



Communiqué

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Bonjour, Hi,

As APT's incoming president, I first want to express my gratitude to APT's strong membership, in particular our robust volunteer force. It is a great honour (Canadian spelling!) for me to serve as APT president among such a high-flung group.

While considering running for President, I knew I would be the first Canadian in 18 years to hold the position (et la première Québécoise!). I only recently realized, to my great astonishment, that I was the first woman with children to do so. I nevertheless have the strong belief that there will be many more. I want to take the opportunity to thank all the role models, mentors, peer supporters, and fellow geeks who made this possible.

Talking about team effort leading to success, our 2023 Seattle conference is a great example. With over 680 attendees, over 100 speakers, and over 60 volunteers, the conference provided the preservation community with a welcomed opportunity to share their knowledge and network. Please refer to the column below for more information.

Our 2024 conference will be in Montréal, my hometown. This will be a joint event with the National Trust for Canada as well as a collaboration with CAHP (the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals). Nous avons très hâte de vous accueillir parmi nous!

A main focus in the upcoming year will be on improving the content, structure and communications pertaining to our training and educational programs. We have the ambitious goal to position APT as the go-to organization for excellent preservation training opportunities. Please keep an eye on the [APT calendar](#) as well as our regular emails. Save November 12th to 16th for our next joint conference with the National Trust in Montréal.

It was wonderful to see many of you in Seattle and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lena Buchinger'.

Lena Buchinger

APT's Mission

APT's mission is to advance appropriate traditional and new technologies to care for, protect, and promote the longevity of the built environment and to cultivate the exchange of knowledge throughout the international community.

APT 2023 Seattle Conference Recap



Seattle was a welcoming host city for APT's second in-person conference since the pandemic. The week started with three workshops focused on the conservation of engineered wood, documentation technology, and strategies for helping sites cope with natural disasters. Our opening keynote speaker, David Williams, deepened our understanding of how the land in Seattle was shaped (quite literally) in profound and astonishing ways during the city's early development.

Three tracks of paper sessions sparked discussion and the exchange of ideas. The College of Fellows keynote speaker, Yasmeen Lari, challenged us to consider unorthodox methods for addressing climatic and economic adversity through design that embraces traditional typologies. The conference closed with a symposium discussing conservation approaches to composite materials and assemblies encountered in modern heritage construction.



We welcomed a full slate of Student Scholars. The Preservation Engineering and Documentation Technical Committees hosted students for their respective competitions. The Getty Foundation provided funding for Latin American and equity scholars; sadly, the program underwriting this trip is sunsetting, and Seattle was the last round for this program unless we find new support for it.

As always, we are grateful to the local conference committee; co-chairs Brian Rich and Maya Foty assembled a gracious and hardworking team. We heartily thank all our sponsors and exhibitors. We hope attendees visited with exhibitors and identified resources to assist with their current projects. We look forward to seeing everyone next year in Montréal!

Julia Manglitz, Conferences Committee co-chair



2023 Conference Statistics

The annual APT Conference "The Future of T.E.CH" took place from October 9 to 14, 2023, at the Sheraton Grand Seattle.

The programming was robust, engaging and varied in format, spanning across 6 days.

The conference included off-site venues and activities.



