



# Preservation Architect

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### **Sustainability and Stewardship: Maintenance, Durability, and Service Life**

#### **AIA Historic Resources Committee / GSA / APT Symposium**

*By Harry Hunderman FAIA, 2010 Chair AIA Historic Resources Committee*

The Historic Resources Committee together with co-sponsors, the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) will present a one-day symposium entitled [Sustainability and Stewardship: Maintenance, Durability, and Service Life](#) on Thursday, October 7 in Denver, Colorado. The symposium will immediately precede the annual APT 2010 Conference entitled [Layers Across Time: Preserving a Diverse Western Heritage](#).

Beginning with the premise that “to sustain is to maintain” and that extending the life of existing buildings is more effective in reducing environmental impacts than building new structures, however green, this symposium is designed to explore issues related to sustainability and the stewardship of existing buildings. Why is conserving existing buildings so important to the environment? What is the relationship between sustainability (current metrics) and existing buildings? What can we learn by examining the life cycle of buildings? Why are some building materials and components more durable (and maintainable) than others? This symposium will address these questions and more to build a better understanding of the role of stewardship in a sustainable world.

The speakers, moderators and facilitators include:

- Patrice Frey, [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), Washington, DC, USA
- Wayne Trusty, [Athena Institute International, Merrickville](#), Ontario, Canada
- Elaine Gallagher Adams, [AIA, Rocky Mountain Institute](#), Boulder, CO, USA
- Beth Savage, [General Services Administration](#), Washington, DC, USA
- Caroline Alderson, [General Services Administration](#), Washington, DC, USA
- Don Horn, [General Services Administration](#), Auburn, WA, USA
- Patrick Loughran, FAIA, PE, LEED AP, [Goettsch Partners](#), Chicago, IL, USA
- Jean Carroon, FAIA, [Goody Clancy](#), Boston, MA, USA
- David Woodcock, FAIA, FSA FAPT, [Center for Heritage Conservation](#), Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA

Register today ([here](#)) to be part of this discussion on the important relationship between stewardship and sustainability. Attendance is limited, register soon.

### **AIA-HRC Meetings at the 2010 APT Conference: October 6-9 | Denver, CO**

*By H. Thomas McGrath Jr. - FAIA FAPT*

AIA HRC Members are invited to join at breakfast and celebrate the accomplishments of our outgoing HRC Chair Harry Hunderman on Friday morning, October 8, 2010 at the Brown Palace Hotel from 7-8 a.m. Guests and spouses are encouraged to attend.

There also will be an HRC business meeting Friday, Oct 8 at 1:30 p.m. at location TBD at the Denver Sheraton Hotel. Please plan to attend this meeting and help finalize the HRC 2011 Strategic Plan.

The University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning and the Center of Preservation Research is hosting a reception and exhibit 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Friday October 8, 3rd Floor UCD Building, 1250 14th.

### **Layers Across Time – Preserving a Diverse Western Heritage**

#### **2010 Association for Preservation Technology Conference**

October 6-9 | Denver, CO

[Register](#) today.

### **Growing Green: Traditional Building and Sustainable Development**

#### **2010 Traditional Building Exposition and Conference**

October 20 - 23 | Chicago, IL

[Register](#) today!

## **Next American City Next American Landscape 2010 National Preservation Conference**

October 27 - 30 | Austin, TX

[Register](#) today!

### **IN THE NEWS**

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#### **Letter from the Chair**

*By Harry J. Hunderman, FAIA FAPT - 2010 Chair AIA Historic Resources Committee*

As you may be aware, the AIA has created a new Web presence for all AIA members, [AIA KnowledgeNet](#), "your place to connect with architects and allied professionals, discuss topics that interest you, and share your expertise." This new feature was opened to the AIA members (and the public) this summer. What is significant about this new tool is that it is interactive and allows AIA members to communicate with one another directly, in addition to communicating with others outside the organization who are interested in similar topics...[Read full letter](#).

#### **Letter from the Editor**

*By James J. Malanaphy, AIA*

Welcome to the September issue of ***Preservation Architect***. A special thank you goes to those HRC Communications subcommittee members that have worked to assemble an informative collection of feature articles and resources available from allied preservation organizations on the topics of disaster planning, preparedness, response and recovery as they relate to historic buildings, other cultural resources and our built environment...[Read full letter](#).

#### **Cyclorama Building Environmental Assessment National Park Service Seeking Comments due October 1, 2010**

*By Yolita E. Rausche, Assoc. AIA*

Gettysburg National Military Park is seeking the public's input on the future of the Cyclorama building. National Park Service staff will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document called an environmental assessment. The environmental assessment will describe and evaluate alternatives regarding the future of the Gettysburg Cyclorama building, a National Register eligible structure located on North Cemetery Ridge on the Gettysburg battlefield...[Link to provide comments](#).

