## Windows to the Past emberton Hall By Eric Stewart | Photography by Marci Ryan

" The heart of our mission is to interpret the home, its property and the family that built and ran it and to educate others about it."

~ Pat Taylor



ne of Salisbury's oldest, most recognizable properties was almost erased from the countryside more than 70 years ago. The Flemish-style home and its stately brick façade with iconic, split-rail fences were slated for demolition. With the help of a few passionate and dedicated individuals, the colonial plantation, built in 1741, was given new life.

In 1963, the ownership of Pemberton Hall and the surrounding land was transferred to the Maryland Historical Trust who held the property until a restoration was well underway, and the newly-formed Pemberton Hall Foundation incorporated and could receive the property. Without the impassioned efforts of the community and the continued resources of the Pemberton Hall Foundation today, this historic gem would have been lost forever. Pemberton Hall's preservation has been solidified; the residence is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The simple act of exploring its grounds and witnessing its history is a hallowed experience. Passing through the home's threshold and into its