

ANN WEBSTER SMITH RECEIVES TOP PRESERVATION AWARD

November 18, 2005 - Longtime preservationist Ann Webster Smith received top international preservation honors by winning the Piero Gazzola Prize from the International Council on Monument and Sites (ICOMOS). The prize, established in 1979 and only awarded every three years, is considered by many to be the closet equivalent of a Nobel Prize in Heritage Conservation. It is awarded to an individual or group of individuals who have contributed with distinction to the universal heritage conservation aims and objectives of ICOMOS.

Ms. Smith is Chair Emerita of the United States Committee of ICOMOS and has a distinguished career in preservation including staff member at the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New York State.