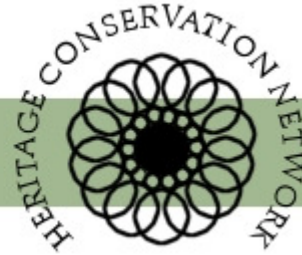


International Hands-on Workshops for Architectural and Site Conservation



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HCN to Tweet From Historic Preservation Projects

Trappe, Pennsylvania and Boulder, Colorado, May 12, 2009 – Heritage Conservation Network, a non profit that offers volunteer vacations at heritage sites, will be tweeting from its projects this summer, beginning with their project at the Speaker's House in Trappe, Pennsylvania next week. You can follow their progress at www.twitter.com/handsonhistory.

HCN brings volunteers to four or five preservation projects a year. In the past few years, volunteers of all ages have replastered, repointed, repaired and rebuilt elements of historic buildings all over the world. In June, volunteers will be working with students from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and local community groups to restore "shotgun" houses and create affordable housing in Cairo, Illinois.

At the Speaker's House, four young masons will be working with masonry restoration specialist Andy deGruchy to repair the façade of the building, which was home to the first and third Speaker of the House of Representatives, Frederick Muhlenberg. Mr. deGruchy is one of the many technical experts who lead HCN's workshops, teaching and guiding participants in their work. Learn more about The Speaker's House at www.speakershouse.org and www.heritageconservation.net/ws-speakers-house.htm.

About HCN

Heritage Conservation Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of architectural heritage around the world. HCN's workshops support community-based preservation projects and give volunteers the opportunity to give something back by helping to protect valuable cultural treasures. To learn more about HCN's international workshops, visit www.heritageconservation.net.

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