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Preservation Technology in Canada, Italy, and the U.S.

The latest issue of the APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology includes an eclectic collection of articles ranging from underwater exploration and recovery to the restoration of one of America’s oldest surviving iron structures. Projects across three countries — Italy, the U.S., and Canada — are featured.

Wayne Lusardi’s account of discovery, “Lake Huron Red Tails,” explains how a missing World War II fighter aircraft piloted by a Tuskegee Airman during a training mission 70 years ago was finally found in Lake Huron in 2014. Lusardi, Michigan’s state maritime archaeologist, gave an insightful keynote talk at APT’s 2022 annual conference in Detroit, which he adapted for the Bulletin. The article features stunning underwater shots of the aircraft.

“Use of Advanced Documentation and Analysis Technologies at the Shaughnessy House Conservatory in Montréal,” by Morgan Matheson and Michael Duric, highlights their challenging preservation and restoration project. Their article explains the role of point-cloud scans, BIM software, and THERM (Two-Dimensional Building Heat-Transfer Modeling).

Robert Kornfeld and Charles Van Winckle detail the painstaking multiyear effort to restore a beloved local landmark in “Restoration of the Harlem Fire Watchtower.” This iron structure, built in 1856, was nearing collapse before the project began. But the “pinnacle of Harlem’s rich culture” now stands proud.

Edmund Meade writes about his Affiliate Fellowship at the American Academy in Rome, which was awarded by the Association for Preservation Technology International. He spoke with engineers, architects, and conservators as he explored structural interventions related to earthquake loads for historic buildings in “Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Unreinforced-Masonry Buildings in Italy.”

And, finally, a Practice Point by Jeffrey S. Levine, Remo R. Capolino, and Julie M. Palmer updates the historic-preservation profession on “Metals for Historic Roofing.”

Finally, in his Building Technology Heritage Library column, Mike Jackson presents catalogs on metal roofing and a publication from 1907, issued just after the San Francisco earthquake, that showcased brick buildings and how they held up after fires and earthquakes.

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