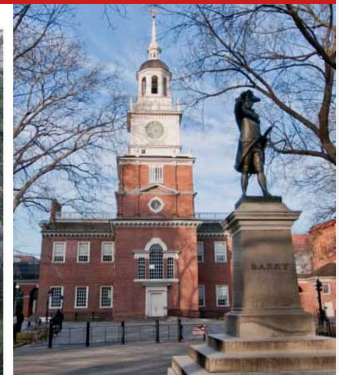




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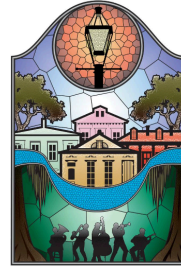


Last Chance to Advocate for Okefenokee!

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge—one of the largest blackwater ecosystems in the world—is threatened by nearby strip mining if the state of Georgia grants final approval to draft mining permits. [Learn about the proposed mining permits here.](#) TOMORROW, 9 April, is the public's last chance to register protest. [Send email here to help save this potential World Heritage Site.](#)

Come See Us in New Orleans!

ICOMOS-USA / World Heritage USA will have a booth at the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, April 17–21 in New Orleans. Drop by to say hello and learn more about us! You can also join or renew your membership. We're at Booth number 221. See you there!



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ICOMOS-USA and ICOMOS China Meet

On 6 March 2024 the United States National Committee of ICOMOS hosted a group from ICOMOS China at the ICOMOS-USA office in Washington, DC. ICOMOS China requested this meeting to enhance communication between our respective national committees and to begin discussions of joint areas of interest and enhanced communication and collaboration. [Read more.](#)

What Are Your Plans?

World Heritage Day, aka the International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), is on Thursday, 18 April. Learn about events below, and please let us and ICOMOS know if you're hosting an event that we can share. [Contact us here.](#) Share your event with ICOMOS by writing to [this address.](#) Social media hashtags to use and follow are: #IDMS2024 #icomosIDMS2024 #18April #ICOMOS.





Register Today

Join us on the International Day for Monuments and Sites (Thursday, 18 April) at 12 pm ET, for a free webinar entitled [“Through the Lens of the Venice Charter: Ukraine and Cambodia.”](#) We will discuss the restoration of war-damaged monuments and sites in these two countries along with the Venice Charter and its relevance today. [Register here.](#)

World Monuments Fund (WMF) Livestream Event

Join WMF online to learn about the five-year reconstruction of Notre-Dame of Paris following the tragic fire of April 2019. Hear from ICOMOS-USA member Barry Bergdoll, professor of Art History at Columbia University, and a panel of experts on 18 April 2024, at 6 pm ET via [livestream on the Villa Albertine youtube channel.](#)



Visit our Newest World Heritage Site

Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks in Ohio have a week’s worth of events planned in celebration of World Heritage. Make plans now to attend one or more events, including walking and archaeological tours, open houses, exhibits, gardening and cooking demonstrations, and a fundraiser “Honoring Ancient Brilliance.” [Learn more!](#)

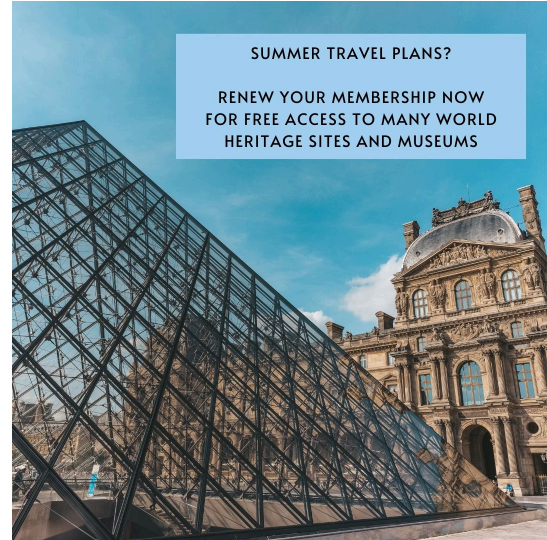
The Venice Charter in 2024

Throughout 2024, ICOMOS is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Venice Charter, an ICOMOS doctrinal text, and considering the pragmatic needs of heritage practice at this moment in time. What is the role of the Venice Charter today? Does it still serve its intended purpose?

[Read the Venice Charter here](#) and [learn more from ICOMOS](#).

Enhance Your Summer Travel: Join ICOMOS-USA Today

ICOMOS International members receive a membership card providing free admission at many sites and museums around the world. It's not too late to join or renew for 2024! [Learn more and join or renew here](#).



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Exploring Nature-Culture Relationships at Olympic National Park



WORLD HERITAGE USA

In Case You Missed It... Olympic Webinar Now Available Online

Our February World Heritage Webinar entitled “Exploring Nature-Culture Relationships at Olympic National Park and World Heritage Site” is now available on line. [Watch it on our Youtube channel](#).

Cutting Carbon: Resources for Preservationists

The challenge of reducing the impacts of climate change can seem overwhelming, but understanding the connections between buildings and carbon emissions helps clarify the opportunity for preservationists to make an impact.

[Read this crucial resource guide by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.](#)



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San Antonio Missions
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The San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site Management Group has partnered on the production of an annual accomplishment report for 2023. The report highlights the numerous successful collaborations taking place under the umbrella of the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site. [Read it here.](#)

ICOMOS Honored Women Gazzola Prize Winners, including Ann Webster Smith, on International Women's Day 2024

Ann Webster Smith, F.ICOMOS-USA, who worked tirelessly to make the United States a respected partner supporting the conservation of cultural heritage in all parts of the world, was recently commemorated in a short ICOMOS video honoring the three women Gazzola Prize winners to date. [Watch it here.](#)

ACHP Members Approve Policy Statement on Indigenous Knowledge and Historic Preservation

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation members unanimously approved a groundbreaking [Policy Statement on Indigenous Knowledge and Historic Preservation](#) on 21 March. The statement tailors the government-wide [Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge](#) to the needs of the historic preservation community.

Save the Date: 2025 U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites Symposium

This symposium regarding the nomination of U.S. Civil Rights sites to the World Heritage List will take place 10-11 April 2025 at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA. [To receive updates, email Anne H. Farrisee and ask to be added to their mailing list.](#)

International Course on the Conservation of Earthen Architecture

Practical training for mid-career professionals *from the Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian regions*. 25 January—23 February 2025, in the UAE and Oman. [Learn more and apply.](#)

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