Hello APT members,

In my last letter I wrote about my travels, spreading the word of the value of APT, including attending the APT Northeast Chapter Symposium in Massachusetts, meetings in Philadelphia, and Preservation Lobby Week in Washington, DC. The power of the APT community and the personal and business relationships built through our organization are top of mind as we plan our upcoming conference in Seattle. I hope you plan to join us and connect with new and old APT colleagues while expanding your knowledge. I encourage your business to leverage our APT network by sponsoring or exhibiting.

I’ve continued my efforts to grow APT’s reach and make more people aware of the expertise and value we bring to the preservation field, as well as the career-changing relationships that joining the APT family provides. In June, I presented to the American Glass Guild in Richmond, Virginia, and participated in the inaugural American Historic Trades Summit, combined with a meeting of the National Preservation Partners Network in Providence, Rhode Island. It can be frustrating in these situations to find how little like-minded people know about APT. These were great opportunities to explain what we do and how preservationists of all types can benefit from joining us and participating in our activities.

I also met with people in Maryland and Washington, DC, including the National Park Service Historic Preservation Training Center, and with representatives from AIA and Traditional Building. Building partnerships with aligned organizations makes APT stronger and magnifies the work of our committees and members. We don’t want APT to be a hidden gem, but one that shines brightly as a knowledge resource to the entire preservation community. Please help me spread the word by encouraging people to learn more about APT.

I hope to see you in Seattle. Please register and sign your company up as a sponsor or exhibitor today. Please encourage your colleagues and peers to join you in Seattle!

Greg Galer
APT Executive Director
Registration for the APT 2023 Seattle conference is now open! Don’t miss out on Early Bird rates. Register now to reserve your spot and guarantee the best possible price for this unique gathering of preservationists in Seattle, WA, October 9-14, 2023! The prices will increase after August 11, so don’t delay!

Register for APT 2023 Seattle

The schedule at-a-glance is now available [here](#).

The hotel reservation block is also now open. Make your reservation to hold your room. Please make sure all hotel reservations are made through the link above or on the APT website to receive the best room rate. In the past, members have received hotel reservations from third parties. These are NOT authorized by APT and do not provide the negotiated block rates for you or APT.

Sponsorship and exhibition at the conference provides exposure to hundreds of preservation specialists who specify projects. There are many opportunities and different levels still available but spots are limited. For maximum visibility and recognition, you will want to secure your sponsorship and exhibition space by August 14!
Membership Stories: Why I Belong to APT

APT’s Membership Committee invites all members to share their own personal stories about the intangible value of APT membership. Please send your stories, up to 300 words in length, to the Membership Committee, and we will publish them in subsequent issues of Communiqué. You can also use the collection of recent Membership Stories to encourage others to join.

My story with APT begins in early 2002 when, as a young architecture student at Université de Montréal, Professor Susan Bronson, FAPT presented the organization to the class. Since my interest in heritage buildings and historic structures was already growing, APT seemed to be a natural fit.

At the end of the presentation, we learned that the annual conference was being held in Toronto and student scholarships were available! The idea of many professionals from around the globe gathering in one place to present their work was a show that I didn’t want to miss. I applied, won, and without knowing it at the time, I was enroute to a 20-plus-year relationship with APT!

Over the years, the experience learned at workshops, paper sessions and seminars was part of my daily practice in the field of heritage restoration and architecture. I remember reading through a Guastavino special issue of the APT Bulletin and ending up applying the details and restoration processes described into our own project. Another time, I also ended up modifying a rooftop terrace detail following a presentation at the APT 2006 Atlanta conference, where the section I was designing proved to not age well! This is what APT is all about, sharing experiences to become better professionals, and in the end, making better interventions on structures.

— Jean-Benoit Bourdeau, Architect, Oblik Architecture Inc., Candiac, Quebec CANADA

APT Bulletin News

The APT Bulletin is always interested in new papers and topics. Please let us know if you have an idea for an article, suggestions for a special issue, or recommendations of presentations from conferences and symposiums, as long as they have not been published previously. Guidelines for authors, guidelines for guest editors, and information about what is considered to have been previously published are available on the APT website, and any other suggestions or inquiries can be submitted to the Bulletin’s editorial office.

If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer for the APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology, please complete and return the peer-review response form via email to publications@apti.org. Please send along a brief résumé or statement outlining your areas of expertise.
Preservation Engineering Technical Committee (PETC)

PETC Student Design Competition: Five schools have submitted entries for this year’s Masonry Arch competition! PETC volunteers will be reviewing Phase 2 submissions in June and early July and will notify schools if they will be moving to the Phase 3 finals. PETC looks forward to seeing APT members cheer on the schools as they build and load their dry-stack arches at the APT 2023 Seattle conference in October. If you would like to help score or judge this year’s submissions or help with next year’s competition, please contact us at petc@apti.org.

