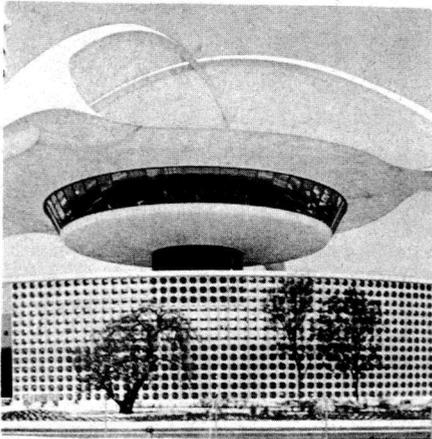


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National Preservation Conference 2000 October 31-November 5

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference will be held in Los Angeles this year. The theme of the conference is "saving America's Treasures in the 21st Century." This year the Trust will be looking ahead, exploring the issues, trends, challenges, and opportunities that preservationists can expect to face in the century just beginning.

There could be no more appropriate venue for this exploration than Los Angeles. Despite its worldwide reputation as a "city of the future," Los Angeles also has a rich and fascinating past that is embodied in a collection of historic buildings, vibrant older neighborhoods, and multicultural diversity unmatched anywhere else. And it has a dedicated, effective community of preservationists who are eager to showcase their city—and their preservation successes—for conference attendees.

The conference will offer more than 70 educational sessions on a wide variety of topics, all of them led by some of the most prominent experts in the field. In addition, more than 40 field sessions will explore preservation issues in depth, visiting projects throughout the Los Angeles

area and providing opportunities for on-site dialogue with people who are meeting the challenges of preservation in innovative ways. And lively social events, including a very special evening at the spectacular Getty Center, are planned.

In addition to the Plenary Sessions, two special sessions will look at trends affecting preservation in the years ahead, specifically in technology and demographics. Five sessions will have an international dimension in partnership with US/ICOMOS and The Getty Conservation Institute. And six interactive sessions on priority topics will feature small-group breakout sessions to maximize exchanges among attendees.

A large number of organizations and individuals have joined with the National Trust to make this an exceptional conference. Of special note are the Los Angeles Conservancy, California State Department of Parks, The J. Paul Getty Trust, National Park Service, United States Army, and U.S. General Services Administration.

For more information contact PACA or the National Trust at 202/588-6296.

Illinois Heritage Grants

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) has announced the establishment of the Illinois Heritage Grants program that will provide state funding for brick-and-mortar preservation projects. The Agency's new budget includes \$500,000 for individual grants up to \$50,000 for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as landmarks under county or municipal preservation ordinances. Administrative rules and the application process have not been finalized yet, but the additional following principles are fairly well resolved.

- Eligible activities include planning, survey, rehabilitation, reconstruction, restoration, and landscaping for structures and archaeological sites.
- Certain non-construction or pre-construction costs such as permit fees, project signs, and architectural, engineering, and archaeological services are eligible.
- All work must meet the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- Grants will be up to 60% of the project cost, while the local share must be for 40%, in the form of cash.
- Non-state and non-federal units of government and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply.
- Grant funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.
- It is not necessary for the applicant to own the property, as long as the actual owner gives permission.
- Only one grant to an applicant in each year.
- Properties benefiting from grants will have covenants or agreements attached to them to assure the integrity of the state's investment in the property.

IHPA anticipates that the deadline for applications will be sometime this autumn. There will be ample time to get the work out before a deadline is set, however. Although applications are not ready, IHPA is accepting requests for applications. Potential applicants may simply send their name and address with the message "please send me a Heritage Grant application when they become available" to Ms. Patricia Senior, Grants Manager, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, One Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701; or a fax may be sent to 217/524-7525.