Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

**ICOMOS Publishes List of Sites that Grant Free or Reduced Admission to ICOMOS Card Holders**

US/ICOMOS members often ask for a list of the museums and heritage sites worldwide that grant free or reduced admission to ICOMOS card holders, but up until now we haven't had a comprehensive list to share. ICOMOS has now rectified that. Please visit this link [https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/icomos-membership-card-benefits](https://www.icomos.org/en/about-icomos/committees/icomos-membership-card-benefits) and bookmark it for future reference.

If you’re not an ICOMOS member, but would like to join, please do so here: [https://membership.usicomos.org/](https://membership.usicomos.org/). Be sure to join as an International Member to receive the ICOMOS card.

**Make Plans Now for World Heritage Day 2019: April 18**

To celebrate World Heritage Day 2019, US/ICOMOS trustee and Fellow Darwina L. Neal is sponsoring a program at the National Building Museum entitled “University of Virginia and Monticello World Heritage Site & Its Evolving Historic Interpretation.”

Learn how and why the joint world heritage site of the University of Virginia and Monticello was established and how it is updating its historic interpretation to encourage an honest and inclusive dialogue about its past and enslaved workers. The challenges and contemporary issues that encourage evolution of management and interpretation for
such a site will be discussed by Stephen Morris, chief of the Office of International Affairs, World Heritage Program coordinator for the National Park Service; Mary Hughes, FASLA, LEED AP, University of Virginia landscape architect; and Gardiner Hallock, Robert H. Smith director of restoration and collections, and interim director of facilities, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

The program starts at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a reception. Make plans to join us at the National Building Museum by following this link.

Image above right: View of the UVA Academical Village looking south with the newly renovated Rotunda in the foreground, courtesy Sanjay Suchak/UVA Communications.

Introducing Our International Exchange Program (IEP) Hosts: The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

Each year, organizations in the United States and all over the world host interns participating in the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program. This commitment to historic preservation, international cooperation and the future brings big rewards to both intern and host.

This month, we feature the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), an office of the National Park Service (NPS) that coordinates research, disseminates technical information, and provides training in innovative technologies for historic preservation.

US/ICOMOS has been a longtime partner in helping to fulfill the National Center’s international mandate. Pictured above is 2018 intern Aanchal Mehta from India. This summer, NCPTT will host two interns: Sukrit Sen from India and Ina Sthapit from Nepal.

NCPTT takes seriously its role in helping to prepare future preservationists for their professional careers. The organization and its staff love to engage interns in the wide range of projects in progress at NCPTT and to expose them more generally to preservation practice at a variety of levels. Beginning in late May 2019 interns Sukrit and Ina will work with Dr. Mary Striegel and Jason Church in NCPTT’s Materials Conservation Program to document some of the remaining tenant farmer houses in the Cane River region. Relics of the agricultural system that replaced slavery in the south after the Civil War, these vernacular structures once covered the landscape, but most have disappeared over the years and documentation is severely lacking. The team will test a variety of rapid documentation techniques to determine the best approach for documenting these small, vernacular buildings.
NCPTT staff work to help IEP participants return to their home countries with improved technical skills and real-world professional experience, a better understanding of the work of NCPTT and the NPS at large, and ideally a deepened passion for and commitment to their future career in preservation. US/ICOMOS truly appreciates NCPTT’s longterm participation in the IEP and the many other ways in which NCPTT has supported our organization and international heritage.

Are you interested in hosting a US/ICOMOS intern in the future? Please visit our website at usicomos.org/internship/host-organizations/ to learn more. Summer 2020 host applications will be due in January 2020.

Please support the 2019 IEP if you are able to do so! We have 15 interns this summer - several more than in previous years. Please contribute to this important program if you are able.

— OF NOTE —

2020 World Monument Watch Nominations: Volunteer ICOMOS Reviewers Needed

The World Monuments Fund (WMF) sponsors the World Monuments Watch (www.wmf.org/watch), a global program that uses cultural heritage conservation to improve the resilience of communities, enhance social inclusion, and build new capacities in the heritage conservation field and beyond. For the 2020 World Monuments Watch, ICOMOS is again collaborating with WMF by tapping its membership for external desk reviews of the nominations.

As well as identifying reviewers through ICOMOS International Scientific Committees (ISCs) and National Committees, ICOMOS is also launching an open call for volunteers among the ICOMOS membership generally. We welcome offers from Emerging Professionals. Wherever possible, Emerging Professionals who are also first-time reviewers or ISCs associate members will be matched to work in collaboration with an expert mentor.

To read the full call for volunteers and learn how you can participate, please visit this page. The deadline for applications is 29 March 2019.


Architectural historian and longtime US/ICOMOS member Richard Longstreth will be honored at a Symposium 28-29 May 2019 in Philadelphia. Contributors will include a group of former students, colleagues and collaborators whose work engages with, and has been inspired by, Richard Longstreth’s scholarship, teaching and public advocacy. This includes people in academia as well as those in cultural resource management.

The various panels at the symposium will focus on contemporary work by a range of scholars and researchers who have explicitly drawn on Richard’s lessons or otherwise engaged with the kinds of theoretical and methodological approaches that he has championed. Given the overwhelmingly historical focus of his work this symposium will naturally look to the past. But it will equally focus on what is being done about the past in the present and will grapple with future directions in how we understand the past and its legacy in the built environment. Learn more and register to attend here.
The Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) Seeks New Secretary General

An international non-profit non-governmental organization, the OWHC is dedicated to assisting member cities adapt and improve their management methods in relation to the specific requirements of having a site inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Secretary General coordinates the activities of the OWHC, prepares the budget and the financial reports, recruits the personnel of the General Secretariat and ensures that the decisions of the Board of Directors and those of the Members taken at the General Assembly are carried out. The deadline to submit an application is 19 April 2019. Details about the position and application process can be found here.

Garden and Landscape Studies Symposium, 3-4 May 2019: “Landscape, Sport, Environment: The Spaces of Sport from the Early Modern Period to Today”

Throughout history, organized sports and sport-like activities have had considerable impact on how we design and understand landscapes. Correspondingly, designed and pre-modern “natural” landscapes have contributed to the formation and development of new sports and cultures of movement and the body. This symposium, taking place at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, DC, will explore the design of different sport and recreational landscapes over time and how they have given expression to various understandings of nature and culture. For a complete description of the symposium and registration information, visit this link.

Have You Renewed Your Membership for 2019?

Join the Conversation on Social Media

and Please Forward this Newsletter to Friends and Colleagues!
US/ICOMOS is a US 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 usicomos.org.