PETC Disaster Response Initiative (DRI) Workshop: DRI will be hosting a two-day workshop at the APT 2023 Seattle conference in October. The workshop will feature presentations by emergency response experts who will share their experiences, lessons learned, and hopes for the future. Topics will include disaster event and response, disaster recovery, and mitigation and resilience planning for historic properties. More information and registration details will be posted on the APT conference website soon.

PETC Webinars: We are organizing webinars for this year, and dates will be finalized soon! Our first webinar will host the 2022 Fischetti Award winner, Holly Boyer. She will present a webinar entitled, “Lessons from the Mid-19th Century Wood-Framed Steeples of John McArthur, Jr.” on August 22, 2023. We are very excited to bring these learning opportunities to our PETC community! Check your inboxes for more information.

For more information on any of the above or to be added to PETC’s email list, please contact us at petc@apti.org. Check out PETC’s web page for information about PETC’s other activities and initiatives!

— Sarah Gray, Rachel Will, and Amy Woods, Co-Chairs

Member News

Stephen Kelley, FAIA, SE, FAPT was awarded a Fall 2023 Residency as a Getty Conservation Scholar. The title of his research is “Cracking the Code: Earthquakes and Conservation of Built Heritage.” Kelley was also invited to serve on the International Advisory Council for the Rehabilitation of Gelati Monastery Complex in Kutaisi, Georgia. Founded in 1106, the monastery became a masterpiece of the Golden Age of medieval Georgia and was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Shea McEnerney joined PROSOCO as its new Preservation and Architectural Support Specialist. His background included historic structure analysis, rehabilitation, and building documentation. Professionally trained in Charleston, SC, and Dublin, Ireland, McEnerney most recently worked with STRATA Architecture + Preservation in Kansas City.

Having enjoyed retirement from the NYSHPO for over one-and-a-half years, Michael Lynch, PE, AIA, FAPT joined Chesterwood as the Interim Director on May 22 while the National Trust for Historic Preservation conducted a nationwide search for an Executive Director. Chesterwood was the home, studio, and gardens of Daniel Chester French, located in the Berkshires of Massachusetts.
Andrew Weber recently joined ECS and helped open the first ECS office in California. He has 35 years of experience in exterior building enclosure assessment, investigation, and repair. He specializes in testing various cladding materials, curtain wall systems, and windows. Andrew is proficient in waterproofing and roofing design as well as skilled in peer reviews, property condition assessments, and project management.

Conservation architect Beatriz del Cueto, FAIA, FAAR received a PhD in Architecture, Building, Urban Planning, and Landscape from the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain. Her doctoral thesis was titled “New materials and technologies in the Spanish Caribbean and its pioneers” and dealt with projects in Havana, Cuba, built by the Purdy & Henderson company during the early twentieth century.

Meet Noah Morris, the APT Building Technology Heritage Library (BTHL)/TC-Codes 2023 Summer Intern.

Noah Morris is a graduate student at Washington University in St. Louis, pursuing joint degrees in architecture and architectural history. He received his undergraduate architecture degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His spring 2023 studies included a documentation class that examined artifacts at the National Building Arts Center (NBAC). He is shown here at the APT book scanning station at the NBAC.

Noah is very interested in the technical and legal aspects of design and regulatory policies. For this APT internship, he will prepare a comprehensive bibliography of building codes in the US and Canada before 1993, the founding of the International Code Council. The second part of his internship will coordinate the digitization of available legacy codes before 1963, which will be placed in the APT Building Technology Heritage Library. This summer internship is funded through the APT cooperative agreement with the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT). This effort has also been assisted by Glenn Mathewson, a building code consultant and building code historian in Colorado.
Nearly 16 years ago, Vertical Access leadership and our team of certified industrial rope access technicians felt compelled to seek out meaningful ways to promote sustainability and protect natural resources beyond its role in the historic preservation field. That pursuit led Vertical Access to the organization 1% for the Planet, a global movement that implores business members to join a network of companies who are committed to donating the equivalent of 1% of annual gross sales through a combination of monetary donations to qualifying recipient NGOs. These donations are made directly by 1% for the Planet members to environmental partners like APT. What is unique about this organizational structure is that each business has the ability to choose NGOs that promote the issues and communities that matter most to them, supporting a diverse range of environmental problems.

Like Vertical Access, we encourage other APT members to make the commitment to join 1% for the Planet and consider donating to APT to allow our dedicated group of like-minded colleagues to continue working toward our common goal of protecting the future of our planet. This is a great way to expand the network of those recognizing the powerful sustainability benefits of preservation. To learn more about how to get involved, please visit onepercentfortheplanet.org or by contacting APT’s Executive Director, greg@apit.org, to learn more.

— Kent Diebolt, Evan Kopelson, and Kelly Streeter
Job Board

The APT Job Board is a resource that offers organizations direct access to top talent in the preservation technology industry, and likewise, professionals have a place to seek out relevant job opportunities.

If you would like to browse more available postings or publish a job on the APT Job Board, click here.

Volunteer Opportunities

APT has many committees and chapters that function thanks to the help of various volunteers across the globe.

If you or one of your colleagues is interested in volunteering for the APT, please fill out this form and staff will reach out to you.

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