

SOBO DAY SCAVENGER HUNT - MAY 6-7, 2023

Find **ONE** of each of the following items and snap a photo

15-Star American Flag



The 15-Star US Flag is known as the "Fort McHenry Flag" and inspired the penning of the National Anthem as it flew over the fort following the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. Baltimore may be the only city to still proudly fly this flag.

Formstone Plaque



Formstone, once lovingly called "the polyester of brick" by John Waters, was created in the late 1930s as a maintenance-free alternative to the low-quality brick of rowhouses. At the height of its popularity in the 1950s, it was a sign of wealth and stability in working-class neighborhoods. Find one of the few remaining small metal plaques displaying Formstone (or other brands) on the Formstone façade near the sidewalk.

Rowhome Screen Art



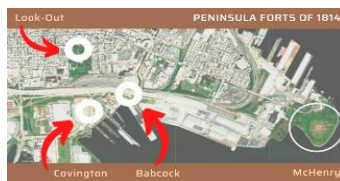
"Painted screens" were created in Baltimore and have been displayed here since 1913. Colorful images, which stop the gaze of people on the sidewalk from seeing inside a rowhome, could be seen on window and door screens throughout the 20th century.

Peninsula Post Newspaper



Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Visit your favorite *Peninsula Post* outlet and take a selfie with the latest edition. (Hint: You can find a list of outlets at sobopost.org/newspaper.)

Historic Cannon



From high points around the peninsula, 19th-century defenders of Baltimore could view the harbors to keep a look-out for British warships. While the forts in and around Riverside Park and other parts of SoBo are long gone, several historic cannons remain.

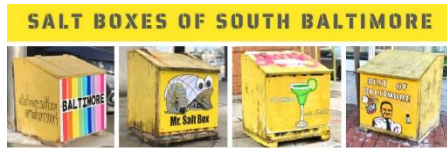
Cornerstone



Ceremonial cornerstones of historic buildings are set in a prominent location with an inscription indicating the construction date and other significant information. They can include time capsules or engravings commemorating the year the building was built.

Find **TWO** of each of the following items and snap a photo

Salt Boxes *with Art*



A fixture of Baltimore neighborhoods since the 1950s, these now iconic boxes just had SALT BOX stenciled on them until 2021 when a local artist decorated one in Hampden. City DOT and social media loved it, and now you can find 200+ boxes decorated by locals, most with a salt or Baltimore theme.

Little Free Libraries



Read, Return, Repeat. There are about a dozen of me on the SoBo peninsula. Find and photograph two and check out the selections!

The Maryland Flag / Colors



Find outdoor items emblazoned with the design and colors of the Maryland state flag. The flag's inspiration is from the coat of arms of the first Lord Baltimore, George Calvert: yellow and black for his paternal family, red and white for his maternal family. During the Civil War, the yellow and black were identified with Marylanders siding with the Union; Southern sympathizers adopted the red and white. Now the colors have come together in the flag.

Blue Crab Rowhome Decor



Our "state crustacean" and fave local dish, blue crab, is depicted in decorations all around SoBo. Fun Fact: Female blue crabs "paint their fingernails" (the tips of their claws are "painted" red).

Monuments and Memorials



Our peninsula has many monuments, memorials, statues, and other structures erected to honor a significant person or event. From the War of 1812 to the memory of the Pride of Baltimore, our memorials keep the history of Baltimore alive.

Building Murals



SoBo abounds with murals of all types. The popular art form got its start in Baltimore in 1957 with a city initiative to make neighborhoods more attractive, instill pride, combat graffiti, and engage people in their communities.