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Black History Month: Celebrate with Us

February is a time to highlight activities happening now and year round as we journey towards social justice and equitable inclusion for Black Americans and people of color. Cultural heritage and preservation organizations--including ICOMOS, ICOMOS-USA, and World Heritage USA--are striving for positive change.

[Learn about our recent efforts here.](#)

Share the Love with Emerging Professionals

Share your love for Cultural Heritage and its future by supporting our [International Exchange Program!](#) Each donation is used to fund intern travel, orientation participation, and room and board during summer internships. **We're choosing this summer's interns now and we cannot fund their participation without your help.** [Contribute online here.](#)

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Register Now: Nature- Culture at Olympic

Our first World Heritage Webinar of 2024 will take place 29 February at 12 pm ET/9 am PT. Join us to hear about recent successes and challenges at Olympic National Park and World Heritage Site from the site's Superintendant and other experts. Our webinars are free. We just ask that you [register in advance here.](#)

Echoes from the Underground Railroad

Join the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History \(ASALH\)](#) for their [Black History Month Virtual Festival](#). This year's theme is African Americans and the Arts.

On 22 February at 6 pm ET, ASALH will present a "Harmony of Freedom: Echoes from the Underground Railroad" in partnership with NPS and the [National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#). [Register in advance](#) or [tune in on ASALH TV](#)!



The Monuments Toolkit Project

As we write this, the Monuments Toolkit has come to the end of its initial 2-year grant period and is wrapping up its final deliverables—the Toolkit itself and a mobile App. These will be completed soon.

We'd like to recognize and thank the young and enthusiastic team who have made the project sing: Ceqyuna Moore, Miles Ezeilo, William Humphrey, Gilbert Correa, and Destiny Heard.

Over the course of the past two years, the Monuments Toolkit team has challenged us to reflect on our public spaces and ponder the vital question, "How well do our environments represent the diverse demographics and cultures that make up our communities?" If you missed our transformative webinar "[Representation: the Crux of Public Space](#)" or wish to revisit its insights, you can view it online. Join us in rediscovering the powerful narratives shared by these influential voices in the realm of public art and representation.

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MEMBER HANDBOOK



ICOMOS Member Handbook

The International Secretariat has produced a revised version of the ICOMOS Member Handbook, presenting the structure, functions and organization of ICOMOS. It also provides answers to practical questions concerning members and Committees.

[Read and download it here.](#)

The Venice Charter at 50

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Venice Charter, ICOMOS Portugal and collaborators present “The Venice Charter [Re]Framed: New Heritage Challenges.” The conference will take place at the University of Lisbon from 27 to 30 May 2024. The international conference aims to revisit the charter by critically examining its principles and exploring new challenges that have emerged in the heritage field since 1964.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

VENICE CHARTER

(RE)FRAMED 1964-2024
NEW HERITAGE CHALLENGES

27-30 MAY '24



Have you Joined or Renewed for 2024?

An [ICOMOS-USA International Membership](#) includes many benefits, including free or reduced admission to heritage sites and museums worldwide, the chance to participate in ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, reduced registration fees to our events, and much more. [Join or renew your membership now!](#)

Call for members: Our Common Dignity – Rights-Based Approaches International Working Group (WG)

To express your interest, please contact the [WG Focal point Laura Robinson](#) with the following documents: membership application; brief Curriculum Vitae; two reference persons and their e-mail addresses. Deadline: 29 February 2024. [Read the full description of the Working Group here.](#)

National Park Service (NPS) Black History Month Activities

The NPS has many resources and sites for the study and celebration of Black history. If you're curious about events hosted at National Parks this February, [learn about them here.](#)

ICOMOS Carbon Reduction Strategy

The ICOMOS Board recently approved the ICOMOS Carbon Reduction Strategy to guide and encourage ICOMOS as a whole. The Strategy includes a range of recommendations for each level of ICOMOS, from the Secretariat, through the Board, National and International Scientific Committees, Working Groups and including individual members. [Read more here.](#)

ICOMOS Information on the Situation in Gaza and Israel

ICOMOS has created [a page providing links to communications about the conflict in Gaza and Israel.](#)

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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