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California Office of Historic Preservation



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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.

Modern California Shines!



The first ever *Modernism of America Awards* were presented this year, and California captured two of the honors! One Award of Excellence was given for each of three categories: Design, Inventory/Survey, and Advocacy. The [Furnace Creek Visitor Center](#) in Death Valley National Park received the Design Award of Excellence for the sensitive restoration and expansion of the 1959 building. OHP staff worked with the National Park Service on the Furnace Creek project in 2010, executing a Programmatic Agreement and participating in the design review process. It is exciting to see this beautiful building recognized! The Los Angeles Conservancy received the Inventory/Survey Award of Excellence for their website, [Curating the City: Modern Architecture in L.A., California](#), an innovative digital/visual survey of modern resources in the Los Angeles area.

The *Modernism of America Awards* are administered and granted by [Docomomo US](#), a non-profit organization that documents, educates, and advocates for the protection and preservation of modern movement resources throughout the nation.

Study Issued on the Cost Benefits of Reusing Historic Buildings

Last year, the Department of Defense (DoD) issued a



State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)

The Commission meets at least four times per year to give citizens an opportunity to participate in public hearings regarding the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

Upcoming 2014 Meetings:

April 22-Asilomar
August 1-Sacramento
November 7-Sacramento

For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](#).

study entitled "Demonstrating the Environmental & Economic Cost-Benefits of Reusing DoD's Pre-World War II Buildings." The study was funded by the DoD's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP), which is responsible for identifying innovative and cost-effective technologies and methods that address the agency's high priority environmental requirements. Though issued last year, the study's findings are important enough to warrant a second look.

Among the study's findings:

- Modernization of pre-WWII buildings can achieve comparable levels of energy consumption as new construction at a LEED Silver level
- On a life-cycle cost basis, pre-war buildings generate less total greenhouse gas emissions compared to new construction

The full [report](#) and its [appendices](#) are available here and through the [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#) website.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Repeal Sought for Federal Historic Tax Credit

Last week (Feb. 26), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman David Camp (R-MI) released his proposed Tax Reform Act of 2014, which among other actions, calls for the repeal of the Federal Historic Tax Credit. Visit the [Preservation Action website](#) to learn more about the proposed repeal and how the preservation community is responding.

NAPC Commission Excellence Awards

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is accepting nominations for their 2014 Commission Excellence Awards. The awards honor outstanding efforts and achievements by local historic preservation commissions and boards of architectural review. The **nomination deadline is April 15, 2014**. Details are available on the [NAPC website](#).

Summer Internships with ACHP

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is accepting graduate and undergraduate applications for their summer internship program. The ACHP is looking for candidates from a wide variety of disciplines who demonstrate a genuine interest in historic preservation. Internships are flexible and can be in the summer or at an alternative period of time. Information and applications are available on the [ACHP website](#).

Reminder: Governor's Historic Preservation Awards 2014 - nomination deadline is May 12th

Do you know of a project, individual, or organization that exemplifies the best in preservation efforts? Nominate them for this prestigious award! Forms and information are available at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/governorsawards. Don't miss the chance to let good work shine!

UPCOMING EVENTS

California Preservation Foundation Workshops:

March 19, 2014 - CEQA: Process, Mitigation, and Advocacy

[Registration](#) is now open for this workshop focusing on legal facets of CEQA, with a look at successes and failures. Conference location is the campus of USC, Los Angeles.

March 20, 2014 - Landscapes: Looking Beyond Buildings

This workshop is aimed at cultural resource professionals with a beginning to intermediate knowledge of cultural landscapes. [Registration](#) is now open. Conference location is USC, Los Angeles.

National Council On Public History Annual Conference, March 19-22, 2014

Sustainable Public History is the focus of NCPH's 2014 conference. The conference, held at the Monterey Conference Center, will have an opening reception co-hosted by the California Council for the Promotion of History. Conference details and Registration information can be found on the NCPH [conference webpage](#).

Society for California Archaeology 2014 Annual Meeting, March 20-23, 2014

In the Shadow of Giants is the title of this year's Society for California Archaeology (SCA) Annual Meeting, which is being held in Visalia, California. The meeting program and daily schedules are available on the [SCA website](#).

Symposium on Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., March 27-28, 2014

The National Association for Olmsted Parks (NAOP) is hosting the symposium *Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.: A Vision for the American West*. The symposium is especially timely, with the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act and California State Parks occurring this year, and the centennial of the National Park Service coming in 2016. Olmsted was importantly and passionately involved with the development of Yosemite National Park and both the California State Park System and the National Park Service. The symposium location is Stanford University. Registration

and symposium information is available on the [NAOP website](#).

California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference, April 22-25, 2014

This year's CPF conference, *Redefining Preservation: Dialogues and Directions in Cultural Heritage*, takes place at [Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds](#) on the Monterey peninsula. Registration and conference details are available on the [CPF website](#).

Preservation is Local!

Beginning this month, we are highlighting some of the organizations involved in preservation at the local and regional levels.

[Save Our Heritage Organisation \(SOHO\)](#) of San Diego, is a non-profit organization established in 1969 to promote and preserve the architectural, cultural, and historical heritage of the San Diego area. SOHO sponsors the annual [People in Preservation Awards](#). The **nomination deadline** for the 2014 awards is **March 21st**.

Since 1973, [The Eureka Heritage Society](#) has provided leadership, education, and advocacy in the cause of preservation, including a comprehensive survey of all of Eureka's historic structures.

Do you have an active preservation group in your community? Let us know about it! Contact Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator at diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov, or 916-445-7026.

**Sometimes preservation is just outside
your own front door!**

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