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## California Office of Historic Preservation



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Happy New Year!

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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.

### Julia Morgan Awarded the AIA Gold Medal



On December 12, 2013, renowned architect, Julia Morgan, was posthumously awarded the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal, recognizing the scope, influence, and value of her work to the built environment of America. Julia Morgan was the first licensed female

architect in California, and graced the state's architectural landscape with works of enduring importance and individuality. Ms. Morgan's life and work have been an inspiration to generations of architects, especially the many women who followed her into the profession. We encourage you to read the article linked below (written by one of those inspired women architects, who also helped nominate Julia Morgan for the AIA medal). The article originally appeared in the Winter 2013 OHP Newsletter (page 15), but is worth revisiting as we once again remember and appreciate this dynamic woman, architect, and pioneering preservationist!

["Julia Morgan - Architecture for Sustainability"](#)

### Preserving Latino Heritage in San Francisco

San Francisco Heritage, and the San Francisco Latino Historical Society joined forces in 2013 to begin a series of projects documenting and preserving the city's Latino history, particularly the 24th Street neighborhood in the Mission District. The first community-based project involved local college and high school students in the development of a walking

tour of 24th Street. A bilingual, self-guided walking tour booklet - "[Calle 24: Cuentos del Barrio](#)" - was published, and student-led tours were a part of the Mission District's "Sunday Streets" event in July 2013. A second project, due this year, will be the production of a citywide historic context statement documenting Latino history within the physical and cultural landscape of San Francisco. [Click here](#) to learn more about these important projects.

## 150th Anniversary of California's Best Idea

2014 marks the 150th anniversary of California State Parks. The idea of a State Park System had its beginnings in 1864 when President Lincoln signed over the care of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Tree Grove to the state. Today, California's 280 state parks are the largest and most diverse state park system in the nation.



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This anniversary year started off with "First Day Hikes" on January 1, in parks all over the state. The hikes provided hundreds of citizens the opportunity to experience many of California's natural and historic treasures. Also, this year State Parks is offering a new annual [park pass](#) program in honor of the 150th anniversary. Commemorative events will continue throughout 2014. Please visit [www.150.parks.ca.gov](http://www.150.parks.ca.gov) for a calendar of events, and to learn more about the history, beauty, and value of California's State Parks - an idea and a system worth preserving!

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### OHP Website Survey Extended

We have had an impressive response to the survey regarding our website. For that reason, we are extending the deadline to participate to January 31. If you have not yet done so, please [click here](#) and take the survey. We are revamping our website and want to hear from you on what would be most helpful, inspiring and informational to see on our webpages. Your opinion counts!

### National Preservation Awards - Nominations Now Open

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting nominations for its Richard H. Driehaus National Preservation Awards 2014. These awards are given annually to individuals, organizations, agencies, or projects representing the best in preservation. The **nomination deadline** for all award categories is **March 3, 2014**. Visit the [NTHP website](#) for nomination forms, criteria, and submission information.

### **Museum Day in Sacramento!**

On **Saturday, February 2**, a record 30 museums in the Sacramento area will participate in the 15th annual Sacramento Museum Day. Twenty-eight museums will be offering free admission (two venues will offer half-price admission). All venues will be open from 10am to 5pm. This is a highly popular Sacramento cultural tradition that allows the public to experience the Capital City's incredible wealth of art, history, science, and wildlife. For location listings and directions, visit [SacMuseum.org](http://SacMuseum.org) or call the Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau at 916-808-7777.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Webinar - Design Review: Standards and Practice**

Hosted by California Preservation Foundation (CPF), on **January 21**, this webinar will assess three project types: rehabilitation, additions, and new construction, involving historic structures and districts. Registration information is available on the [CPF website](#).

#### **CPF Workshops in Sacramento**

Also this month, California Preservation Foundation in collaboration with OHP, the City of Sacramento, Globe Mills, and Sacramento Modern, is offering two back-to-back workshops, **January 29 and 30**. The workshops will explore issues of integrity, and the most recent changes and application processes of the California Historical Building Code. There will be opportunities to tour some of Sacramento's preservation projects, and to explore the city.

Enrollment forms and information are available on the [CPF website](#).

### **And Finally. . .**

For those who may think that Preservation is "so yesterday," we share with you this [musical interlude](#) from the up-and-coming next generation of preservationists. See you next month!

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