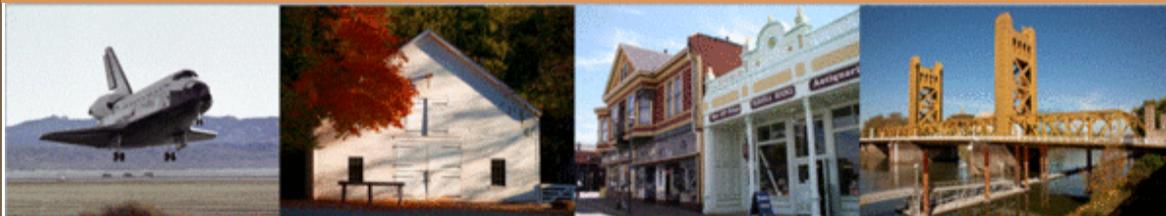




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Mission

The mission of the Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission is to provide leadership and promote the preservation of California's irreplaceable and diverse cultural heritage.

American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study

"To that composite American identity of the future, Spanish character will supply some of the most needed parts"

--Walt Whitman

What Whitman believed to be true over a century ago, remains true today. Latinos are an integral and rich part of the American cultural and historical landscape. The history and place of Latinos in America is comprehensively addressed in "American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study," published by the National Park Service and the National Park System Advisory Board's American Latino Scholars Expert Panel.

The study focuses on the mid-19th century to present. As explained in the study's introduction, this time period was chosen because "the National Park Service is already rich in pre-1800 Latino historic sites and because much of the contemporary Latino experience is directly rooted in the last two centuries." The study offers "a diverse and intricate Latino past that can serve as a resource for telling a more nuanced American story ... we can all add to this study in multiple ways by becoming more involved in the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant sites as well as the creation of new historic markers, trails, districts, and national landmarks."

["American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study"](#) is now available online at the National Park Service's website.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) is pleased to announce that we are undertaking the first statewide project to follow on the heels of this theme study. Over the next 10 months, we will be working with our contractors, Galvin Preservation Associates, and a ten-member advisory committee made up of academics,

local government representatives, and preservation advocates to develop a statewide context statement and National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form related to the history of Latinos in 20th century California. The resulting context and MPDF will not only provide for a more streamlined approach to preparing National Register nominations related to this important aspect of our state's history, but the context will also be useful to local, state, and federal agencies who are evaluating such resources for survey, planning, and environmental review purposes. We expect the context and MPDF to be finalized by late summer or early fall of 2014.

California State Parks 150th Anniversary



On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Land Grant, placing the care and protection of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove into the hands of the State of California and thus creating the nation's first State Park.

2014 will mark the 150th anniversary of that act, and both California State Parks and Yosemite National Park are planning celebratory events and activities throughout the year. Visit the links below to learn how you can be a part of this important celebration!

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27478

<http://www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary/index.html>

California State Parks will be launching a website later this month dedicated to the 150th Anniversary. Check the [State Parks website](#) for the latest updates.

NEWS AND UPDATES

The [California Native American Heritage Commission](#) has moved. Their offices are now located at 1550 Harbor Boulevard, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691. The phone number is (916) 373-3710.

The [CHRIS Modernization and Sustainability Plan](#) has been finalized and will now be implemented by the Office of Historic Preservation and the regional Information Centers, in consultation with the State Historical Resources Commission. The CHRIS is now working on an Action Plan that will guide efforts during the first 18 months of implementation of the modernization and sustainability project. The Action Plan is set to be in place by November 1, 2013.

Governor's Historic Preservation Awards 2013

Once again the jury had an outstanding list of nominees from which to choose this year's recipients of the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. This award is

granted to exceptional examples of historic preservation efforts on behalf of California's cultural heritage. The 2013 award recipients include inspiring projects, organizations, and individuals. Awards will be conferred at a ceremony in late November.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the award recipients.

New Legislation Introduced: S1421 - The Historic Downtown Preservation and Access Act.

Introduced by Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, this act would amend IRS code to allow a refundable tax credit for the installation of sprinklers and elevators in historic structures.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113s1421is/pdf/BILLS-113s1421is.pdf>

Chaw'se Roundhouse Restored

What is being recognized as a historic agreement between the state and several local Indian tribes has led to the successful restoration of the sacred Roundhouse at California's Chaw'se Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park. Closed for five years due to fire damage, the Roundhouse is once again being used for ceremonial dances and gatherings.

<http://www.modbee.com/2013/09/28/2947876/state-parks-officials-and-tribes.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) Meeting, November 8, 2013, Sacramento.

The meeting will be held at 9:00 AM in the Historic City Hall, 915 I Street, Sacramento. Seven National Register nominations and three California Historical Landmark nominations are scheduled for review at the meeting. Nominations scheduled for this agenda are viewable online via the [Pending Nominations](#) page. For questions about these nominations, please contact the [Registration Unit](#) of the Office of Historic Preservation.

Traditional Building Conference November 6-7, 2013

OHP's Preservation Partner, Traditional Building Conference Series, invites you to participate in the latest in a continuing series of conferences: Building Well: Durable Designs, Materials, and Methods." Traditional Building Conference Series is a registered provider of AIA continuing education units; participants of this conference can earn up to 10 units. The conference is in Los Angeles, Nov. 6-7. For Registration and Conference information, visit our [Training and Workshops](#) page.

Celebrate Archaeology Month, October 2013!

Sponsored by the Society of California Archaeology
<http://www.scahome.org/archaeology-month/>

"Bridging California," California Council for the Promotion of History Annual Conference.
October 17-19, 2013, Hanford, CA

<http://www.ccphhistoryaction.org/conference.html>

"Preservation at the Crossroads," National Preservation Conference.
October 29-November 1, 2013, Indianapolis, IN.
Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>

RESOURCES AND LEARNING

Section 106 Submittal Checklist

The Office of Historic Preservation now has a checklist to use in determining what information to send to us for consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The checklist will help to ensure the review of your undertaking proceeds as efficiently as possible!

Familiar with the submittal process? Use the shorter, [two-page checklist](#).

Newer to the submittal process? Use the [annotated checklist](#) which includes explanations of all checklist items.

The Section 106 Applicant Toolkit is another consultation resource, available from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The toolkit is designed to assist applicants and recipients of federal licenses, permits, or assistance, with the Section 106 process.

<http://www.achp.gov/apptoolkit.html>

For California State Agencies: Consultation Under PRC 5024 and 5024.5

OHP has created a [new informational document](#) to assist state agencies in complying with the requirements of Public Resources Code 5024 and 5024.5. The document helps to articulate the expectations of the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding consultation on state projects that may affect historical resources. Ideally, this guidance will minimize time and effort spent preparing submittals to the SHPO by ensuring all necessary information is included from the start.

Just in Time for Halloween: Cemetery Disaster Planning Booklet

Chicora Foundation out of Columbia, South Carolina has made this [Cemetery Disaster Planning](#) booklet available for use. This booklet provides immediate advice on why and how to prepare a disaster plan for your cemetery. For more information on this publication and other disaster preparations, visit our [Disaster Preparedness Planning](#) page.

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