

**The Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area  
Heritage Awards**

**The Search is On!**

The Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area wants your help to recognize and celebrate efforts to preserve and promote Dorchester County's unique cultural, architectural, and natural resource heritage. Awards will be given in different categories. Please provide us with your nomination, and complete the following:

**Award Categories**

(Please check the type of award)

Individual     Organization     Project     Youth of the Year

**I Nominate:**

Name/Project/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Please include a detailed letter or statement about the nominee's eligibility and contribution to heritage. Attach any other supportive documentation, such as press clippings, letters of support, or other relevant material with this completed form. Use one nomination per form. For more information about the awards, contact the office below. Thank you!

**Return this Completed Form & Support Materials by 4:30 pm Thursday, March 18, 2010 to:**

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area  
Attention: AWARDS  
2 Rose Hill Place, Cambridge, MD 21613  
410-228-1000 or [Linda@tourdorchester.org](mailto:Linda@tourdorchester.org)



## **Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area**

### **Award Guidelines 2010**

Each year the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area, a State-certified program whose purpose is to preserve and promote Dorchester County's rich heritage, celebrates significant achievements by making awards in the following categories. The awards are made possible through the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area Management Board with the support of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority.

#### **Heritage Award Categories**

- ◆ Individual
- ◆ Project
- ◆ Organization
- ◆ Youth of the Year

#### **Individual Achievement**

This award recognizes an individual for significant contributions to the community by interpreting, preserving, promoting, researching, and/or supporting local history, heritage and cultural traditions.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- ◆ Significant achievement in preserving, promoting, interpreting or encouraging heritage conservation & awareness that results in improved public understanding & appreciation of local history and heritage
- ◆ Demonstrated and long term involvement on heritage concerns in HCCHA (beyond heritage-related employment)
- ◆ Engaging in the following kinds of activities (as examples):
  - Provide leadership in managing a heritage-related event, organization, building, facility or natural resource
  - Restore, design or craft heritage-related works of art or architecture
  - Educate and inform the public through historic research, publication, or other creative expression
  - Save or maintain an important landmark
  - Advocate for, or gain community support of, an important heritage initiative

### **Outstanding Project**

This award recognizes the accomplishment of an outstanding project or activity by an organization, business, individual or local government that preserves the region's heritage or increases public awareness of its history, heritage and cultural traditions.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- ◆ Any new project or one initiated since July 2002 within Dorchester County that serves to preserve or promote the region's heritage and enrich community life.
- ◆ Projects may include restoration, revitalization or rehabilitation projects, initiation of a heritage-related event, stewardship of natural resources, oral histories, publications, and educational programs.

### **Organizational Excellence**

This award recognizes an organization, business or local government that has demonstrated sustained achievement in heritage preservation and promotion including historic, cultural or natural resource stewardship, advocacy, or protection within the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- An organization within the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area
- Sponsorship of an outstanding heritage interpretation or tourism product which includes exhibits, tours, websites, etc.
- Sustained contributions to preserving the community's heritage

### **Youth of the Year**

This award recognizes an individual under the age of 25 who is involved in preservation and heritage-related activities, for example, traditional forms of craftsmanship (like decoy carving and wooden boatbuilding), historic research, genealogy, volunteering at a heritage event, graphic documentation or other types of activities.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Documented evidence of involvement and accomplishments in an heritage-related endeavor
- Under age 25

### **Nominations Process**

Nominations can be made by any individual or organization. Self-nominations can be made. The past year's nominees will be considered. Completed nominations should include:

- The nomination form
- A detailed letter or statement about the nominee's eligibility and contribution to heritage;

- Supportive documentation, such as letters of support, press clippings and other relevant material; Contact information (telephone, email, and postal address) for both the nominee and the nominator.

Nominations must be received by Thursday, March 18, 2010, 4:30 p.m. at the:

Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area  
Attention: Awards  
2 Rose Hill Place  
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

**For More Information**

Contact Linda Cashman at (410) 228-1000 or email: [Linda@tourdorchester.org](mailto:Linda@tourdorchester.org)

**Selection and Presentations**

Committee recommendations of the nominations will be reviewed by the Management Board of the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area. Formal announcement of the awardees will be made at the annual meeting in May.