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: New York’s Central Park is one of the U.S. Tentative List sites that we will feature at the Celebration of World Heritage. Make plans now to join us! Photo by Jean Carlo Emer on Unsplash.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Statement by US/ICOMOS on the Cultural Destruction of Ukraine

The United States National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites deplores the brutality and destruction inflicted by Russian forces as they pursue the conquest of the sovereign state of Ukraine. This action is anathema to the principles upon which the United Nations was founded, to the sustainability of the World Heritage Convention, and basic human decency. It risks igniting a global war of the sort that was the impetus for the formation of the United Nations. It is precisely that threat that Vladimir Putin is using to hold the nations of the world hostage as he pursues his dreams of glory and immortality. We appeal to ICOMOS members in all countries to support Ukraine and to exert all possible influence to stop the aggression that can be traced to the grandiose schemes of a megalomaniac.

Many other heritage organizations have also issued statements. Please visit our website to read more of these.

Register Now for Our First World Heritage Webinar of 2022: "Managing Visitation at U.S. World Heritage Sites"
This Thursday, March 24, 2022, 12 – 1 pm EDT

**Managing Visitation at U.S. World Heritage Sites**

*Free / Contribution Optional Webinar*

**March 24, 2022**

**12 pm to 1 pm EDT**

Finding the right balance between economic development and the needs of the community and environment is difficult. Tourism has boomed across the world over the last few decades and World Heritage Sites in the United States have been under pressure from the millions of tourists that flock to them each year. In this webinar, we explore different approaches to sustainable tourism from managers at the National Park Service, The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), and the Center for Responsible Travel. Over the course of the webinar, we will hear about best practices from speakers with years of experience managing visitation at heritage sites.

**Our Speakers:**

- **Moderator:** Jonathan Tourtellot, Founder and CEO, Destination Stewardship Center
- **Gregory A. Miller, Ph.D.,** Executive Director of the Center for Responsible Travel (CREST)
- **Donald Leadbetter,** Tourism Program Manager, National Park Service
- **Emerson R. Vallo,** President of the Board of Directors, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association; Tourism Commissioner, New Mexico Tourism Department

Please join us! The webinar is free / contribution optional. [Sign up here.](#)

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**Monuments Toolkit Project: Honoring Mary McLeod Bethune in the U.S. Capitol**

Cequyna Moore, Program Director, has published the first Monuments Toolkit Project blog post.

"In honor of Women’s History Month, I wanted to share some monumental news: the Mary McLeod Bethune Statue will be unveiled soon in the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. Bethune’s statue is the first to honor a Black American woman. The news is especially poignant since she will represent Florida, a southern state.

Mary McLeod Bethune advised U.S. Presidents Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1904, Bethune founded the Daytona Literary and Industrial Training Institute for Negro Girls, which later became Bethune-Cookman University. Bethune famously started the school with $1.50."

[Continue reading here...](#)
The 2022 World Heritage Celebration is All Virtual and Just Weeks Away: 9 April, 6:00 - 7:30 pm ET

Join us to celebrate and toast the 50th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and the U.S. Tentative List Sites.

As US/ICOMOS moves into a more inclusive and global advocacy, your support is more critical than ever. Please help underwrite our growing number of initiatives and programs by becoming an event sponsor, which includes mailed copies of *The Official U.S. Civil Rights Trail: What Happened Here Changed the World* and admission to virtual tours. Donations of $50 or more will be entered in a raffle to win two US/ICOMOS tumblers, but you can contribute at any level to join us on April 9th!

Reserve Now

Call for Emerging Professionals: International Day for Monuments and Sites 2022 (April 18)

Announcing an ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Working Group Africa-US Collaboration:

*Interdisciplinary Working Group on Heritage and Climate: Lessons from Africa to Americas: Cultural Heritage for Climate Action, Adaptation, and Resilience*

If you are an emerging professional with experience and knowledge in the linkages between climate and heritage, please join the team. Complete this Expression of Interest (EOI) by 31 March and the committee will contact you.

To learn more about this initiative, continue reading here.

Journeys to Authenticity Project: Please Participate!

The Journeys to Authenticity project is a five-year scientific effort coordinated by the ICOMOS Emerging Professional Working Group (EPWG) with the support of the Advisory Committee, leading to the 30th Anniversary of *The Nara Document on Authenticity* and its possible revision in 2024.

