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Welcome to the World Heritage USA Newsletter, a monthly update on our actions to preserve and promote World Heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our supporters.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day

The U.S. hopes to nominate several U.S. Civil Rights sites for inscription on the World Heritage list soon. Get to know the potential sites and the nomination process, spearheaded by the Georgia State University World Heritage Initiative, here. Thank you to GSU faculty and staff for taking on this important work.





Success for World Heritage Advocacy

Great news! After years of advocacy, the U.S. now has the opportunity to rejoin UNESCO, pay our back dues, and once again become a leader on World Heritage issues.

Happy New Year!

We hope 2023 is off to a good start for you and yours. If you would like learn about our goals for 2023 and what we accomplished in 2022, please watch our 2022 Annual Meeting online. An introduction to our new trustees is below.

Timestamps for speakers and presentations are provided in the Youtube description.





New Trustees for 2023 and Beyond

We are very pleased to introduce six new World Heritage USA trustees. Pictured clockwise from upper left are: Emily (Soon Yung) Choi, Athline Clark, Claudia Guerra, Dr. Arleen Pabón-Charneco, Monica Rhodes and Dr. Helaine Silverman. Thank you to all of our trustees—new, reelected, and outgoing—for their service! Read short bios here.

ICOMOS 2023 E-Cards Available Now

ICOMOS now issues e-cards that arrive much more quickly than conventional plastic cards. All you have to do is join or renew your International membership for 2023 and follow the directions here.

<u>Learn more about our membership</u> <u>options and benefits and renew here</u>. Thank you for your support!





Be a Host: One Week Left to Apply!

World Heritage USA seeks host organizations for the 2023 International Exchange Program (IEP). We are looking for heritage organizations based in the U.S. and abroad to provide interns with hands-on training in historic preservation or heritage conservation.

Learn More

Monuments Toolkit Project

The Monuments Toolkit team has produced a blog post entitled "Redefining Public Space during the Russia-Ukraine War" and is planning a January webinar on "Navigating Controversial listings on World Heritage Sites and Tentative Lists." Timing and registration information for the webinar will be shared via social media, so please follow World Heritage USA and the Monuments Toolkit Project online. Find links to our social media feeds in the circles at the bottom of this email.

View all of the Monument Toolkit's past webinars on our Youtube channel.



Sara Bronin Confirmed by Senate

We are very pleased to announce that Sara C. Bronin has been confirmed as Chairman of the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). If you would like to get to know Chairman Bronin better, please watch her comments in our World heritage webinar "Diversifying Heritage in the United States."

Indigenous Knowledge to Impact Federal Policy

On December 2, 2022, the White House released the first-ever <u>Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge</u>, recognizing that "in order to make the best scientific and policy decisions possible, the Federal government should value and, as appropriate, respectfully include Indigenous Knowledge."

Read the entire announcement here.





Preservation Advocacy Week: March 6-8

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week will take place in person this year in Washington, DC. Advocacy Week will feature a primary day of briefing on March 7th, followed by advocacy visits on the Hill on March 8th. <u>Learn more and register now.</u>

Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks World Heritage Nomination

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks of Ohio will be considered for World Heritage designation at this year's 24th Assembly of the World Heritage Committee. Read more.

ICOMOS Heritage Alert Issued

ICOMOS has issued a World Heritage Alert to amplify awareness of the threat to the former campus of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) and to draw urgent attention to the eminent risk of loss of the buildings of international importance that make up the cultural landscape designed by Louis I. Kahn with his team of Indian architects, landscape architects and engineers.

ICOMOS at COP15 Nature-Culture Summit

ICOMOS, represented by Christophe RIVET, President of ICOMOS Canada, attended the Nature & Culture Summit of COP15 and high level panel on Dec. 11, 2022. The panel outlined the connections of nature and culture and how these linkages can support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Watch the full panel here or read more online.

Online event: Heritage and Identity in Times of War and Peace Join ICOMOS UK on Thursday 23 February 2023, 18:30-20:00 (11:30 am EST start), to learn about how heritage and identity shape communities' decisions on what to protect, and destroy, in times of peace and war. Learn more.

Financial Support to Attend 2023 ICOMOS General Assembly (GA)

The International Secretariat is now accepting applications for financial support to attend the 21st ICOMOS Triennial General Assembly in Sydney, Australia, from August 31 to September 8, 2023. Learn more.

World Heritage USA 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 <u>WorldHeritageUSA.org</u>.

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