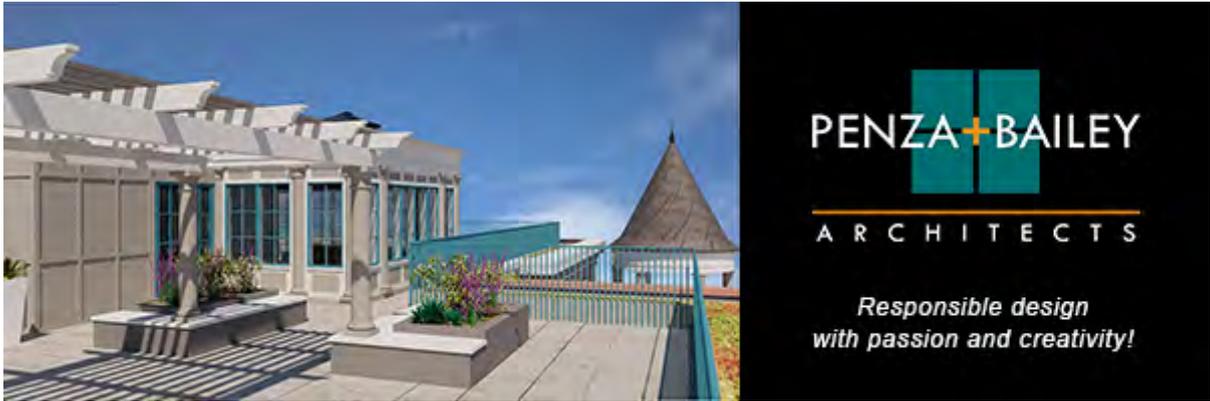


Subscribe



## PBA TODAY — JULY 2020

---

### AROUND TOWN



PBA is excited to be working on the Olney House, a historic 1820's building located in Montgomery County, MD. For over 200 years, this stately Colonial has been a familiar landmark in the Village of Olney. The property has been used for various businesses, including a restaurant in 2003. In 2020, new property owners hired PBA to bring their restaurant vision to life. Careful restoration and improvements to the restaurant, plus a 2-story 982 SF addition which contains a dining room, bar and restrooms, are underway. Salt & Vine is coming early 2021!

---

## TRENDS

### AGING IN PLACE = DESIGN FOR LIVING



*By Laura Thul Penza, AIA, LEED AP, CAPS*

Maryland's Stay-at-Home mandate offers unique opportunities. Continuing my interest and accessibility expertise, I participated in the Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS) training program. Presented by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and coordinated by Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA), our session included General Contractors and Design-Builders, Architects and Designers, Product/ Material Vendors and Occupational Therapists.

Now, as a Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS), my accessible design expertise has only slightly increased. My understanding, however, about the range of needs and solutions has certainly become more focused.

First introduced to the need for accessible design through a friendship with a young man that had lost both legs in a motorcycle accident, I have been grateful for that encounter throughout my career. [Read more.](#)

*[Pictured above: Accessible designs by Laura.]*

.....

## RESIDENTIAL DESIGN — OUTDOOR SPACES

As staying in is the new going out, serene outdoor spaces like these designed by PBA are in greater demand. Clients place more emphasis on outdoor multi-functional areas, which can be used for relaxing, eating, playing and even working.



This design features a trellis patio overlooking a picturesque pool, and is situated on a lush and very private .76 acres in a Baltimore university neighborhood. *Photo credit: Whitney Wasson*



The above design provides three distinct levels for entertaining. It features an outdoor kitchen with grill and pizza oven, a pool with a shallow end for lounging before it drops down to standing height, a fireplace with arched brick opening detail, and a private master bedroom patio. *Photo credit: Vince Lupo*



The most recent of multiple projects at a Baltimore County estate, was the creation of a conservatory and covered porch addition, which included the creation of a water feature focal point at the end of the axis of a loggia. This loggia also serves as a means of providing privacy for a new hot tub nestled against the house. *Photo credit: Heidi Krauss*

---

## CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS

### STAFF PASSIONS



**Our Architects have many passions.** Captain Greg Andoll, Architectural Associate at PBA, has been drawn to the sea ever since he skipped school to hang out at the docks of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad to read a dog-eared copy of *Moby Dick*. Occasionally looking up, he marveled as the last of the sail-powered cargo ships took on “provisions” to destinations unknown. Over the years, that interest in sailboats eventually merged with his interest in architecture.

