



HEURICH HOUSE MUSEUM

**WASHINGTON, DC BASED CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS HONOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LGBTQ HERITAGE INITIATIVE WITH
CAPITAL PRIDE WEEK COCKTAIL PARTY**

On Thursday, June 5 from 6:00 - 8:00pm, the historic Heurich House Museum (1307 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036), together with cultural heritage partner organizations US/ICOMOS, Scenic America, and Preservation Action, will host ***Pride in Preservation: Cocktails at the Castle***. This official Capital Pride Week reception will honor and celebrate the National Park Service (NPS) LGBTQ Heritage Initiative. Tickets are \$35 and can be reserved at <http://www.heurichhouse.org/preservation>.

The **NPS LGBTQ Heritage Initiative** explores how the legacy of LGBTQ individuals can be recognized, preserved, and interpreted for future generations. In 2010, the National Historic Landmarks Program began to actively look for sites associated with LGBTQ history that could be designated as National Landmarks or listed on the National Register. “[A]s a storyteller of our Nation’s past, [the NPS] is committed to connecting and amplifying these stories throughout national parks and communities across the United States.” The NPS has already recognized the Stonewall Inn in New York City as a National Historic Landmark, and listed the Dr. Franklin E. Kameny residence in Washington, DC on the National Register of Historic Sites. A draft framework was undertaken in 2012 that is intended to identify “historic contexts, property types, and potential properties.” For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.nps.gov/heritageinitiatives/LGBTHistory/>

Pride in Preservation is offered as part of *Heritage Without Borders*, a year-long series of events to stretch perspectives about the preservation and presentation of cultural heritage. *Heritage Without Borders* is funded in part by a grant from the Dorothea de Schweinitz Preservation Fund for the District of Columbia of the National Trust for Historic Preservation grant, and ***Pride in Preservation*** event sponsors include the Capital Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the Rainbow History Project, Uncloudy Studios, and Spilled Milk Catering.

About the Hosts:

The **Heurich House Museum** preserves the intact historic Washington, DC home of turn-of-the-century brewer, philanthropist and local leader, Christian Heurich. The building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, has been in the Dupont Circle neighborhood since it was established as the highly desirable Gilded Age residence of wealthy Washingtonians. One of the remaining original buildings of Dupont Circle South, the Heurich Mansion has witnessed vast changes in the District over the last century. Today, the museum honors the values of the Heurich family, which includes the development of a strong local Washington, DC community and a passion for history. For more information, visit: <http://www.heurichhouse.org>.

The U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (**US/ICOMOS**) is one of numerous national committees forming a worldwide alliance for the study and conservation of historic buildings, districts, and sites. US/ICOMOS fosters heritage conservation and historic preservation at the national and international levels through education and training, international exchanges of people and information, technical assistance, documentation, advocacy and other activities. For more information, visit <http://www.usicomos.org>.

Preservation Action is a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization created in 1974 to serve as the national grassroots lobby for historic preservation. Preservation Action seeks to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives. For more information, visit <http://www.preservationaction.org>.

Scenic America preserves and enhances the visual character of America. It is the only national nonprofit that helps citizens safeguard the scenic qualities of America's roadways, countryside and communities. Scenic America fosters citizen engagement in scenic conservation issues by assisting in the formation of state and city affiliate organizations and providing technical assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.scenic.org>.

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