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Innovation and Increasing Engagement in 2024

2024 will see critical changes for our national committee, changes driven by our increasing attention to the roles that culture plays in the dominant issues of our day: social justice and climate change. In 2023, we changed the name of our national committee to ICOMOS-USA, and the new year will see the launch in earnest of a membership drive for World Heritage USA, which is a supporting non-profit for our national committee. By extending our reach through supporting non-profit membership, we will extend the reach, impact, and expand the membership of ICOMOS-USA. [Continue Reading](#).

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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ICOMOS-USA

Support World Heritage: Become a Member

ICOMOS-USA membership has many benefits in addition to underwriting all of our programs! Gain free admission to museums and World Heritage Sites worldwide. If you haven't already renewed or joined for 2024, [please join here](#).



Meet Our New Trustees

ICOMOS-USA and World Heritage USA would like to thank our outgoing trustees and introduce 4 new trustees to our Board of Directors. We extend heartfelt thanks to the following trustees for their years of service: Emily (Yoon Sung) Choi, J.D.; Stephen J. Farneth, FAIA, LEED AP; and Professor Archer St. Clair Harvey, Ph.D. [We welcome and encourage you to get to know our four newest trustees here.](#)

Call for International Exchange Program Hosts

One week left to apply as Host Organization for the 2024 International Exchange Program! We are looking for heritage organizations, based either in the U.S. or abroad, who will provide interns with hands-on training in historic preservation or heritage conservation.

[Learn more!](#)





Unprecedented Inclusion of Culture at COP28

The members of the Climate Heritage Network (CHN) commend countries including COP28 host the United Arab Emirates for their unprecedented political commitment to engaging with cultural heritage, the arts, and creative industries. [Read about Cop28, CHN and other Climate Heritage initiatives here.](#)

The Monuments Toolkit Project

The Monuments Toolkit is, at heart, a community-driven project. We are developing a publication of case studies that not only focuses on how various localities are approaching divisive monuments but are creating new monuments that tell untold and untold stories. One of these communities is Jacksonville Florida. The process to remove the “Tribute to the Women of the Southern Confederacy” started in 2020. On December 27, 2023, the monument was taken down.

We sat down with Wells Todd, leader of *Take ‘Em Down Jacksonville* in 2022. This month we are revisiting this insightful conversation.

[Read the entire January Update here.](#)

Sharing the Joy of World Heritage

An enthusiastic teacher and her students from the Skansen School in the [Agricultural Landscape of Southern Öland World Heritage Site in Sweden](#) recently mailed [Flat Stanleys](#) to World Heritage Sites in the United States. The students learned about U.S. World Heritage Sites and even received a flat Carl S. Bat from Carlsbad Caverns to tour their World Heritage Site in return!





Wishing You Peace in the New Year

Your support underwrites our initiatives promoting international conservation, exchange, and, ultimately, peace and mutual understanding. Please help ICOMOS-USA and World Heritage USA continue our work in 2024. We now offer more ways to give online. [Visit our website today to make your tax-deductible gift.](#)

A Truly Unique Heritage Opportunity

World Heritage USA, in conjunction with Dr. Nelly Robles García and our heritage colleagues in Mexico, has developed a 7-day tour of World Heritage sites Monte Albán and Oaxaca. Each trip for 2 includes airfare, hotel, and guided tours. We're thrilled to offer this World Heritage travel opportunity. [Learn about the itinerary and available travel dates here.](#)



ICYMI: ANNUAL MEETING 2023



2023 Annual Meeting Recording Available Now

Thank you to all who attended our 2023 Annual Meeting in December and voted in our new trustees. If you were unable to attend, a [recording of our 2023 Annual Meeting is now available on our YouTube channel.](#) This is your chance to learn about our 2023 activities and initiatives as we continue to build on these in 2024.

Mark your calendar: 2024 ACHP Webinar schedule

The ACHP will be presenting another incredible line up of Preserve the Past, Build for the Future webinars in 2024 geared toward college students and early career professionals. [Learn more and register here.](#)

World Monuments Fund (WMF) Climate Heritage Initiative

Join WMF President and CEO Bénédicte de Montlaur and Vice President of Programs Jonathan S. Bell on January 17 for a presentation of WMF's new Climate Heritage Initiative and upcoming project launches.

Learn more and RSVP now: <https://lnkd.in/epWC5HvH>

Mesa Verde Virtual Cliff Dwelling Tours

In partnership with Cyark, Mesa Verde National Park and World Heritage Site has created two virtual cliff dwelling tours. Consisting of 3D, manipulable models of Balcony House and Cliff Palace, each is narrated by members of the Mesa Verde staff who seek to show you just how much there is to learn about these remarkable villages and the people who built them. [Cliff Palace Tour](#), [Balcony House Tour](#).

Join the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH)

Are you interested, teach, or work to conserve Industrial Heritage sites? [Join TICCIH](#) for 2024. And [renew your ICOMOS-USA membership](#) while you're at it!

Nominate a Site for the 2025 World Heritage Watch

The World Monuments Watch is a nomination-based program that connects local heritage preservation to global awareness and action. Every two years, the Watch rallies support to places in need and the people who care for them, spotlighting new challenges and the communities worldwide harnessing heritage to confront the crucial issues of our time. [Nominate a site here.](#)

World Heritage USA provides a gateway for U.S. citizens to experience and participate in international heritage conservation programs and activities and for the international community to learn about the rich and diverse heritage of our nation. In doing so, we uphold and advance the broad goals of ICOMOS, the World Heritage Convention, and the preservation of cultural heritage globally. Learn more about us at WorldHeritageUSA.org.

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