“Sailboats are fundamentally utilitarian. Sails, spars, shrouds, hull, mast, boom, rudder, all work together for one purpose: to master the wind to get from A to B. Yet, sailboats are things of stunning beauty. That is why artists paint them.” So too, Greg realized were the buildings that he most admired. “From Chartres where the “function” was to capture light; to indigenous adobe dwellings, where the function was to keep cool, I learned that beauty is not ornament, decoration or artifice. It is the artful, mindful and nuanced response to function.”

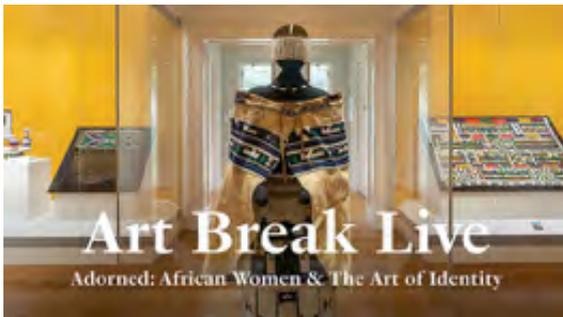
Not content to admire sailboats from the hard, Greg joined a local sailing club, but soon tired of puttering around in local waters. He earned his US Coast Guard Captain’s license and began his offshore sailing career by delivering yachts world-wide. He has since logged over 25 k nautical miles of open ocean sailing which included the Caribbean, the Atlantic coast from Florida to Nova Scotia, the English Channel, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, all the while admiring those beautiful sails, stiff as stone, as they silently do their work.

.....

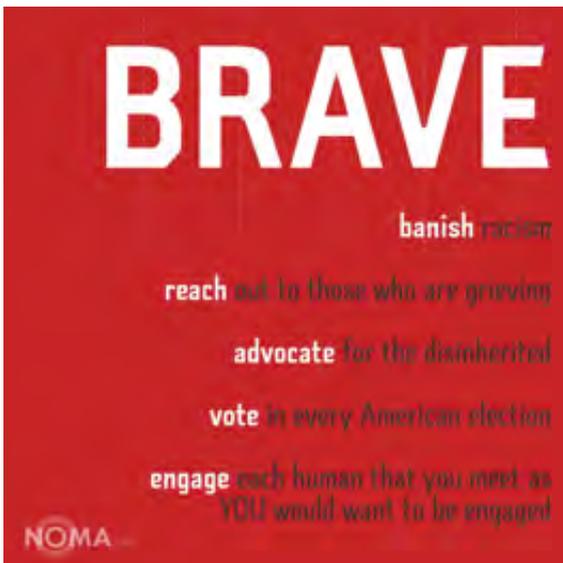
## THINGS WE LIKE



**Outdoor adventure.** *Park Quest 2020*, a self-guided activity, challenges you to visit and explore Maryland's state parks and complete as many do-it-yourself Park Quest activities as you can. [Learn more.](#)



**Live art videos.** *Art Break Live*, from the Baltimore Museum of Art, provides live educational videos featuring curators, artists and art. Episodes are catered to families and air every other Thursday at 2:00 pm on BMA's Facebook page. [See what's up next.](#)



**Organizations.** Baltimore Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (Bmore NOMA), recently released a statement on racial injustice. Penza Bailey Architects stands in solidarity with Bmore NOMA in condemning racism and the social and economic biases that disproportionately diminish the health and quality of life of Black communities. [Read Bmore NOMA's full statement.](#)

[BRAVE graphic courtesy of NOMA]

---

[www.penzabailey.com](http://www.penzabailey.com)

