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HDI and ANHA Participate in MS Gulf Coast Conference

At the beginning of May, the Alliance of National Heritage Area's Heritage Development Institute program witnessed first-hand the creative, often heart-wrenching stories, of recovery and renewal along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. At the invitation and support of the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, ANHA and HDI contributed to a two-day series of programs and workshops in Biloxi, Mississippi.

In first day sessions, ANHA Executive Director John Cosgrove spoke of the Alliance's commitment of assistance to the Gulf Coast area while Brenda Barrett of the National Park Service added a federal perspective on the national heritage area program and its potential to help the region's residents and property owners.

On the second day of the Gulf Coast strategies conference, HDI Committee Chair Van West of the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, and Elizabeth Moore of the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, carried out a mini-workshop on the roles of authenticity, the "whole story," and regional culture in moving forward the heritage renewal of the Gulf Coast. The workshop attendees also discussed the need to protect and promote the obvious, and not-so-obvious, community resources that together define the national stories of the Gulf Coast.



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The workshop generated many interesting comments and observations from a diverse audience of local residents, interested outside parties, and government officials. The workshop ended with a commitment from all concerned to continue the dialogue with a future workshop focused on connecting themes and national storylines, to be held in the region later this summer.

The HDI committee thanks the gracious hospitality of the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. Its dedicated staff not only made the HDI's participation possible, it also provided an opportunity for all of us to learn more of the challenges and commitment the peoples of the Gulf Coast bring to their region's heritage development.



IHDC 2007 Call for Papers

The 2007 International Heritage Development Conference, *"Your Passport to Crossing Boundaries in Heritage Development,"* will be held in Detroit, Michigan from June 18-21, 2007.

The IHDC Steering Committee is now soliciting sessions for presentations at the conference. To view conference themes, selection criteria, and submission forms, go to:

http://www.nationalheritageareas.com/2007_conference.htm

Spotlight on NHAs: South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

Beginning in the state's northwestern corner and traversing the Savannah River through Charleston, the South Carolina NHA focuses on the history, natural resources, and cultural traditions of the region's rural and urban landscapes. The SC NHA promotes economic development in rural areas of the state by coordinating heritage tourism initiatives, and offers a variety of heritage trail opportunities to explore the state's agricultural landscapes, military history, plantation and small farm experiences, musical traditions and African American resources. With visitor centers in the corridor's four distinct regions, the NHC provides opportunities for residents and visitors to experience South Carolina's beauty and diverse cultural traditions.

For more information on this heritage area, visit www.sc-heritagecorridor.org



Gullah Tour at home of famed iron gatemaker Phillip Simms



Bridge at historic Magnolia Plantation and Gardens

Upcoming Events of Interest

AASLH 2006 Annual Meeting
"History's Enduring Voices"
September 13-16
Phoenix, AZ
www.aaslh.org

Mark Your Calendars!
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Additions to Your Heritage Development Reading List

- Tristram Hunt, *Building Jerusalem: The Rise and Fall of the Victorian City* (Metropolitan, 2006).
- U.S. Department of Interior. *Preservation of Historic Architecture: The U.S. Government's Official Guidelines for Preserving Historic Homes*. Washington, D.C.; Department of Interior, 2005.
- Yale, Pat. *From Tourist Attractions to Heritage Tourism*. Huntingdon, U.K.; Elm Publishers, 2004.

Reminder:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has published "Getting Started with Heritage Areas" by Brenda Barrett and Carroll Van West, as part of its series of publications on current trends in historic preservation.

Copies of the booklet can be acquired at
<http://www.preservationbooks.org/>

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Heritage Development Institute as part of the annual National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in Pittsburgh in November 2006! Additional information will be available soon.

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The Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) established the Heritage Development Institute (HDI) as a way of providing leadership to the heritage development field as well as creating training and analysis of the best practices in our heritage areas across the country. The HDI Newsletter is sponsored by the ANHA, Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation, and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. To submit information and update e-mail addresses, please e-mail us at hdi@mtsu.edu.