The project aims to explore different understandings of Authenticity and ways to apply them while assessing the values of heritage properties and potential threats to them.
To participate, please fill out the survey before 30 April 2022. The survey is available in the following languages:

- English - https://forms.gle/a25syG7HwaU5TkoS8
- French - https://forms.gle/Xij1CUG777cMQRV68
- Spanish - https://forms.gle/Mn1tCn24Mx7Epmtk8
- Arabic - https://forms.gle/Jn4f14bcF6pnBmMA
- Russian - https://forms.gle/Nbx473SKpooqPcs9A
- Chinese - https://forms.gle/rlCwnnYPEsCxnSck7

U.S. participation has been very light: please fill out the form if this is a topic that interests you!

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield will take place via Zoom 24-25 March, 10 am - 12/12:30 pm EDT each day. March 24’s discussion centers on "Implementing the 1954 Hague Convention." March 25 addresses "Current Events in International Cultural Heritage Protection." To register, please email USCBS by clicking here.

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**— OF NOTE —**

**Trustee Robert G. Stanton Honored by National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)**

Each year, NPCA recognizes and celebrates national parks heroes who have worked to protect and enhance our national parks. Robert Stanton is one of those park heroes and NPCA is proud to honor him at the 2022 Salute to the Parks with the William Penn Mott, Jr. Leadership Award for his role as a transformational park advocate whose contribution has forever changed the National Park Service for the better.

The 2022 Salute to the Parks will be a hybrid event, enabling in-person and virtual participation. The in-person event will take place at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC, on April 6th.

Please join NPCA in honoring Bob at Salute to the Parks. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at www.npca.org/sttp.

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**The Donaldson Futuro Added to the National Register of Historic Places**

US/ICOMOS is proud to announce that the 1969 Donaldson Futuro was added to the National
Register of Historic Places at Statewide significance as the first resource of the year on January 4, 2022. In addition, the Donaldson Futuro on July 13, 2021, became California Registered Historical Landmark #1062.

As the dedication plaque states, "The Donaldson Futuro is significant as an example of America's collective confidence as a leader in space flight, technological advancement, and economic prosperity." US/ICOMOS Trustee Milford Wayne Donaldson and his spouse Laurie spent eight years restoring the yellow plastic home to its current glowing state. Read all about the Donaldson Futuro's fascinating history and restoration here.

Photo: Laurie Galloway.

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**Free Webinar: Calculating Carbon Savings from Building Reuse and Retrofit, 12 April 2022**

Join the free webinar on April 12, Calculating Carbon Savings from Building Reuse and Retrofit, to learn about an innovative new "carbon calculator" that will allow preservationists, developers, policy makers, and other users to compare the carbon impacts of specific reuse, retrofit, and replacement scenarios. During this webinar, you will hear from the developers of the "Carbon Avoided Reuse Estimator" (or C.A.R.E.) tool and learn how it can support efforts to save carbon and historic buildings.

This webinar is brought to you by the Preservation Priorities Task Force, a partnership of the Preservation Partners Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Register today! [https://savingplaces.es/3stQ8C7](https://savingplaces.es/3stQ8C7)

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**Pocantico Fellowship Opportunity: Apply by 19 April**

Apply today for the Pocantico Fellowship, a two-week residential fellowship in historic preservation that provides the opportunity to reside and work in the historic Marcel Breuer House located in Tarrytown, NY from June 21-July 3. The fellowship provides professionals with two weeks of dedicated time for a defined project with significant benefit to the preservation field. This program is funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund & Pocantico Center.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 19
Notification: Wednesday, May 4
Fellowship Dates: Tuesday, June 21 to Sunday, July 3
Learn more and apply: [https://forum.savingplaces.org/pocantico](https://forum.savingplaces.org/pocantico)

Photo: Marcel Breuer House at Pocantico, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

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**Traditional Building Conference, 6-7 April**
Join architects, designers, preservationists, building artisans, specialty trades people, restoration and renovation contractors, building owners, facilities managers, and suppliers for the only national conference about traditional building materials and methods—Traditional Building Conference.

The 2022 theme, Methods and Materials, will focus on topics such as masonry restoration, glazing for energy efficiency and preserving historic character, adaptive use for traditional buildings, classical design, drawing with geometry, and historic timber framing.

Learn more and register here.

Join the Conversation on Social Media

and Please Forward this Newsletter to Friends and Colleagues!

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