

New beginnings take shape

2021 IN REVIEW

Adding herstory to history to tell our story

Maryland Women's Heritage Center board and friends at the December historical marker installation honoring suffragist Mary B. Shellman in Westminster.



In October, Sony Florende's friends and family gathered at the MWHC event center for her posthumous art reception.



What we do

We seek out, listen to, celebrate and preserve the stories of Maryland women who have changed our world in some way. We embrace the rich diversity upon which our state is built and remain committed to "Add HERStory to history to tell OURstory."

How we get it done

We celebrate Maryland's women with a combination of exhibits, events and online features that pay tribute to their contributions in education, politics, science, community activism, the arts, the military, business and more.

In 2021, we:

- Continued to transform our new exhibit center in the historic storefront at Marian House/Woman's Industrial Exchange into a welcoming space that honors Maryland women.
- Highlighted fascinating women of achievement during six online educational programs.
- Collaborated with local historical and women's organizations to research previously unknown suffragists and then honored them with permanent historical markers in Carroll, Harford, Howard and Montgomery counties. Eventually, there will be ten markers placed around the state.
- Introduced a changing exhibit of women artists and their work in our display window.
- Lent the expertise of our board members and volunteers to such organizations as Notre Dame of Maryland University; Renaissance Institute; AAUW (American Association of University Women); Jewish Museum; Maryland Commission for Women; AAUW - Garrett Branch; Aberdeen Proving Ground; Dubois Circle; Laurel Historical Society; Business & Professional Women of Maryland.

I deeply appreciate the Maryland Women's Heritage Center's great goal of encouraging all people to rejoice in the achievements of women. For me, that has meant feeling excited about sharing the stories of women in history, and becoming excited about the amazing things I can do as a young woman!



Rebekah Mueller, Old Mills High School student. Recipient of 2020-2021 National History Day Women's History Award, given by the Maryland Women's Heritage Center



Throughout 2021, we sustained our unique nonprofit with donations, grants and program fees. However, future grant funding is expected to be both limited and competitive. Please donate, volunteer and attend our programs to ensure that the legacy of Maryland's women is preserved.

In 2022, donations and legacy gifts will support:

- Our ability to sustain a public and permanent space that honors and preserves the stories of Maryland's women and their accomplishments
- Education and advocacy that encourages young women to honor and emulate the women who have come before them
- A redesigned Maryland Women's Hall of Fame kiosk that allows for an immersive experience for onsite visitors and access for online visitors
- Professional marketing and outreach to increase visitors to our new event space and an updated website that contains extensive women's history resources
- Onsite and virtual programs to reach people in all parts of the state and country



"MWHC sponsored a historical marker dedicated to Dubois Circle member suffragists Augusta Chissell and Margaret Gregory Hawkins to commemorate their role in the struggle to obtain voting rights for women. The Dubois Circle, a Baltimore African American women's group celebrating its 116th anniversary in 2022, is able to highlight the role that its members played in the fight for voting and civil rights. MWHC played a major role in helping us share our history and contributions, both locally and nationally."

—BEVERLY B. CARTER,
Historian, Dubois Circle



MWHC volunteer and independent journalist Jean Thompson spoke about African American suffragists at Sandy Spring Museum on September 12, 2021. On that day, women's groups honored two local Quaker suffragists with a new historical marker that recalls their work.

FINANCIALS

2021 REVENUE

DONATIONS:
\$8,000

GRANTS
\$22,500

COVID relief
\$28,000

Programming
\$1,000+

THANK YOU:



MARIAN HOUSE



To review financial reports in detail, contact Diana Bailey, Executive Director, mwhcdiana@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Judi Williams was among our founding members and served as the MWHC administrator. We also lost board of directors' member **Linda Mahoney**. Linda was a well respected statewide advocate for the rights of women and girls. We move forward into the future on the solid foundation that these two women helped to build.

For additional details and photos that summarize our 2021 accomplishments, visit <https://mdwomensheritagecenter.org/2021-new-beginnings-take-shape/>

For more information about MWHC, or inquire about volunteering, contact Diana M. Bailey, Executive Director at mwhcdiana@gmail.com or 443-996-1788.