#### **The AIA HRC - Historic Sites Advocacy Team**

*By Sharon C. Park, FAIA*

The Historic Sites Advocacy Team (HSAT) is a subcommittee of the AIA's Historic Resource Committee (HRC) and is charged with responding to requests for assistance on endangered historic properties. The team is committed to identifying, understanding and helping to preserve the architectural heritage in this country and internationally...[Read full article](#)

### **FEATURES**

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#### **Disaster Preparedness, Emergency Management and Response**

*By Michael J. Mills, FAIA*

Disasters and destruction of cultural property have both natural and man-made causes. Natural forces include catastrophic events such as earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, tornados, and hurricanes. Man-made causes are even more numerous and include: war, terrorism, cultural vandalism, ideological destruction, economic gain, changes in taste, poor workmanship, faulty repairs, or simple neglect or lack of cultural interest. At the point of a natural disaster, the preservation of cultural property is often a lower priority when compared with the human tragedies and the need for rebuilding social services and infrastructure to support life and health...[Read full article](#).

#### **Beauvoir: 2010 AIA Institute Honor Award for Architecture**

*From The American Institute of Architects and Albert and Associates Architects*

Beauvoir was constructed in 1852 by James Brown, a planter from Madison County, Mississippi. Beauvoir would later become the retirement home of Jefferson Davis, the former president of the Confederacy. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina severely damaged and nearly destroyed Beauvoir. The remarkable restoration of Beauvoir under the direction of Albert and Associates Architects brought the National Historic Landmark mansion back to life. This exemplary project has been recognized with a 2010 Institute Honor Award for Architecture from the American Institute of Architects...[Read full article](#) and [View the Honor Award submittal](#).

#### **Haiti Conservation and Reconstruction Efforts: Update from US/ICOMOS**

*By Harmony Lamm, US/ICOMOS Volunteer and Katherine Slick, Executive Director, US/ICOMOS*

Earlier this year, the ICOMOS Secretariat requested that all national committees identify projects in Haiti related to

the built environment developed by public or private entities that might affect cultural resources. Based on preliminary research, USICOMOS prepared and forwarded this roster of US projects to the ICOMOS Secretariat in July. The roster was also forwarded to colleagues in Haiti to help develop stabilization and conservation plans...[Read full article.](#)

### **Galveston - Rebuilding in the Aftermath of Hurricane Ike**

*By Matthew Pelz, Project Coordinator, Galveston Historical Foundation*

It has now been two years since Hurricane Ike struck the Texas Gulf Coast and the Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) has begun new phases of rebuilding as part of citywide revitalization efforts. After repairing our buildings, stabilizing our operations, and participating in community recovery efforts, GHF is eager to maximize the potential for growth that always comes after so much destruction. Through new programs and partnerships, GHF provides Galveston's historic homeowners with the tools to repair and use their houses cleanly and efficiently...[Read full article.](#)

### **Hurricane Katrina Time Line 2005 to Today**

*From the National Trust for Historic Preservation*

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, the National Trust quickly mobilized and, with local partners, coordinated nearly a thousand volunteers, technical assistance, and grants. Now, on the disaster's fifth anniversary, we celebrate the success and progress in the Gulf Coast region, but recognize that many historic areas continue to struggle. The National Trust is committed to continuing our work in the Gulf Coast, and hope you will join us in that effort...[Visit the National Trust Gulf Coast Recovery Website.](#)

### **The Roberts Commission and the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Service Emergency Planning and Response Efforts during WWII**

*By James J. Malanaphy, AIA*

In addition to natural disasters, historic properties and cultural resources continue to be at risk from the overwhelming destructive force of open armed conflict and war. It is possible to plan for the protection of historic and cultural resources in advance of war. History shows us that resources can be provided to prevent unnecessary loss of cultural resources. Two informative articles, *The Art of War and the War of Art* written for the U.S. Army by Molly Bompene, U. S. Army Military History Institute and, *When art historians went to war* written for the Princeton Alumni Weekly by W. Barksdale Maynard uncover the remarkable efforts of two important organizations during WWII - the Roberts Commission and the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Service of the U.S. Department of War...[Read full article.](#)

### **Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage**

*From ICCROM, the International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property*

Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage, published by ICCROM – ICOMOS - UNESCO in 1998 culminated a process started in 1983, fifteen years earlier and only five years after the first inscriptions to the World Heritage List had been made. UNESCO's Cultural and Heritage Division gave a mandate to ICCROM and ICOMOS to develop a set of management guidelines for use by World Heritage site officials. The manual is an extension of earlier work by Sir Bernard Fielden, Director Emeritus of ICCROM who was first asked to write the document and ICCROM collaborator Jukka Jokilehto, whose joint collaboration, Management Guidelines for World Cultural Heritage Sites was published in 1993...[View Risk Preparedness: A Management Manual for World Cultural Heritage.](#)

### **UNESCO 2008 International Workshop to Identify Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies for Use at World Heritage Properties**

*From UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

In 2008 UNESCO convened an international workshop to identify disaster risk reduction strategies for use at World Heritage properties. The workshop was held in Olympia, Greece where recent efforts illustrated recovery techniques implemented to repair damage to the ancient archaeological site caused by disastrous wild fires in 2007. The purpose of the workshop was to continue international efforts to improve risk management at properties inscribed in the World Heritage List. The proceedings of the international workshop demonstrate many commonalities among successful disaster risk reduction strategies. The proceedings are published as, *Proceedings of the November 2008 International Workshop to Identify Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies for Use at World Heritage Properties*, and accessible from the UNESCO website...[View Proceedings.](#)

The international workshop also produced, *Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction at World Heritage Properties: the Olympia Protocol for International Cooperation* which further explains the purposes and outlines an agenda for development of an international program to continue to address this issue...[View Protocol.](#)

### **12th US/ICOMOS 2009 International Symposium – Preservation in Peril**

*By Ashley Robbins Wilson, AIA*

**Toward Development of a Model Plan for Disaster Preparedness, Rapid Response, and Sustainable Recovery in the 21st Century.** The rainy reception at the Hermann-Grima House (right) did not dampen the spirits

of those who had attended the 12th US/ICOMOS International Symposium in New Orleans. Following tours of disaster-affected towns and neighborhoods across the region and three days of presentations and discussions, nearly 100 people gathered in the courtyard of this historic home in the French Quarter to reflect on the week's activities, make plans to continue the dialogues initiated here, and generally enjoy the collegial atmosphere of the international preservation community...[Read full article](#).

## PRESERVATION KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORKS

### College of Architecture and Planning Center of Preservation Research University of Colorado Denver

*By Ekaterini Vlahos, Associate Professor and Director, Center of Preservation Research*

The Center of Preservation Research (CoPR) is an interdisciplinary, collaborative, and self-sustaining organization that investigates and participates in the preservation of built environments, cultural landscapes, cultural heritage, and natural landscapes. Recently, CoPR has employed LiDAR scanning technologies to document and preserve cultural landscapes and historic sites in Colorado and Wyoming...[Read full article](#).

### Preservation as Provocation: ACSA/AIA HRC International Student Architectural Design Competition

*By Jonathan C. Spodek, AIA*

The role of historic preservation in architectural education has been a long time interest of the AIA's Historic Resources Knowledge Community (AIA-HRC). Over the past several years, this interest has renewed the dialogue about the relevance of the preservation design ethos in the current realm of professional architectural design education. Through this dialogue, the AIA-HRC developed exceptionally good relations with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ASCA)....[Read full article](#).

### FEMA: Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Program and National Disaster Recovery Framework Working Group

*From Federal Emergency Management Agency Website*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) program integrates the protection and enhancement of environmental, historic, and cultural resources into FEMA's mission, programs and activities; ensures that FEMA's activities and programs related to disaster response and recovery, hazard mitigation, and emergency preparedness comply with federal environmental and historic preservation laws and executive orders; and provides environmental and historic preservation technical assistance to FEMA staff, local, State and Federal partners, and grant recipients...[Read full article](#).

### Natural Disasters: Planning, Preparedness and Response

*From the National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Bringing a historic structure that has been ravaged by a natural disaster back to life requires information and resources that are not always top-of-mind for home or business owners. Over the years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and our partners have compiled a wide variety of documentation designed to help plan and prepare in the unfortunate event that disaster strikes....[Visit the National Trust Disaster Response Website](#).

### National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Resources for Disaster Preparedness, Management and Recovery

*From the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Website*

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, a research division of the National Park Service, is using technology to serve the future of America's heritage through applied research and professional training. Since its founding in 1994, NCPTT has awarded over \$7 million in grants for research that fulfills its mission of advancing the use of science and technology in the field of historic preservation. Working in the fields of archeology, architecture, landscape architecture and materials conservation, the National Center accomplishes its mission through training, education, research, technology transfer and partnerships. NCPTT provides searchable databases on **training**, materials, job opportunities, conferences, funding, NCPTT grants and projects and resources for [Disaster Preparedness](#), [Disaster Management](#), and [Disaster Recovery](#).

