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## Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award Winner Announced

Paula Eley, a historian, volunteer and author, is the recipient of this year’s Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award. The Fairfax County Park Authority Board announced her selection at its meeting on July 22, 2015. Eley is being honored for her significant contributions to the stewardship of Fairfax County cultural resources and her passion for history and preservation.

Established in 2013, the award recognizes significant contributions that promote the preservation and stewardship of cultural resources in Fairfax County. In nominating Eley, the Board said it was appropriate she receive the award named in honor of Mayo Stuntz, as he was also an historian, volunteer and acclaimed author.

Eley served on the Interpretive Planning Team for Ox Hill Battlefield Park, which led to creation of the interpretive signage at the park. She also volunteered as the coordinator for the Fairfax County Sesquicentennial signature event at Ox Hill and volunteered to serve as the coordinator of the closing event for the Civil War Sesquicentennial at Ox Hill. Her association with Ox Hill was strengthened by her time as the liaison between the Ox Hill Committee and the Chantilly Battlefield Association.

The award winner is a founding member of Friends of Fairfax Archaeology and Cultural Resources (FOFA) and has served as the organization’s vice president. She successfully worked with FOFA, the Park Authority’s Cultural Resource staff, Gunston Hall, and the Fairfax County History Commission to assist in the coordination of jointly sponsored symposia. She is a former member of the History Commission and a Lady Fairfax designee. In addition, Eley has served as a member of the Sully Foundation, Ltd., helping to protect the resources of Sully Historic Site in Chantilly.

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