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Crowdsourcing LGBTQ History across Maryland

Five Community Forums to be held across Maryland during Pride Month

BALTIMORE, MD [April 17, 2019] – Preservation Maryland will host five community forums across the state to inform a first-of-its-kind historic context study on LGBTQ history and life in Maryland. With funding from the Maryland Historical Trust, Preservation Maryland has contracted with Dr. Susan Ferentinos, author of “*Interpreting LGBT History at Historic Sites and Museums*,” to research, write, and produce, an historic context report on place-based LGBTQ history across the state. Identification is the first step to documentation and preservation of LGBTQ places in Maryland.

During each free public meeting, Dr. Ferentinos will give an introduction to Maryland LGBTQ history followed by ample time for attendees to identify potential sites for inclusion in the study and to build a better understanding of known sites. Those places, like libraries, bars, churches, parks, and homes, will be recorded in a list of properties and may become part of the context study expected in Fall 2019.

Attendees are asked to refrain from bringing any objects or ephemera. We do, however, encourage participants to come prepared to discuss local spots that have been important in their own lives and to the lives of LGBTQ people in their area. Research guides, additional materials, and ways to get involved in the project will be on hand. More information about the project is available at: presmd.org/lgbtq.

Takoma Park

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10AM-12PM
Historic Takoma, Inc.
7328 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912
Hosted in partnership with Historic Takoma, Inc.

Eastern Shore

Monday, June 10, 2019, 6PM-8PM
Salisbury University Downtown Art Gallery
212 W Main St, Salisbury, MD 21801
Hosted in partnership with Salisbury PFLAG

Central Maryland

Tuesday, June 11, 6PM-8PM
Frederick Visitor’s Center
151 S. East St, Frederick, MD, 21701

Anne Arundel County

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6PM-8PM
AIA Maryland
86 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

Baltimore City

Thursday, June 13, 2019, 5:30PM-7:30PM
Chase Brexton Health Care
1111 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201

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