



The Association for Preservation Technology International
L'Association internationale pour la préservation et ses techniques

The Lee Nelson Book Award

RECOGNIZING BOOKS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIELD OF PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY

Call for Nominations for the 2024 Award

The Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) established the **Lee Nelson Book Award** in 2000 to recognize outstanding and influential publications in the field of preservation technology. It is conferred every three years, and the last award was presented in 2021. The previous winners are listed on the [APT website](#). The recipient will receive a certificate following the 2024 Montreal APT conference. The award-winning publication is reviewed or excerpted in APT's peer-reviewed journal, the *APT Bulletin*, if it has not already been reviewed.

APT was created in 1968 as a not-for-profit educational corporation to promote research, training, and the dissemination of information relating to preservation technology. Members include architects, conservators, engineers, historians, landscape architects, contractors, artisans, technicians, curators, and others involved in the conservation of historic buildings, sites, and artifacts.

What publications are eligible for the Lee Nelson Book Award?

The jury will consider book-length authored works, published in English or French or available in English translation, that expand the knowledge base for heritage-preservation practice. Eligible works are those which explore the history and development of technology and materials used in historic buildings, sites, landscapes, and artifacts or which explore the application of technology to their maintenance, conservation, and protection.

Works published during the 2021, 2022, and 2023 calendar years are eligible for the 2024 award. Subsequent editions of a book are eligible only if the original material has been edited, updated, or revised. A new preface or introduction with no changes to the original text is not eligible.

Publications will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- contribution to expanding scholarship in, and influence on, the broad field of preservation technology
- quality and originality of research, or application of knowledge
- quality of documentation and referencing (bibliographies, footnotes, glossaries, and indexing)
- transferability to preservation practice or projects
- clarity and readability of style and content
- quality and value of drawings and illustrations.

Nominations

Nominations will be accepted until **May 31, 2024**, from the publisher, the author, anyone associated with the work, or enthusiastic readers.

Nominations must be received in the form of a letter or an electronic message and must include the following:

- name of publication and number of pages
- name(s) of author(s)
- name and address of publisher
- nominator's name, address, and telephone number
- **a minimum of five (5) copies of the nominated work for review purposes must also be submitted, postmarked no later than May 31, 2024.**

Please send nomination materials to the following address:

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Awards Jury

The Awards Jury is multidisciplinary and international, with one member appointed from APT's College of Fellows and up to four additional members appointed by the APT president for each award period. APT's Publications Committee co-chairs and the editor of the *APT Bulletin* are standing members. All jury members volunteer their time and expertise.

In Memory of Lee Nelson

Lee Nelson (1927–1994) was one of the founders of the Association for Preservation Technology in 1968 and was the American editor of the *APT Bulletin* for its first 10 years. He served with distinction for 32 years in the U.S. National Park Service, taking a leadership role in the development of new technical information about historic preservation and pioneering such influential publications as the *Preservation Briefs*, *Preservation Tech Notes* and *Preservation Case Studies*.

In addition to his remarkable work as a preservationist, Lee is remembered for his integrity and professionalism, as well as for his modesty and sense of humor. This award recognizing influential publications in the field of preservation technology is APT's tribute to an outstanding preservationist, colleague and friend.

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