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**Oxford Museum Now Accepting Nominations for
Douglas Hanks, Jr. Oxford Preservation Award
Until March 30, 2017**

The Oxford Museum is reminding area residents that it will accept nominations for the annual Douglas Hanks, Jr. Oxford Preservation Award until March 30. The award was established in 2006 to recognize significant preservation efforts and honors the memory of one of Oxford's most energetic and constant supporters. Doug's roots in the town extended back to his ancestor William Stevens Jr., who in 1668 donated 30 acres for the founding of Oxford. Doug moved to Oxford as a small boy and dedicated himself to exploring and preserving Oxford's heritage and history. The publication in 1999 of *Oxford Treasures, Then and Now* began a partnership between the Oxford Museum and Doug that has continued with this coveted award.

Nominees may be an individual, group, organization, business or civic institution. Nominees need not be residents of Oxford as long as the activity specifically relates to Oxford and the surrounding area. All nominations should include a complete form and narrative with supporting documentation. The narrative should explain why the nominee deserves recognition and substantiate the exceptional quality and success of the activity in terms of preservation. Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to, photographs (before and after as appropriate), slides, maps or letters of support. Qualifying activities must be completed one-time projects or continuing on-going projects that are developed to preserve Oxford's history and heritage.

To receive a nomination form, contact Oxford Museum Director Ellen Anderson at (410) 226-0191 (note that the phone message indicates the Museum is closed through March. Leave a message and your call will be returned.) You may also obtain information and forms at www.oxfordmuseum.org. Nominations must be received by March 30, 2015. As in past years, decisions will be made by the Preservation Award Committee and the award presented at the Museum's Annual Meeting in the Spring.