



## E-News October 2011

### Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in US/ICOMOS for 2012 - you can do so online at <http://www.usicomos.org/membership>



The Getty Conservation Institute is recipient of the 2011 Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement  
(Photo credit: Scott S. Warren)

### Ann Webster Smith Award Benefit

On November 3, US/ICOMOS will present the 2011 US/ICOMOS Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement to The Getty Conservation Institute. The award will be presented by the Honorary Benefit Committee Co-Chairs Jan C.K. Anderson and Ronald Lee Fleming at the annual award benefit dinner in Washington, DC.

The Getty Conservation Institute award nomination states,

“Since its creation in 1985 as part of the J. Paul Getty Trust, the Getty Conservation Institute has built an outstanding record as a leader in advancing conservation principles and practices and supporting projects to preserve heritage sites throughout the world. The mission of The GCI to enhance our nation’s participation in global stewardship embodies Ann Webster Smith’s vision for the role that American institutions and individuals should play as world citizens.”

With this award, US/ICOMOS celebrates the many significant contributions of The Getty Conservation Institute to the stewardship of our world heritage.

### US/ICOMOS International Breakfast

US/ICOMOS Board member Andrew Potts chaired a program entitled “U.S.-Canadian Heritage Cooperation: Learning from Each Other” at the annual US/ICOMOS International Breakfast, which was held Friday, October 1, in Buffalo, New York, during the National Trust’s National Preservation Conference. The program was held in the Terrace Room of the historic Statler Hotel, which is the focus of extensive restoration efforts in downtown Buffalo.

Bob Skerker of the Buffalo conference’s host committee welcomed the 90+ people who had assembled for the breakfast program. Other welcoming remarks were delivered by Kim St. Claire, Field Superintendent of Georgian Bay, Parks Canada Agency, and Dr. Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director for Cultural Heritage and Science at the US National Park Service.

Two short vignettes of successful US/Canadian cooperation on cross-border heritage projects were provided by Diane Miller, National Program Manager of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, and Patricia O’Donnell, Heritage Landscapes, on the landscape of Mount Royal. Following these remarks, the group was welcomed by Julian Smith, Executive Director of Willowbank, on behalf of ICOMOS Canada and its President Dinu Bumbaru, and a brief update on US/ICOMOS programs and activities was provided Dr. Donald Jones, Director of US/ICOMOS.

The program concluded with remarks by ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz on the importance of international heritage cooperation. The program evidenced a tremendous amount of good will between American and



US/Canadian Heritage Cooperation was the theme of the US/ICOMOS International Breakfast, which was held October 21 in Buffalo, New York

Canadian preservationists in general and ICOMOS Canada and US/ICOMOS specifically, and ended with mutual expressions of hope for continued bilateral collaboration in the future.

### **17th ICOMOS General Assembly**

November 27 - December 2, 2011 in Paris, France

More than 40 US/ICOMOS members are scheduled to attend the 17th ICOMOS General Assembly in Paris, France. Held every three years, the General Assembly brings together ICOMOS members from around the world for a week of administrative actions, including the election of officers, and meetings of the International Scientific Committees.

A welcome reception will be held the evening of Sunday, November 27 at the Ecole nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts. The plenary session on Monday, November 28, will be held at the headquarters of UNESCO. On Tuesday through Thursday, a symposium on Heritage Development will be presented in four parallel sessions, with the elections of ICOMOS officers on Wednesday afternoon. The General Assembly will conclude on Friday with a visit to the Domaine de Chantilly.

Gustavo Araoz (current ICOMOS President and former US/ICOMOS Executive Director) will be running for re-election for a second three-year term as President.

The full program can be found at this link - <http://www.icomos-paris2011.com/xvii-eme-assemblee-generale-icomos-2011>

### **Articles on Historic Context and the 2011 US/ICOMOS Symposium**

The 14th US/ICOMOS Symposium, held in June 2011 in Washington, DC, focused on respecting the value of context with regard to historic buildings and districts.

The overriding theme of this symposium concerned the influence of the Venice Charter and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards on the design of new additions to historic buildings and new buildings in historic districts. Numerous examples of what many would alternately consider "good" or "bad" design were presented, however much of the resulting discussion focused on the degree to which the wording of the Charter and Standards influenced the actual construction design. For example, while the Secretary of Interior's Standards do call for "differentiation" between new construction and historic buildings/districts, the same standards also call for "compatibility."