682 Registrants



3 Workshops & 1 Symposium



3 Presentation Tracks & 58 Presentations



151 Speakers 2 Keynote Speakers



98 Sponsors & 29 Exhibitors



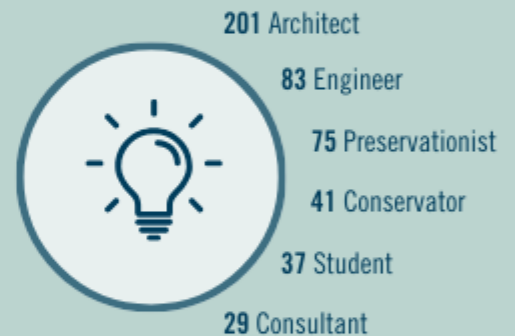
11 Field Sessions

Conference Attendees

Registration Types



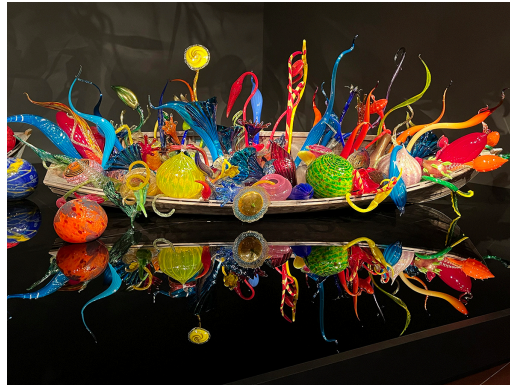
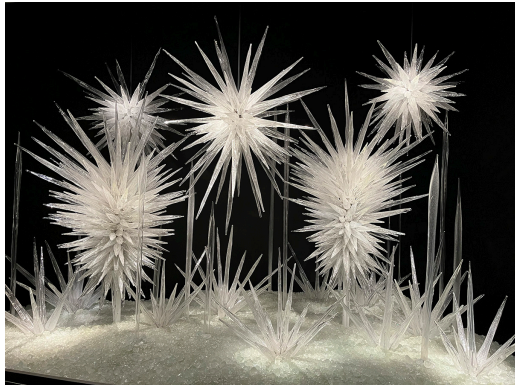
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A Side Trip to Chihuly Garden and Glass (Museum)



In the shadow of Seattle's Space Needle, Dale Chihuly's glass museum is breathtaking and engaging. The color, size, composition, application, reflectivity, and variety of glass sculptures simply stuns. Some pieces are inside, sitting on glass that mirrors their displays, hanging in full blown wonder from the ceilings, employed as vibrant laylights, and mounted simply on pedestals. Exterior glass plants and shrubs are interspersed amid the natural vegetation, successfully vying for attention. And, using a kiln in an Airstream trailer, glass blowers demonstrate their creation of these flowing works of art.

The visit can be short or long, and repeated as necessary. It added a colorful dimension to our Seattle sojourn.

Text and photographs by Lesley M. Gilmore

APT Bulletin News



The latest issue of the *APT Bulletin* (Vol. 53, No. 4) was released! It 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 US, and Canada — are featured. Also included is the latest *Practice Point*.

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](https://www.apti.org), 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.

Chapter News



NORTHWEST

The APTNW Chapter tried something new this year. We offered \$1,500 scholarships to attend the conference to up to five students in our catchment area. We are happy to report that three students, Logan Lesmann (University of Idaho), Samuela Wylie (University of Oregon), and Marcus Lucero (Clatsop Community College) received scholarships. As first-time attendees, they enjoyed the conference!

Member News

John Canning & Co. earned the 2023 Bulfinch Historic Preservation Award for work at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Boston, MA. This project involved a comprehensive finish restoration by Canning Liturgical Arts that included decorative painting, gold leafing, glazing, polychrome finishes, wood finishes, art conservation, metal restoration of fixtures, as well as plaster repair and replacement.

Both master craftsman **John Canning**, principal and founder of John Canning & Co. and **Past President Taryn Williams** were interviewed and featured on Peter Miller's *Building Tradition* podcast series. They, along with APT members **Aaron Ruby**, **Brian Goeken**, and **Matthew Chalifoux**, have been listed in the Who's Who in Traditional Building that includes 25 leaders who have made a difference in the world of traditional design and historic preservation. [That article is available here.](#)

The Boston office of **Beyer Blinder Belle (BBB)** has moved to 280 Summer Street in historic Fort Point, adjacent to the Seaport innovation district. This larger, self-designed space better positions BBB's growing Boston team—led by BBB Managing Partner Elizabeth Leber and BBB Principal and Director of the Boston Office Monica Siebenmorgen—to serve its world-class clients across New England.

The Preservation League of New York presented the 2023 Pillar of New York Award to **John G. Waite Associates, Architects** as one of their "Pillars of New York." In announcing the award, the Preservation League stated, "If you want to know what a professional commitment to preservation looks like, look no further than the firm JGWA."

In addition, **John G. Waite Associates, Architects** received a Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award from the New York Landmark Conservancy, for their exceptional work on the Castle Clinton National Monument, constructed in 1812. The Lucy G. Moses Awards are the Conservancy's highest honors for outstanding preservation efforts.

