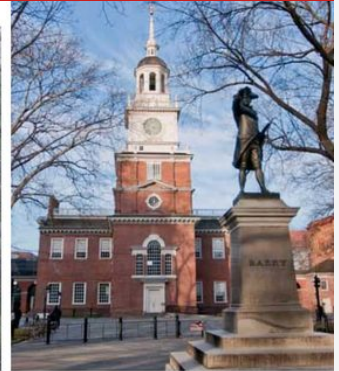


# WORLD HERITAGE USA

U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites

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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 send our condolences to the Lahaina community and all those in Maui who have been affected by the fires.**

**We pledge to do what we can to alleviate the suffering and sense of loss in the days ahead.**

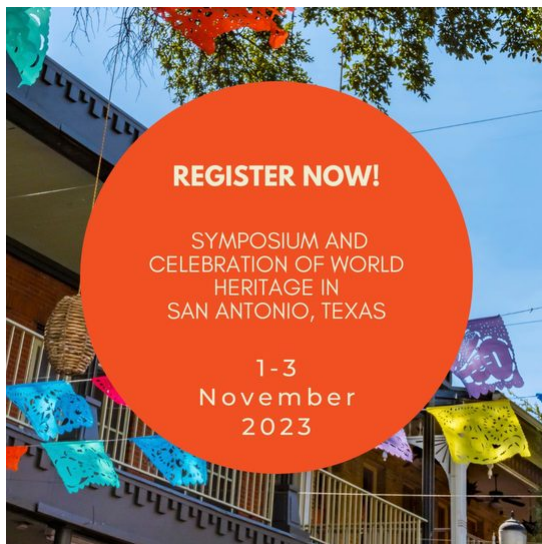
## **On the Wildfire Destruction in Hawaii**

The United States national committee of ICOMOS is horrified at the extent of human suffering and the destruction of heritage resulting from the fires in Maui.

Please consider helping those in immediate need now and assisting with restoration efforts in the future. [Read the statement and find links to contribute here.](#)

## Monuments Summer San Diego: This Friday!

Join us in San Diego or online on 18 August to learn about the complete history of the Cabrillo National Monument. Historians and museum experts will discuss Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo and his impact on the Kumeyaay Nation. A panel conversation from 1-3 pm Pacific Time will be followed by a reception from 3-5 pm at the San Diego History Center. [Register here to attend in person](#) or [follow live on our Facebook page](#).



## San Antonio Symposium and Celebration

Registration is now open for our Annual [Symposium and Conference](#) and Gala Celebration of World Heritage in San Antonio. We invite you to participate in a welcome reception at the Alamo, enlightening tours, informative symposium sessions, and our annual fundraising gala, the Celebration of World Heritage, to be held at Mission Espada. Members enjoy special rates. [Register now!](#)

## Virtual Registration for the 2023 ICOMOS General Assembly

For members unable to travel to Sydney 29 August - 9 September in person, many GA2023 Plenary and Scientific Symposium sessions will be available to watch online. Register to attend GA2023 virtually for a very reasonable rate: [Learn more and find links to register here.](#)



# The Monuments Toolkit Project

The San Diego Juan Cabrillo National Monument panel discussion and reception are this Friday, 18 August. [Register here to attend in person](#) or [follow live on our Facebook page](#).

In conjunction with the event, we are hosting a reception in San Diego for our ICOMOS members who live in Western states:

## Western Chapter Meet and Greet

Thursday, 17 August 5:30pm

Prado Restaurant Lounge

1549 El Prado

San Diego, CA 92101

[Please RSVP via email by 17 August 12pm PST by clicking here.](#)

Our first Monuments Summer event took place in Charleston, SC, on 21 July. [A recording of “Aspiring Toward a Common History” is available here.](#)



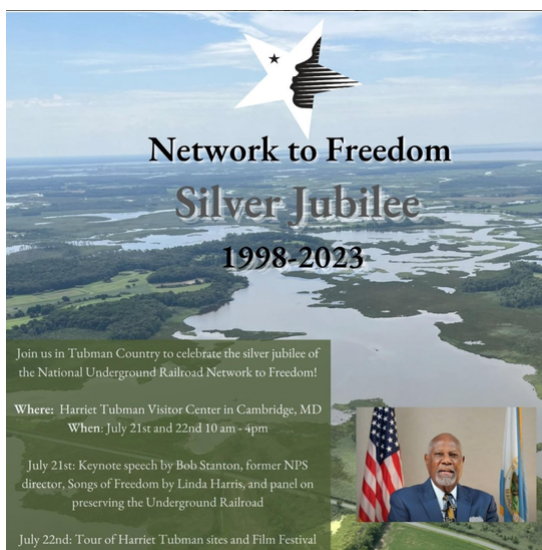
## Are You Following?

Every summer, our International Exchange Program interns generously share their experiences via photos and brief descriptions of their work, providing a firsthand look at preservation activities worldwide and helping us appreciate our world anew. Follow along on our social media feeds: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) are best. Photo: Brannon Smithwick, IEP intern in Prizren, Kosovo, where she is working with the Kosovo Council for Cultural Heritage.



## “Art and Activism in Alabama” Podcast

The Monumental Project July podcast “Art and Activism in Alabama” is available now online and on your preferred podcast platform. [Listen to Monuments Toolkit host Miles Ezeilo interview Camille Bennett and Michelle Browder here.](#)



## Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Silver Anniversary

The NPS Network to Freedom program celebrated 25 years in July with a celebration at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center on the grounds of Harriet Tubman State Park near Cambridge, MD. Retired NPS Director and former trustee Bob Stanton presented the keynote address. [Watch the event recording here.](#) [Learn about the Underground Railroad and its preservation here.](#)

## Redwood World Heritage Site News

Work has begun to remove several dams on the Klamath River in an effort to [“return the natural flow of the nation’s rivers and restore habitat for fish and the ecosystems that sustain other wildlife.”](#)

The Klamath flows through Redwood National Park and World Heritage Site to the Pacific. The river is important to many Native American tribes, including the Yurok, whose reservation overlaps with the World Heritage Site. [Read more.](#)



The organizers of GA2023 in Sydney encourage attendees to see more of Australia before and after attending the General Assembly and Scientific Symposium. [Information about four special post GA tours can be found here.](#)

### **Mellon Foundation Monuments Project Update**

Our Monuments Toolkit project is part of a much larger initiative on the part of the Mellon Foundation. [Learn more about the foundation's other Monuments projects and grantees here.](#)

### **Colleagues & Clients: Women's Roles in Frank Lloyd Wright's Architecture**

The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy will address this important theme at their annual conference 27 September 27 - 1 October 1. If you would like to participate, register soon. Spaces are available for most events, but capacity is limited and the hotel block closes August 18. [Register now.](#)

### **2024 World Monuments Fund / Knoll Modernism Prize**

Nominations are now open for the [2024 World Monuments Fund/Knoll Modernism Prize](#) until September 22, 2023. As countless modern buildings are too young to qualify for landmark designation and protection, there is an urgent need for preservation and increased public awareness of these resources.

### **Hopewell Culture Restoration and Resilience Projects**

Hopewell Culture National Historic Park and World Heritage Site nominee has received funding to restore forests and grasslands in the park. The work will be accomplished thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. [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 [WorldHeritageUSA.org](https://WorldHeritageUSA.org).*

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