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US/ICOMOS at Work

September 2021 E-News



Welcome to "US/ICOMOS at Work," a monthly update on US/ICOMOS actions to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters. Image: Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center at Sunrise. ©NPS / Beth Parnicza. September is International Underground Railroad Month. Learn more below.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Your Assistance Needed: Help US/ICOMOS Expand the Underground Railroad Interactive Map



In Spring 2021, the U.S. National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom staff requested that US/ICOMOS partner with them to expand the context of the [Underground Railroad](#) to an international scope. Our Emerging Professional Network (EPN) agreed to assist.

We seek to collect, connect, and share information and stories about Freedom Seekers who self-liberated, the places where they settled, and the stories of their self liberation. If you know of sites and/or stories of self

liberation outside the United States, please contribute! Please also forward this request to international colleagues who might be able to contribute.

Click on the links here or below to learn more about the [Underground Railroad](#), the [National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#), and the Underground Railroad [Mapping Project](#). A video recording of the International Underground Railroad Month Celebration at the Josiah Henson Museum and Park in North Bethesda, Maryland, [can be viewed here](#).

Image: NPS Underground Railroad Map displaying routes Freedom Seekers followed to freedom.

Learn More and Contribute Your Knowledge

Last Chance to Register for our September World Heritage Webinar this Thursday, 23 September

[Register today](#) for this free/contribution optional webinar: "Responding to Challenges Across the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem." The webinar will take place online at 12 pm ET / 10 am MT.

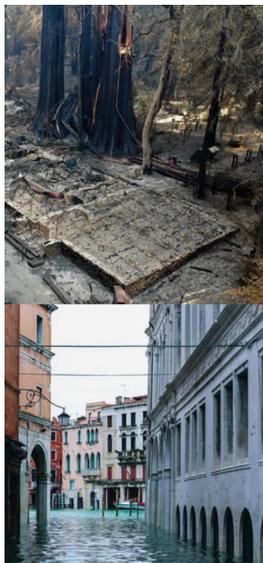
The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is unique in having 15 million acres of federal lands that are managed by multiple agencies yet are geographically contiguous, ecologically interdependent, and unalterably linked. This webinar showcases the challenges the National Park Service encounters in land management and its strategy to integrate key resource issues across boundaries and through partnerships.



Yellowstone National Park and World Heritage Site Superintendent Cam Sholly will moderate the webinar and provide an overview of challenges facing the park. Senior Wildlife Biologist Doug Smith will share conservation success stories.

Superintendent Sholly will also discuss impacts of climate change, increased visitation, and how the park is preparing to mark its 150th anniversary in 2022. [Please join us this Thursday!](#)

Coming 28-29 October: [Register Now](#) for the US/ICOMOS 2021 International Symposium and Conference



Preserving World Heritage in a Changing Climate

28 - 29 OCTOBER

1 - 5 pm EDT each day

2021 Virtual Symposium and Conference

Join us to learn about the pressing issue of climate change at cultural heritage sites in the U.S. and abroad. Each day will feature a keynote presentation followed by thematic presentations and discussions.

Information and Registration
usicomos.org/symposium/



Frank Lloyd Wright and World Heritage in the United States: Unity Temple and the Frederick C. Robie

House

Part Two in a series about “The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright” World Heritage listing.

Frank Lloyd Wright spent the first twenty years of his career living and working in Chicago, Illinois, and its fast-growing suburbs. It was here that the architect developed the Prairie Style and began his career-long exploration of new materials, methods, and forms.



In our shared effort to celebrate “The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright” World Heritage listing and the sites included in it, this month we introduce the two earliest sites, both located in Illinois: Unity Temple in Oak Park (pictured above, photo by James Caulfield), and the Frederick C. Robie House in Chicago.

[Read about Unity Temple and the Robie House World Heritage Sites](#)

It's Time to [Renew or Join](#) for 2022



[Learn about the many benefits of US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS membership here.](#) Thank you for your continued support!