A report on the 2011 symposium will be posted on the US/ICOMOS website in the coming weeks. Two recent articles were published stemming from the discussions at the US/ICOMOS symposium—one in the Wall Street Journal by Catesby Leigh and one in Traditional Building by Clem Labine. The articles can be found at the links below.

"The Bias Against Tradition" by Catesby Leigh  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304569504576403841372798886.html>

"Preserving Historic Context" by Clem Labine  
<http://www.traditional-building.com/Previous-Issues-11/OctoberForum11.html>

### **2012 World Monuments Fund Watch List Announced**

As it has every two years since 1996, the World Monuments Fund has announced its list of heritage sites in danger around the globe. WMF hopes to bring international attention to the threats facing these sites to generate support for the long-term conservation of these sites.

An interactive map of the 2012 Watch List sites can be found at <http://www.wmf.org/watch/project-map>

The 2012 Watch List can be found at the following link (pdf file) - <http://cdn.wmf.org/downloads/2012-Watch-List.pdf>

More information on the WMF Watch program can be found at <http://www.wmf.org/about-watch>

### **NPS Documentation Project in Afghanistan**



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Two staff members from the National Park Service's Heritage Documentation Programs recently completed a trip to Afghanistan to document the "Towers of Victory" in the province of Ghazni. The towers, which date to the 11th and 12th centuries (toward the end of the Ghaznavid Empire), are made of fired mud brick with elaborate terracotta decoration. Dana Locket and Paul Davidson work with the NPS HABS/HAER/HALS/CRGIS division (long-term partner of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program). Their work involved high-definition laser scanning to document the structures and provide a basis for long-term conservation planning.

The project was sponsored by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Cultural Heritage Center.

An article on the project in NPS Digest can be found at <http://home.nps.gov/applications/digest/headline.cfm?type=Announcements&id=10994&urlarea=npsnews>

### **[AIA Preservation Architect article on US/ICOMOS](#)**

Board member Michael Mills published an article in a recent issue of the American Institute of Architect's *Preservation Architect*.

The article can be found at <http://www.aia.org/akr/Resources/Documents/AIAB091045?dvid=&recspec=AIAB091045>

For the entire issue of *Preservation Architect*, go to this link - <http://www.aia.org/akr/Resources/Documents/AIAB091064?dvid=&recspec=AIAB091064>



Ghaznavid Empire Minaret  
in Afghanistan

### **[US/ICOMOS Annual Symposia](#)**

Over the next five years, US/ICOMOS will combine the annual symposium with celebratory events marking landmark anniversaries in heritage conservation—the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention in 2012, the 50th anniversary of the Venice Charter in 2014, the 50th anniversary of ICOMOS and US/ICOMOS in 2015, and the 100th anniversary of the US National Park Service in 2016. The 2012 symposium will be held May 31-June 2 in San Antonio, Texas (see below). This fall, US/ICOMOS will be sending out a Call for Proposals to Host Future US/ICOMOS Symposia (2013-2016).

For a list of previous US/ICOMOS Symposia, go to <http://www.usicomos.org/symposium>.

### **[15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium](#)**

***Coming soon: Call for Papers for the 15th annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium***

The 15th annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium will be held May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the conference is

**“Confluence of Cultures: World Heritage in the Americas”**

during which the San Antonio Missions, on the US Tentative List for nomination to the World Heritage List, will be highlighted.



The Alamo, part of the US Tentative List nomination of the San Antonio Missions to the World Heritage List, will be featured at the 15th US/ICOMOS International Symposium, May 31-June 2, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas

### **[US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program](#)**

***Coming soon: Call for US and International Hosts for the International Exchange Program.***

We hope you will consider hosting a US/ICOMOS International Intern. For past internships, please visit <http://www.usicomos.org/intern/list>

Since 1984, US/ICOMOS has supported bilateral exchanges in heritage conservation for professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. The program will be reinvigorated in 2012 and expanded over the coming years, focusing on a wide range of heritage conservation activities and expanding to more countries around the world. Updated information on the 2012 exchange program will be posted on our website this fall at <http://www.usicomos.org/intern>

**For those interested in applying to become an intern, application requirements and procedures will be posted later this fall -**

**applications will be due January 31, 2012 for summer internships.**

I hope you will consider supporting and participating in a number of these activities, and hope to hear from you about other ways US/ICOMOS can engage individual and institutional members to promote US involvement in the global heritage community. As always, please visit our website regularly at [www.usicomos.org](http://www.usicomos.org) for updates on all US/ICOMOS programs and activities.



The 2010 class of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program at the World Bank in Washington, DC