

International Day for Monuments and Sites 2013 Theme: Heritage of Education

Montreal, April 8th, 2013 – For a fifth year, Heritage Montreal is pleased to unite partners from many milieus to present a wide slate of activities celebrating the **International day for Monuments and Sites** on April 18th.

The theme for 2013 is the Heritage of Education including the heritage of teaching of every kind – in schools, technical schools, academies, colleges and universities. A heritage that is particularly interesting to Montreal – *ville de savoir* – but one which is confronted by significant challenges to its conservation and development.

The program of activities for 2013 is a both a chance to see these educational heritage sites and a series of great spring outings after a long winter!

Make a note in your agenda and be sure to reserve early - Places are limited! The **complete program** is available on [Heritage Montreal's website](#).

Thursday, April 18th

- **Inaugural lectures**

Educational Heritage in Montreal and Around the World, by Dinu Bumbaru, Heritage Montreal's policy director and president of ICOMOS Canada

“Connaître pour reconnaître : Art et architecture modernes des écoles de la Commission scolaire de Montréal,” by Claudine Déom, associate professor, École d'architecture de l'Université de Montréal

Friday, April 19th

- *L'École des Métiers de la restauration et du tourisme de Montréal*, presented by the *Fondation des amis du patrimoine scolaire*
- The City of Montreal's archaeological collection, guided tour presented by the City of Montreal

Saturday, April 20th

- Educational Heritage in the heart of Montreal, presented by Heritage Montreal
- Daily life in the time of the King's Wards - Discover the first housekeeping, guided tour presented by the Maison Saint-Gabriel
- From Loyola College to Concordia University, guided tour presented by DFS inc. Architecture & Design

Sunday, April 21st

- Educational Heritage in the heart of Montreal, presented by Heritage Montreal
- The history of the St. Helen's Island military depot, guided tour presented by the Stewart Museum

On the Web

- *Capsule sur le patrimoine scolaire*, by the Conseil du patrimoine de Montréal

In 1983, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated April 18th as the International Day for Monuments and Sites following a proposal by ICOMOS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Each year, ICOMOS proposes a theme for the celebrations. For example, the industrial heritage (2006), natural landscapes and monuments (2007), religious heritage (2008), scientific heritage (2009), agricultural heritage (2010), the heritage of water (2011) and world heritage (2012). **Heritage Montreal is proud to have launched in 2009 the International Heritage Day activities in Montreal that allow for a celebration of the annual international heritage theme chosen by ICOMOS.**

For over 35 years, Héritage Montréal has worked to promote and to protect the architectural, historic, natural and cultural heritage of Greater Montreal, its neighbourhoods and communities. This private non-profit organization is at the heart of an extensive network of partners, working through education and representation to celebrate, develop and preserve Montreal's identity and uniqueness.

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