In Memory of Darwina L. Neal



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing on September 4th of Darwina L. Neal, a pathbreaking landscape architect who gave so generously and inspired so many over her long career. For US/ICOMOS alone, Darwina served as Treasurer, Trustee, institutional memory, and trusted advisor to many Executive Directors. She helped organize our International Exchange Program, mentored a host of emerging professionals, and was a founder and officer of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Cultural Landscapes. We can't overstate Darwina's contribution to the organization over decades of service.

[Patricia M. O'Donnell has written a longer remembrance of Darwina available here.](#)

— OF NOTE —



Extended 44th Session of the World Heritage Committee



44th Session of the
World Heritage Committee
FUZHOU, CHINA 2021
第44届世界遗产大会

Our colleagues at the Georgia State University World Heritage Initiative have published highlights from the latest World Heritage Committee meeting.

Held as a virtual conference and streamed online each day from July 16 to July 31, the Session resulted in the inscription of an additional 34 sites to the World Heritage List. It also resulted in the delisting of a World Heritage Site for the first time in ten years, the Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City of Britain (inscribed in 2004).

Read more here: <https://conta.cc/3nn1dUn>

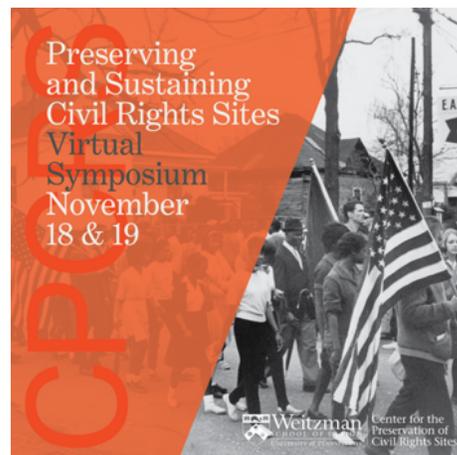
Preserving and Sustaining Civil Rights Virtual Symposium

Announcing a two-day virtual symposium, "Preserving and Sustaining Civil Rights Sites" on November 18 and 19, 2021, hosted by the Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights Sites.

The heritage of civil rights takes many forms, including iconic sites already recognized as heritage places as well as vernacular buildings, cultural landscapes, and other ordinary places shaped by civil rights struggles and triumphs. Civil rights preservation challenges existing conceptions of "site" and is inspiring change in the practices acknowledging, interpreting, and preserving heritage places.

By convening a number of scholars and practitioners deeply engaged in different aspects of preservation work, this symposium will address the varied needs for advancing the urgency of preserving sites, stories, and organizations representing the heritage of civil rights in the United States.

[Learn more and register for the event here.](#)



ICOMOS Pandemic Responses Phase II: Your Input is Needed!



Dear members,

Last year, your contributions allowed us to survey the initial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on cultural heritage. [You can find the report here.](#)

Today, the COVID-19 pandemic has become an ongoing trauma that continues to reshape our structures: How has the pandemic affected individuals and their relationship to heritage? Our aim is to collect data from individual ICOMOS members as a step for studying new emerging relationships with heritage and social recovery.

The form can be completed in 5 minutes or fewer and is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). Please submit your answers by **October 15th, 2021**.

Kind regards,
COVID-19 Task Force
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Early Registration Discounts End October 4 for National Trust for Historic Preservation Past Forward Conference

Celebrate the power of place, virtually, with thousands of preservationists and preservation lovers at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's online conference for those who work to save, sustain, and interpret historic places. PastForward Online 2021, November 2-5, will convene the preservation movement's leading change-makers.

Registration starts at \$85 (\$35 for students!) and will increase after October 4. Learn more and register here: <https://savingplaces.org/conference>



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US/ICOMOS is a U.S. historic preservation nonprofit whose mission includes both supporting the UNESCO World Heritage program and promoting international exchange in the cultural heritage field. You can learn more about us at usicomos.org.

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