Joan Berkowitz, FAPT is happy to announce that in March 2022, she quietly hung out her shingle dba as **Joan Berkowitz Architectural Conservation**. Business has been picking up and work is in full swing. Joan is thrilled that after 30 years of practice, the curiosity and joy that she has experienced as a conservator remains strong. www.joanberkowitzconservation.com

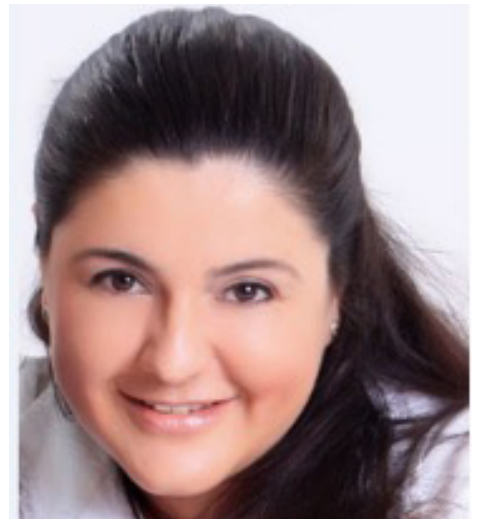
Membership Stories: Why I Belong to APT

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.

The invitation to join APTI came in 2011 from a colleague-member who shared the same professional interests in earthen construction and heritage preservation. At that time, there was a movement toward the creation of an APT Latin America and Caribbean Chapter (LAC) that could congregate and represent the work and research of the many professionals in Latin America and the Caribbean who attend APT conferences regularly. The new Chapter would focus on the peculiarities and interests of heritage preservation needs, considering the local realities of each country. However, it was only in 2020, during the pandemic, that the idea gained momentum, and the group of professionals started to define its objectives, structure and working committees.

Since then, I have been collaborating with the LAC Technical Committee on Sustainable Preservation and the LAC Training and Education Committee. As in all multicultural groups, eventually, the different languages spoken by the members - English, Portuguese and Spanish - can be a barrier, which is quickly surpassed by supportive and committed members and the will to make things happen. Being part of this multicultural community allows me to enlarge my professional repertoire and bring innovative solutions to my work.

Among my favorite preservation-related articles are: "The Importance of Vernacular Tradition" by Anita Rodriguez and Katherine Pettus (*APT Bulletin*, vol. 22, no. 3, 1990, pp. 2-4); and "Adaptive Reuse Strategies for Heritage Buildings: A Holistic Approach" by Damla Mısırlısoy, Kağan Günçe (*Sustainable Cities and Society*, vol. 26, 2016, pp. 91-98). Additionally, the content available in [Practice Points](#) is an interesting collection of the interface between research and practice.



By Ana Cristina Villaça

Ms. Villaça has a PhD in Sustainable Buildings, MSc in Urbanism, and a BSc in Architecture and Urbanism with work experience in retrofitting and adaptation of buildings according to new technical and environmental requirements. She is a member of APT Latin America and Caribbean Chapter, Red PROTERRA, and Rede TerraBrasil.

We are looking for more material for the first issue of 2024. Now is the time to let your fellow APT members know about your latest exciting professional news! Share your accomplishments with news about winning awards, new hires and promotions, your upcoming talks or lectures, and more!

Your latest news will appear in the Member News column in the next *APT Communiqué*, which will be published in late January. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 2, 2024. For more information about submissions [look here](#) or email communiqué@apti.org.

APT Board of Directors Updates

At the Annual General Meeting on October 12th in Seattle, Gina Crevello, outgoing Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the results of the election. *We welcome New Officers and Board Members.*

Officers

President

Lena Buchinger, OAQ, CAHP, (QC, CA)

Vice President

Robert Hotes, AIA NCARB, APT RP, LEED AP BD+C, (NC, USA)

Julia Manglitz, AIA, APT RP (KS, USA)

Past President

Taryn Williams, PE, SE, (DC, USA)

2023 - 2025 Elected Directors

Melbourne Garber, C.S. Eng., (NJ, USA)

Sarah Migliore, M.Sc., (NY, USA)

Christina Ureche-Trifu, Conservation Architect, PhD., (ON, CA)

Jamie Morris, AIA, MAHP (IL, USA)

Marco Rezende, RA, PhD, (MG, Brazil)

2023 - 2025 Emerging Professional (Appointed)

Wesley Wilson, B. Eng, E.I.T., (ON, CA)

We thank outgoing Board Members for their service.

2021 - 2023 Outgoing Elected Board Members

Richard Renaud, AIA, Co-Chair Training and Education

Michael Tomlan, PhD, Co-Chair Academics and Research

Gina Crevello, MSc, Past President, Chair Nominations Committee, Dean Koga Task Force

Taryn Williams, PE, SE, President (transitioning to Past President)

Appointed Board Members (new appointed Board Members to be announced at a later date)

2022 - 2023 Outgoing Directors at Large:

Nikolas Marsall-Moritz

Bryan Green

Andrea Grilleto

Jamie Morris

2021 - 2023 Outgoing Emerging Professional (Appointed)

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