from the excavation of a pipe kiln operated by Emanuel Drue at the Providence Settlement (ca. 1660s), near present-day Annapolis. The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation  
Anne Arundel County  
\$1,184

**Bus Tours of Historic African American Sites and Communities in the Dundalk, Maryland Area**

This bus tour examined the history of the African American community of Turner Station, the relationship between the community and the former Bethlehem Steel Mill on Sparrows Point, and the African American men who resided there. A tour through the community featured highlights of some of the significant structures in Turner Station, a talk by members of the Turner Station Heritage Foundation, and a drive by the former Bethlehem Steel Mill and several other historical African American communities in the area.  
Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival  
Baltimore County  
\$1,200

**Chesapeake People: Indigenous Tradition Bearers**

Chesapeake People was a program designed to introduce Museum visitors to the society, culture, and history of the Chesapeake Bay region. Museum visitors had the opportunity to meet crab pickers, watermen, boat builders, decoy carvers, and musicians who share traditional skills and stories.  
Talbot County  
\$1,200

**The Baltimore Great Fire of 1904 Exhibition and Programs**

The Fire Museum of Maryland commemorated the centennial of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904, which spread over 140 blocks in the city's business district, destroying over 1,526 buildings and causing \$50 million in damage. A permanent exhibit, orientation film, and ten-panel brochure chronicled the fire and its impact on the city. Lectures, a bus tour, and a summer festival further interpreted the event.  
The Fire Museum of Maryland  
Baltimore County  
\$5,000

### **The Civic Conversation Since 9/11**

A series of five forums and a town meeting engaged the public in an examination of political language and its effect in shaping the perceptions of citizens. Speakers addressed topics such as political rhetoric that unifies and political rhetoric that divides, good and evil in political rhetoric, gendered language, the role of the media in filtering information, and the language of power. An online discussion provided further exploration of the issues raised by the forums.

Montgomery College—Takoma Park

Montgomery College

\$5,494

### **Comics on the Verge**

A Comics Weekend of free humanities programs was presented in conjunction with a major exhibition, “Comics on the Verge,” featuring original comics art of forty contemporary artists. Art historians, critics, comics experts, and exhibition artists explored the history, influences, themes, and impact of comics and graphic novels with a special emphasis on their role in modern American culture.

Maryland Institute College of Art

Baltimore City

\$7,000

### **Shakespeare’s Comedies: Texts and Contexts**

A day-long workshop provided historical and social contexts for understanding and appreciating Shakespeare’s comedies. Lectures and acting workshops demonstrated ways in which the comedies are concerned with issues of governance and patriarchal rule, gender and sexuality.

Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies

Prince George’s County

\$4,167

### **The Courthouse Comes Alive**

A reading and a documentary based on court records of the 1824 Courthouse on Church Circle in Annapolis are being developed to educate visitors about the role of the Courthouse in local history. Students from The Key School will work with historians to produce the program.

Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation

Anne Arundel County

\$2,500

### **Carroll Mansion Recreation Center Oral History Project**

An oral history project documented the history of the Carroll Mansion Recreation Center from 1929 to 1954. Selections of audio and video recordings of the interviews were the centerpiece of a permanent exhibit that examines the founding of the Recreation Center, the role of New Deal programs at the Center, and activity at the mansion during the 1940s and early 1950s.

Carroll Museums

Baltimore City

\$2,470

### **Todd's Inheritance Historic Site - Concepts and Designs for Permanent Exhibits**

Humanities scholars and an exhibit designer consulted on the planning and development of a permanent exhibit that will interpret the history of Todd's Inheritance Historic Site. Major stories will include the site's involvement in the War of 1812 as well as the agricultural and maritime enterprises conducted during the Todd family's three centuries on the site, including the role of slavery.

Todd's Inheritance Historic Site  
Baltimore County  
\$5,032

### ***Toulouse-Lautrec and the Fin de Siècle* Teacher Materials**

In conjunction with an exhibition on the works of Henry de Toulouse-Lautrec, the Baltimore Museum of Art developed a teacher packet and teacher workshop that explored fin de siècle history and culture. The teacher packet included slides, discussion questions, and suggested activities; and the half-day workshop featured a lecture, tour of the exhibition, a hands-on project, and strategies for using packet materials in the classroom.

Baltimore Museum of Art  
Baltimore City  
\$5,000

### **Memories of Baltimore Business Oral History Video Project**

Using thirty hours of oral history video interviews, the Baltimore Museum of Industry produced a 90 minute video that documented the common experiences of Baltimore's industrial entrepreneurs and workers. The video focused on themes such as building a business in early twentieth century Baltimore; the impact of ethnicity, race, and gender; and the effects of industrial decline and business consolidation on the individual and the community.

The Baltimore Museum of Industry  
Baltimore City  
\$3,922

### **Reading for Academic Preparation and Success (RAPS)**

Reading for Academic Preparation and Success promoted intergenerational literacy and reading pleasure using classic literary texts. The program offered three seminars for parents on reading readiness, five lectures on selected classic texts, and ten-week family reading circles in the summer and fall.

Bishop Walter Madison Warner Foundation  
Baltimore City  
\$4,147

### **Celebrating Josephine Jacobsen (1908-2003)**

Three Maryland writers – Lucille Clifton, Elizabeth Spires, and current state poet laureate Michael Collier – celebrated the work of the late Baltimore poet Josephine Jacobsen in a public forum and appeared in a video production honoring the life of Jacobsen. The video was broadcast on educational cable channels.

Howard County Poetry and Literature Society  
Howard County

\$1,200

**Journeys Home Lecture**

William Least Heat-Moon, acclaimed author of *Blue Highways*, presented an evening lecture that explored the roots of America's identity with nature and how nature inspires vibrant and healthy communities.

Adkins Arboretum

Caroline County

\$1,200

**Bay Appreciation Days - Celebrate the Tradition**

A weekend festival celebrated traditions of the Chesapeake Bay and its watermen. The event featured lectures, exhibits, music, and demonstrations.

Watermen's Association - Chesapeake Bay Environmental Planners

Anne Arundel County

\$1,200

**Humanities Lectures at Bach Concert Series**

The Bach Concert Series included lectures and performances between October 2003 and June 2004. Each program consisted of an illustrated lecture by the conductor on the musical language contained in the Bach work, the performance of the piece of music, and a lecture by a humanities scholar on the ideas, beliefs, and cultural context of the music.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baltimore City

\$1,200