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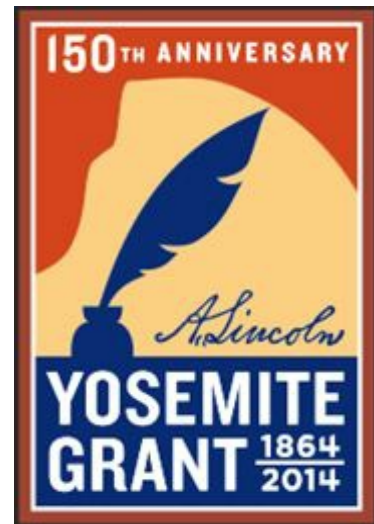
Mission

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.



Yosemite! Commemorating 150 Years

June 30, 2014 will mark the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's signing of the Yosemite Grant. The grant gave Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove over to the State of California to be preserved for the benefit of all citizens. That single act gave rise to the idea of a California State Park System, a National Park Service, and to a preservation and conservation



consciousness that remains active today. The anniversary will be marked by a full day of special events on June 30 in Yosemite National Park. Other commemorative events will take place throughout the year at Yosemite, in California's state parks, and at local and regional sites around the state. Check the [NPS Yosemite website](#) and California State Parks' [150th Anniversary website](#) for the latest updates and information.

As part of the commemoration, a **new exhibit, *Yosemite, the Grand Experiment***, will run from **June 3 through October 18, 2014 at the Yosemite Valley Museum.**

Landmarks at Risk - A New Report

The Union of Concerned Scientists recently released their report [National Landmarks at Risk: How Rising Seas, Floods, and Wildfires are Threatening the United State's Most Cherished Historic Sites](#). The report details the impacts faced by, and the actions

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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:

Aug. 1 - Sacramento
Nov. 7 - Sacramento

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

already underway to protect, some of the nation's most valued and vulnerable cultural sites. The report also emphasizes the need for planning and funding to help care for sites impacted now and those that will face threats in the near future.



Vallejo Shines in Preservation Spotlight

Vallejo, California, one of our Certified Local Governments is a featured story in [Preservation](#), the magazine of the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), and the attention is well-deserved. The city was bankrupt and its citizens and businesses struggling to hang on in the years following the closure of the U.S. Navy's Mare Island base (a critical underpinning of the local economy). In recent years, however, the city has turned around, thanks in great part to investments in adaptive reuse and restoration projects that have brought new life to some of the city's historic downtown buildings. Read the [full story](#) about this spirited city just a ferry ride from San Francisco!

NEWS AND UPDATES

ACHP has Moved!

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has moved to a new location. The new address and main phone numbers are:

401 F Street NW, Suite 308
Washington, DC 20001-2637
Phone: (202) 517-0200
Fax: (202) 517-6381

All email addresses remain the same. Individual staff phone numbers are available on the [ACHP website](#).

Military LAND Act Passes the House

The U. S. House of Representatives passed the Military LAND Act, and the Act now awaits Senate action. [Click here](#) to read the latest updates on this and other preservation-related legislative action.

SurveyLA on the PBS Newshour

The Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey, *SurveyLA*, was a feature story recently on the national PBS NewsHour. The feature highlighted how the survey is identifying sites of cultural and social significance throughout Los Angeles. Visit the [PBS website](#) to view the NewsHour segment.

NPS National Heritage Initiative: LGBT History

Last month we reported on San Francisco's Historic Context Survey of places and events linked to the city's LGBT history. On May 30, 2014, the National Park Service (NPS) announced a similar effort: a [new theme study](#) that will identify places and events associated with LGBT Americans for inclusion in NPS programs and parks. As part of the [NPS Heritage Initiatives](#), the study will identify sites eligible for national historic landmark status, and will encourage staff in national parks, heritage areas, and

other affiliated areas to interpret LGBT history associated with their sites. On **Tuesday, June 10, 2014**, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and NPS Director Jon Jarvis will host a panel discussion regarding ways to interpret LGBT history. The public is invited to participate in the discussion by submitting questions via an [RSVP](#) link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Preservation Summer!

Summer 2014 is buzzing with preservation activities and opportunities. Take a look:

California Preservation Foundation Webinars & Workshops:

CEQA and Historic Resources Webinar Series

CEQA Basics - June 10

CEQA Law - June 24

Mitigation - July 15

Modernism Webinar Series

California Modern Architecture - July 29

Preservation Modern Resources - August 12

Neon Museum: A Mid-Century Case Study - September 9

Workshops: (Los Angeles area)

Context Statements & Resource Surveys - July 23

Historic Register Designation and Documentation - July 24

Visit the [CPF website](#) for details and registration.

Keeping Time VII Historic Preservation Conference, June 20, 2014 - Last Call!

The Keeping Time Conferences are sponsored by the Tuolumne County Historic Preservation Review Commission in cooperation with the OHP. This year's conference takes place June 20, at Columbia State Historic Park. For conference and registration information, visit the [Tuolumne County website](#).

California Archaeological Site Stewardship Workshops

The [Society for California Archaeology's](#) California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) is offering summer workshops for volunteer site stewards. The program trains participants about laws that protect archaeological and historical resources, Native American perspectives, safety, and how to interact with members of the public encountered while on site visits. Workshops are offered in June, July, and August. Visit the [CASSP](#) website for a full schedule and registration information.

FORUM 2014, July 16-20, Philadelphia

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' biennial conference and training program will be held in Philadelphia. Tours, workshops, and educational sessions will be offered on a variety of preservation topics. Early Bird discounts are offered through June 6. For conference details and registration visit the [FORUM 2014](#) website.

USC Heritage Conservation Summer Course, July 22-August 9, 2014

The University of Southern California (USC) School of Architecture is offering its 22nd annual summer program: *Fundamentals of Heritage Conservation*. The program

introduces the principles and practice of historic preservation and heritage conservation of the built environment. Classes are taught by noted experts and can be taken as individual topic seminars or as a whole series. For further information, visit the [USC School of Architecture website](#).

Preservation is Local--and Personal!

This month we highlight one of the recipients of the San Diego Historical Resources Board's annual [Historic Preservation Awards](#).

The recipient of San Diego's 2014 Historic Preservation Award for Cultural Diversity was Carmen Lucas, a Kwaaymii Indian and ardent preservationist. For Ms. Lucas, preservation is personal. She has worked for more than two decades identifying, documenting, advocating for, and preserving Native American cultural sites important to the history and lives of California Native Americans. She worked as a Native American Monitor and Consultant, has served on the Board of the San Diego Board of Supervisors, and was appointed to San Diego County's Historic Sites Board. In 2004, Ms. Lucas' efforts earned her the Indian Heritage Preservation Award from the Society for California Archaeology. Carmen Lucas is an excellent example of how the passion, commitment, and actions of one individual *can* make a difference!

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