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.

This Valentine’s Day, Support the Future!

Each summer, we send U.S. interns abroad and bring interns from other countries to the U.S. to work and learn at historic sites and organizations. We always try to fully fund the interns’ travel and group activities in the U.S. … but we can’t do this without your help. Please donate now to help these talented young professionals! Contribute now.
Redwood World Heritage Webinar Next Week

Inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1980, Redwood National and State Parks preserve the largest remaining contiguous ancient coast redwood forest in the world. Attend this free event on Thursday 23 February at 1 pm EDT / 10 AM PDT to learn about the parks that make up the World Heritage Site, their culturally affiliated tribes, and current Redwood restoration efforts. Learn more and register now.

Monuments Toolkit Webinar 28 February

Join the Monuments Toolkit team on 28 February 2023 at 2 pm EDT for a free webinar that highlights the work and methods of artists and designers who utilize public space as a canvas or installation site. This webinar will push the activism of creators into the forefront, featuring guest speakers from the United States of America and Afghanistan. Learn more and register.

Will the U.S. Rejoin UNESCO Soon?

We have more work ahead but are very pleased with our recent successes regarding future participation in UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee. Tom Cassidy, Chair of the World Heritage USA Advocacy Committee, has produced a blog post regarding our recent advocacy efforts. Read the update.

Celebrating Black Heritage Month with the Monuments Toolkit Project
For nearly four centuries African-Americans have fostered resistance in the form of education, art, music, culture, philosophy and social justice. It is in our celebration and remembrance of these racial and social justice accomplishments that we have solidified Black History Month as one of the pillars of the Black community’s fight against inequality in the U.S. Read our February blog post about Three Monuments that Foreground Resiliency and Resistance.

U.S. May Soon Have Another World Heritage Site

The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved the inclusion of historic Moravian sites in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in a proposed multi-country, multi-site extension to the single Moravian Church Settlement of Christiansfeld, Denmark. The nomination will be considered by the World Heritage Committee in 2024. Read more.

Have You Renewed for 2023?

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.

Learn more about our membership options and benefits and renew. Thank you for your support!
Register Now for National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week

Join us in Washington, D.C., March 6-8, 2023. Advocacy Week will feature a primary day of briefing on March 7th, followed by advocacy visits on the Hill on March 8th. Registration closes February 20th so please act now! Learn more and register.

Heritage Risk and Resiliency Training Opportunity in Puerto Rico
Emerging professionals and other individuals interested in digital documentation for climate change mitigation are encouraged to apply for a Heritage Risk and Resiliency Documentation Certificate program in Puerto Rico, 3-24 June 2023. The course is free but selected applicants will need to pay for travel, room, and board. Application deadline is 3 March. Learn more here.

ICOMOS Heritage Alert: Philadelphia “Round House” Police Administration Building
The Roundhouse is of national and international significance as well as important to the architectural and social history of Philadelphia. Read more.

Internship Opportunities at The Cultural Landscape Foundation
TCLF offers paid internships in Washington, D.C., to students or recent graduates in landscape architecture, historic preservation, or closely related fields. The application deadline is 1 April 2023. Learn more.

ICOMOS General Assembly 2023 (GA2023)
Make plans now to attend the triennial ICOMOS General Assembly in Sydney, Australia, 31 August - 9 September. The core General Assembly will occur between 4 and 8 September within a ten day program of site visits, workshops, lectures, expert meetings and social gatherings. Learn more and register now!

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.

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