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Petra, Jordan - Part of the April 18 presentation on the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation

### US/ICOMOS Celebrates International Day of Monuments and Sites

US/ICOMOS celebrated International Day of Monuments and Sites (April 18) with a presentation at the Heurich House in Washington, DC. Martin Perschler, director of the US Department of State's Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, talked about the numerous preservation projects funded overseas over the past decade through this program.

For more information on the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, please visit <http://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/ambassadors-fund-cultural-preservation>

### US/ICOMOS Partners with the Heurich House Museum

As part of our on-going outreach efforts, and to grow a more pronounced local audience for US/ICOMOS programs and activities, US/ICOMOS is partnering with the Heurich House Museum on a series of lectures, presentations, and receptions. Titled "Heritage Without Borders," this series seeks to stretch perspectives about the preservation and presentation of cultural heritage. All events are being held in the Heurich House Museum and garden.

In addition to the April 18 presentation on the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (see above), the series includes:

**Pride in Preservation: Cocktails at the Castle** - a celebration of the National Park Service's LGBTQ Initiative (Thursday, June 5) - see the Facebook event page at [https://www.facebook.com/events/842890845725799/842954519052765/?notif\\_t=like](https://www.facebook.com/events/842890845725799/842954519052765/?notif_t=like)

**Final Presentations and Reception - US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program** (Wednesday, August 13)

**The Anarchists Guide to Historic House Museums** - a lecture by Victor Vagnone, Executive Director, The Historic House Trust of New York City (Friday, September 12)

**Post to Park: The Transformation of the Presidio** - a lecture by Brent Glass, PhD, Director Emeritus, Smithsonian's National Museum of American History (Friday, November 14)

The series is supported in part by a grant (to the Heurich House Museum) from the Dorothea de Schweinitz Preservation Fund for the District of Columbia of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information on the series, please go to <http://www.heurichhouse.org/preservation>

### Summary of 2014 US/ICOMOS Symposium



Heurich House (Brewmaster's Castle) and home to the US/ICOMOS Secretariat

### 2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium



Independence Hall  
World Heritage Site in Philadelphia



Florence, Italy, site of the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly

The 2014 US/ICOMOS International Symposium was held April 3-5, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Nearly 100 filled the lower gallery of Meyerson Hall on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania to hear presentations on the 50th anniversary of the Venice Charter and its legacy. US/ICOMOS was delighted to have assembled such a distinguished group of scholars from around the world to reflect on a variety of aspects of the Venice Charter, from its applicability in India to contemporary issues of place making and how the charter fits with these ideas.

Lively discussion was encouraged among attendees and speakers, helping all to engage in thinking about the history of the Venice Charter and looking into the future of heritage conservation. The program and list of speakers can be found at <http://www.usicomos.org/symposium>. The papers are scheduled to be published this fall in *Changes Over Time: An International Journal of Conservation and the Built Environment*. For more information on this semiannual publication, please go to <http://cot.pennpress.org/home/>

### 18th ICOMOS General Assembly Program and Hotel Information Available

The preliminary program schedule and information on hotel accommodations is now available on the ICOMOS website at <http://icomos.org/en/about-icomos/governance/general-information-about-the-general-assembly/18th-general-assembly-florence-2014>

### Conferences and Other Opportunities

#### Call for Presentations - Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities, June 5-7, 2014, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland State University and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs are convening an interdisciplinary meeting to discuss the role of historic preservation in revitalizing America's Legacy Cities. This is the first event to bring together key stakeholders and decision-makers from cities where entrenched population loss and economic decline present difficult challenges for the future of the urban built environment. Urban planners and policymakers understand that demolition is a very pressing reality and often argue that it is the best course of action, yet these cities retain astounding historic resources and significant heritage. At this crucial juncture, there are difficult questions about what role preservation can and should play in shaping the future of Legacy Cities, how to identify and leverage historic assets, what benefits and impediments exist in integrating preservation into community and economic development, and how we make decisions about what we save and what we destroy.

For more information and the call for presentations, please visit <http://urban.csuohio.edu/conference/LegacyCityPreservation>

#### National Main Streets Conference May 18-21, 2014, Detroit, Michigan

When we talk about Main Street®, we are talking about real people doing real work in real places to revitalize communities and preserve the character of their downtowns and neighborhoods. The 2014 National Main Streets Conference will celebrate, learn from and share ideas to help and empower those that make Main Street work: program managers, entrepreneurs, volunteers, business owners, students, teachers, and artists. Main Streets across the country - from small downtowns to mid-size cities to urban neighborhoods - share similar challenges. The conference is looking for sessions, courses and workshops that look at new ways to solve persistent problems; share experiences - good, bad and ugly - to help other Main Streets succeed; offer new perspectives on current trends; and provide examples of the projects and strategies used by managers, volunteers and other stakeholders to revitalize their unique communities.

Submit a Proposal  
<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2014-detroit/2014-content-development.html#.UegAol32Yto>



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