Preserve America News from The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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Preserve America Summit a Success in New Orleans

Mrs. Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of Preserve America, led nearly 500 participants of the Preserve America Summit Oct. 18-20, 2006 in New Orleans. The Summit coincided with the Oct. 15, 1966 passage of the landmark National Historic Preservation Act-40 years ago-making October an appropriate time to bring together cross disciplinary panels to review America’s preservation programs and propose improvements. For information on the Summit, including rebroadcasts of the Summit plenary sessions, click here.

Public Comments Sought on Preserve America Summit Issue Area Reports

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) values your opinions. We are seeking additional public comment on the 11 issue area reports that were developed at the recent Preserve America Summit in New Orleans. Comments are particularly welcome on action items to be presented to the ACHP at its February 2007 business meeting and are due by close of business on Jan. 16, 2007. Click here to review the reports and obtain information on providing comments.

FY07 Preserve America Grants Application Available

The National Park Service has posted application information for the FY07 Preserve America Grants. Since Congress has not yet appropriated funds for the program, grants will be awarded subject to the final availability of funds. Grants are designed to support a variety of activities related to heritage tourism and innovative approaches to the use of historic properties as educational and economic assets. The deadline for applications is Feb. 14, 2007. Click here for grant guidelines and
application forms.

**NHPA 40th Anniversary Newspaper In Education Insert**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, working with the Newspaper In Education Institute, has created a 20-page newspaper supplement and companion document celebrating and explaining the importance of the National Historic Preservation Act and commemorating its 40th anniversary. The insert is available to daily newspapers and can be used by teachers and students nationwide. [Click here](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov) to view or download.

**Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award**

Ninth grade history students at VanDevender Junior High in Parkersburg, W. Va. can be proud of their teacher. Gerry R. Kohler won the 2006 Preserve America History Teacher of the Year award Oct. 5, 2006 at the Union League Club in New York City. Mrs. Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, presented Kohler with the award. Kohler was chosen from among finalists selected from each state, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. Territories in the Pacific. The Preserve America History Teacher of the Year award is administered and funded by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. For more information on the award and this year’s winner, [click here](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov).

The White House is working with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and other federal agencies to implement Preserve America. For more information about the initiative and its programs visit [www.PreserveAmerica.gov](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov).


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