### Heritage Preservation: National Institute for Conservation Heritage Emergency National Task Force

*From Heritage Preservation - National Institute for Conservation Website*

Heritage Preservation works to save the objects that embody our history by partnering with conservators, museums, civic groups, and concerned individuals across the nation who care about preserving our past. The Heritage Emergency National Task Force is a partnership of 41 national service organizations and federal agencies created to protect cultural heritage from the damaging effects of natural disasters and other emergencies. The Task Force was founded in 1995 and is co-sponsored by Heritage Preservation and the Federal Emergency Management Agency...[Read full article](#).

### Join Preservation Action Today - Help Keep Congress Informed

*By James J. Malanaphy, AIA and Yolita E. Rausch, Assoc. AIA - Executive Board Members, Preservation Action*

Join Preservation Action today! It's only \$20 to join at the individual level. The 112th Congress begins January 2011. Our profession must be ready to present our message to those who have not yet heard it, and fresh ways to communicate our message to those who have. To join PA online is simple - just [click here](#). PLEASE write, *AIA HRC Preservation Architect*, in the "comment box" upon checkout so PA will be able to track your contribution. Or, mail in the PA [Application Form](#). PLEASE write, *AIA HRC Preservation Architect*, in the "referred by" line. [View the latest Weekly Legislation Update from Preservation Action](#).

### **2010 HRC Allied Preservation Organizations Web Sites**

*By James J. Malanaphy, AIA*

The HRC Advisory Group and the committee are very interested in the work of allied professionals in the field of historic preservation. Allied preservation organizations and others are invited to submit written reports and other materials for publication in *Preservation Architect*, and distribution at any of our conferences. Allied preservation organizations are national non-profit preservation organizations and federal agencies approved by the Historic Resources Committee Advisory Group. The HRC Advisory Group maintains the list of allied preservation organizations...[View the list](#).

### **2010 Palladio Award Winners Announced**

*From Restore Media, Publishers of Traditional Building and Period Homes Magazines*

The ninth annual Palladio Awards competition co-produced by *Traditional Building* and *Period Homes* magazines has recognized 11 architectural firms for outstanding work in traditional design for commercial, institutional, public and residential projects. The Palladio Awards program is named in honor of Andrea Palladio, the Renaissance architect who created modern architecture for his time while drawing on past models for inspiration...[Read full article](#).

### **National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Call for Proposals 2011: The 2011 PTT Grants Program**

*From the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training Website*

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### **HRC MEMBER COMPONENT NEWS**

#### **2010 AIA Institute Honor Award for Architecture Recipient Firm Profile Albert & Associates Architects – Beauvoir, Biloxi, Mississippi**

*By Larry Albert, AIA and Sarah Newton, AIA - Albert & Associates Architects*

A member of the first generation of professional architects to be educated in Mississippi, Larry Albert's early design concepts were more about breaking away from the status quo of what surrounded him in childhood. If classmates had suggested he would fall in love with preservation, his response would have been that it would have to be out of sympathy. Over the years, quite a bit would change...[Read full article](#).

#### **Observations from New Orleans**

*By James S. Cripps, AIA, Chair AIA New Orleans Historic Resources Committee*

Here are observations from New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that may be of value to others in preventing some of the unnecessary damage that New Orleans' historic buildings suffered as a result of the hurricane, the flooding and especially the confusion post disaster. Of course, different disasters will require different responses. For instance, the river flooding New Orleans experienced required less intensive treatment than salt water intrusion experienced in other areas of the Gulf, and in either case, the appropriate treatment will be tempered by the length of time that the water was present. Here are some things to consider...[Read full article](#).

#### **AIA Disaster Assistance Program**

*From The American Institute of Architects Website*

The AIA Disaster Assistance program trains and encourages architects to use their skills helping communities recover from disasters. The AIA National component strives to provide leadership, advocacy and training to improve the disaster preparedness of its membership. However, disasters and responses to them are local. The AIA Disaster Assistance program is led by state and local AIA chapters, who collaborate with the larger disaster response community. When disasters occur, AIA Disaster Assistance program state coordinators contact local



building and emergency management departments, lead volunteer AIA members, conduct structural assessments and document damage...[Read full article](#).

### **AIA California Council - Disaster Preparedness Handbook**

*By the AIA California Council and California Office of Historic Preservation*

One of the architectural profession's greatest contributions to public health and safety is also the one most rarely in demand - skilled and expert response assistance after a disaster. In California, wildfire, flood, and earthquakes are natural hazards that can and do result in disaster. The worldwide threat of terrorism must now be added to the list. In the aftermath of disasters, search and rescue, safety evaluation, damage assessment, and recovery, all depend on the unique skills and expertise of architects...[Read full article](#).

### **HRC Preservation Architect**

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