

# WORLD HERITAGE USA

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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.*

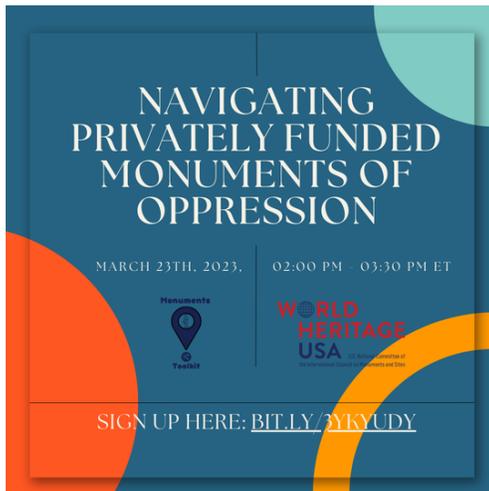
## We Need You!

Would you like to assist World Heritage USA with fundraising, membership, event planning or grant writing? If so, we would love to hear from you. Grant Gilmore, Committee Chair, seeks individuals to join the Development Committee. [Please send a cover letter and CV/resumé to Grant today to express your interest.](#) Thank you!

We Need Your Help



Join our Development Committee to Advance our Mission

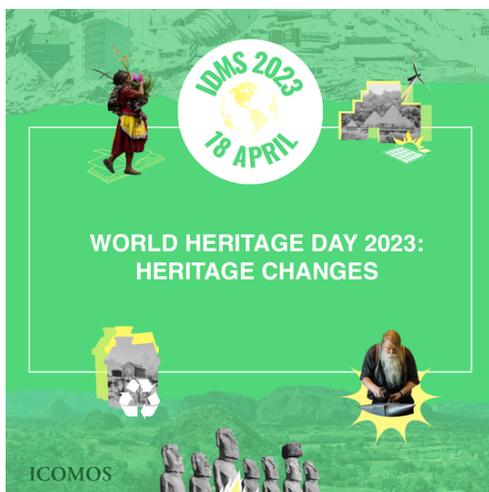


## Not All Monuments of Oppression are Located in Public Spaces

[Register now](#) for a free Monuments Toolkit webinar on Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 2 pm ET. This webinar will address the differences between public and privately funded monuments of oppression, the working of public space, and the challenges of reassessing monuments that belong to influential entities.

## A History of Recent U.S. World Heritage Nominations

Phyllis Ellin, on behalf of the NPS Office of International Affairs, has published a valuable overview of recent U.S. world heritage nominations, the processes involved in nomination, and some of the issues that impact site selection and the ultimate success or failure of a nomination. [Read the essay here.](#)



## International Day for Monuments & Sites 2023

Every year on April 18th, ICOMOS celebrates the International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), also known as World Heritage Day. This year's theme is HERITAGE CHANGES. We invite all wishing to celebrate IDMS 2023 to showcase the myriad ways in which traditional knowledge is or can be employed to address climate change in transformative ways. [Learn more.](#)

## The Monuments Toolkit Project

Are you ready for Monuments Summer 2023? When we look at the mirror of history, will we like what we see? Monuments have become an avatar for the values that we collectively honor, the traits to which we aspire, and the events

that we venerate. Join us in Charleston, SC; San Diego, CA; and Richmond, VA. More information to come.

The Monumental Project podcast now has eleven episodes! Our latest features James E Williams Jr. of the North Carolina Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. Listen here.



## Historic Moravian Bethlehem to Join Multi-Country Nomination

The U.S. has submitted its first multi-country nomination ever. The nomination is for Moravian Church Settlements, which include the [Historic Moravian Bethlehem District](#) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the historic settlements of Herrnhut in Germany, and Gracehill in Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom. [Read more here.](#)

## U.S. Civil Rights Sites Update

The Georgia State University World Heritage Initiative and NPS Office of International Affairs have submitted a document to ICOMOS and the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for “Upstream Review.” This review is an important step in nominating proposed U.S. Civil Rights Sites to the World Heritage List. We’ll keep you informed of new developments. [Learn more.](#)



## New Ways to Support World Heritage USA

We have expanded the ways that heritage conservation supporters can contribute to our organization: [learn more about one-time recurring donations, stock gifts, IRA allocations and planned giving via bequest here.](#) Thank you for your support!

## In Case You Missed It: Redwood World Heritage Webinar

In case you missed our March webinar [about Redwood World Heritage Site and recent attempts to recognize indigenous rights in its management](#), you can now watch it now online. There are many challenges but significant advances have been made in recent years. [Watch to learn more!](#)



### San Antonio Missions Aqueduct Rehabilitation Project

The Great American Outdoors Act is funding repairs to a 275-year-old aqueduct at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. The repairs are being performed by skilled craftspeople from the NPS Historic Preservation Training Center and San Antonio Missions National Historical Park with support from Texas Conservation Corps youth. [Learn more here.](#)

### Preserving Legacies: a Future for Our Past

ICOMOS is partnering with the National Geographic Society and the Climate Heritage Network, as well as with local communities and site management teams on a project to equip communities worldwide with tools to accurately assess worsening and future climate impacts on cultural heritage sites with the goal of rescuing them before it is too late. [Read more.](#)

### ICOMOS GA2023 Side Events in Sydney, Australia

GA2023 is offering delegates a number of Sydney based side events including a range of well curated site visits, functions, excursions & workshops. The side events are held from Thursday 31 August to Saturday 9 September 2023 and aim to showcase Australia's cultural heritage while providing engaging opportunities for delegates to see the best of what Sydney has to offer. [Learn more and register.](#)

### U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation - Ukraine

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State (the Bureau) and the U.S. Embassy to Ukraine announce an open competition for organizations to submit proposals for funding through the Bureau's U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation – Ukraine Response (AFCP-UR) to carry out urgent projects to preserve and protect cultural heritage in Ukraine impacted by Russia's unjust and unprovoked war of aggression. [Grant Opportunity Information.](#)

*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 [WorldHeritageUSA.org](https://WorldHeritageUSA.org).*

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## **You Can Make a Difference**

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