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1. **MEMBERSHIP**

Please be reminded that membership renewals are due. We would encourage you to forward the Newsletter to friends and family and encourage as many of your contacts to join the National Trust of Zimbabwe. After all, the sites are for all the people of Zimbabwe and visitors alike, to appreciate and enjoy.

At our recent fund-raiser we welcomed four new members, being Mark Oxley, Celina de Burbure, Jane Rautenbach and David Dalziel. Another new member is Ruth Evans.

2. FUND RAISING

The National Trust, following our last Council Meeting in February, has now embarked on a fund-raising drive and to this end we have formed a new sub-committee – National Trust of Zimbabwe – ‘Fund Raising’, comprising Lin Goncalves, Fira Bache and Sharon Waterworth.

We would like to raise enough money for the re-make of our film ‘The Last Shangri-La’, which in itself, will be used for further fund-raising for the La Rochelle property at Penhalonga.

We have recently held (15th April) a gala evening at Reps. A big thank you to those who helped out at this, our very first, fund-raiser. We hope to plan more events over the year and will advise members of our events. We hope to see you supporting the Trust in order that we may make improvements to the properties.

The new fund-raising committee met recently, and will be advertising fund-raising events during the year. We welcome Teri Grimmel to the fund-raising committee. Teri joins us with many great ideas and we are looking forward to being able to organize a few events to raise awareness and the profile of the NTZ over the next few months.

3. UP-DATE ON OUR LOCAL PROPERTIES

RHODES NYANGA EXHIBITION

With grateful thanks to the Beit Trust, a grant for the work needed to be undertaken was made to the Trust, and the NTZ has been able to re-paint and complete some much needed repair/maintenance work at the Rhodes Museum.

Following a recent visit in April to Nyanga by our Chairman Tim Tanser and Helen and John Hyslop Membership Secretary and Treasurer respectively, the NTZ now has a newly appointed Nyanga Committee comprising:-

Mrs Logan – Chairperson

and the following agreed to serve on the committee:

Mrs G.Honeyman

Mr A.Logan

Mr E.Nyagwaya

Mr E.Nyamutowa

Mr G and Mr D.McIlwaine (elected in absentia)

Mrs J Weeks – (elected in absentia) – our most grateful thanks to all these people who have offered to help the NTZ to make more accessible and attractive, the fascinating museum at Rhodes Hotel and the superb Worlds View at Connemara.

LA ROCHELLE

As our 'flagship' property, we are concentrating our efforts on La Rochelle. We have an active Mutare Committee comprising Bill Johnstone (Chairman), Nina Bauer (Secretary), Darrel Plowes and Des Becker.

The Tree Society will be visiting La Rochelle from the 17th-20th June.

Visits and interaction with other local societies are most welcome, in particular Birdlife Zimbabwe, the Orchid Society and the Aloe and Succulent Society as La Rochelle offers something of interest to you all.

With the visit in November last year of Oliver Maurice, Property Director of the International National Trust Organisation, we feel less 'isolated' and the INTO have been most supportive and concerned with our situation in Zimbabwe.

It is hoped that we will soon have a voluntary visit from a National Trust employee on a two month sabbatical who will assist in drawing up a new Management Plan for La Rochelle.

We are very excited to have excellent contact with the Orchid Society of Zimbabwe and look forward to welcoming Joe Goncalves, the OSZ Chairman at La Rochelle within the next couple of months to give an appraisal of the orchid collection.

Please, if any members have any unwanted POTS, BASKETS or containers suitable for orchids, please contact a Committee member to make arrangements for collection

4. INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The INTO CONFERENCE is to be held in Victoria, Canada from 12th – 15th October 2011. It is hoped that the NTZ will be able to have a delegate attend the conference, depending upon sponsorship being made available.

The 14th International Conference of National Trusts will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, on October 12 -15, 2011. The conference will be hosted by The Land Conservancy of British Columbia and by the Heritage Canada Foundation, and will welcome National Trusts and like-minded organizations from around the world.

The conference theme is **CONNECTING PEOPLE, PLACES AND STORIES: New Strategies for Conservation in a Changing World**. It will address our current thinking and experience regarding the impacts of climate change and cultural changes on the conservation of the world's natural and cultural heritage. We will explore new approaches to the protection of special places as well as our more intangible heritage – our stories, traditions, languages and cultures. And we will seek new ways to better engage people and communities in this work.

The Nuu-chah-nulth people in British Columbia have a saying: "Hishuk-ish Tsawaak", which means "Everything is Connected." We will embrace this principle as we move forward to find solutions.

GLOBAL HERITAGE NETWORK

The NTZ has joined the Global Heritage Network – information and details below – for any other Zimbabwean group, organization interested.

GHN is seeking experts in heritage, archaeology and conservation from around the world to help save global heritage sites in developing countries.

We hope you will join GHN and invite your friends and colleagues who can bring critical expertise and regional and country knowledge in the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East or Africa.

You are no doubt aware of the precarious state of humankind's ancient heritage sites in developing countries.

To address this, Global Heritage Fund is launching GHN, a satellite based early warning and threats monitoring system for endangered cultural heritage sites.

Google, Esri and DigitalGlobe have donated millions of dollars in critical support, satellite imagery and GIS-mapping solutions to enable early warning and monitoring for 500 global heritage sites - the GHN500 - to scale to thousands of experts collaborating around the world.

We need your help to understand threats to global heritage sites as well as solutions and partners who can help protect, preserve and sustain their survival and responsible development.

Please join GHN and ask your friends to be part of a global movement to save our vanishing heritage - experts, communities and supporters - to stand up for our global heritage sites before they are lost forever.

Join GHN here - globalheritagenetwork.ning.com

Help save GHN's 100 most endangered global heritage sites - ghn.globalheritagefund.org

Please write us if you have any questions or recommendations how you can be part of GHN and our global campaign.

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ICOMOS

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The ISC SBH - International Scientific Committee on Shared Built Heritage of ICOMOS in association with the ICOMOS South Africa in collaboration with South African heritage organisations organised the first International Scientific Conference on shared built heritage in South Africa regarding Shared Built Heritage in Africa.

The conference will take place in Cape Town, from the 3rd to 8th of July 2011 and will include, amongst other, site visits to significant heritage sites that best reflects the built heritage that South Africa shares with other countries and cultures. Similarly, sites that demonstrate some of the challenges and provides insight into innovative programmes that is geared towards achieving a more holistic approach in conservation management, will be discussed.

For more details and contacts –

Registration will be open until the 15th of May 2011, and will be done through the conference webpage: www.sbh.icomos.org

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The latter three items referred to above reflect the degree of interest worldwide in protecting and preserving heritages of all countries. We consider our little organization most fortunate to be part of this global involvement. All these organizations and conferences reflect how apt is our Mission Statement, which reads:

TO BE THE CUSTODIANS OF THOSE PROPERTIES AND SITES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND NATURAL BEAUTY WHICH WE HOLD IN TRUST AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THEM FOR THE BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND OUR FRIENDS NOW, AND AS A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS