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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.

State Historical

California Historical Landmarks Rededicated

A rededication ceremony was held Saturday, April 4, 2015, for the Plaza Hotel and the Castro Breen Adobe in [San Juan Bautista State Historic Park](#). A new plaque was unveiled, honoring California Historical



Landmark No. 179 (Castro Breen Adobe) and No. 180 (Plaza Hotel) for their place in California's early history. Descendants of the Castro and Breen families joined State Parks officials, staff of the OHP, and members of the Plaza History Association for the unveiling. Also in attendance were members of the Native Daughters and Native Sons of the Golden West. The Native Sons helped fund the new plaque as part of the OHP's Legacy Landmarks project commemorating the 150th anniversary, in 2014, of California State Parks. [Read more](#) about the ceremony and these important buildings.

Photo: Ceremony honorees gather at the newly unveiled Landmark plaque. Photo courtesy of Chuck Combs.

Public is Invited to Get Involved with LGBTQ Theme Study



In March, the National Park Service (NPS) released a 7-page "Get Involved" document detailing the different ways that members of the public can engage with the NPS' LGBTQ theme

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.

Scheduled Meetings for 2015:

Apr. 29 - San Diego

Aug. 7 - Sacramento

Nov. 6 - Sacramento

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

study initiative. Launched in May 2014, the theme study is a nationwide effort to identify places and events associated with LGBTQ life and history in the U.S. for inclusion in the parks and programs of the NPS. The Get Involved document invites individuals and groups to engage in activities such as identifying a significant site, nominating a place, developing a tour, or organizing a community event to help spread the word. Resources to support the various activities are also listed in the document. [Download the Get Involved document](#) here, and to learn more about the initiative please visit the [NPS LGBTQ theme study](#) webpage.

Photo: Twin Peaks Tavern, one of the oldest gay bars in San Francisco. Awarded a Governor's Historic Preservation Award in 2013.

NEWS AND UPDATES

2015-2016 CLG Grant Applications Being Accepted Through April 20, 2015

The OHP's Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit is still accepting applications for the federal grants awarded annually to Certified Local Governments to assist with local preservation programs. The **application deadline is April 20, 2015**. For application forms, and details about the grant program, please visit our [CLG Grant Program](#) webpage.

Nomination Deadline Approaching for Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

May 11, 2015 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the 2015 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. These awards recognize projects, individuals, and organizations for exemplary efforts to preserve California's heritage. Please visit our [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards webpage](#) for details on the program and the nomination process. Good work deserves to be recognized!

Yosemite National Park Receives AEP Award

Yosemite National Park received an Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document Award from the [Association of Environmental Professionals \(AEP\)](#). The AEP is a non-profit association of public and private professionals focused on improving the processing and implementation of California's major environmental protection laws. The Yosemite award was for the National Park Service's Merced Wild and Scenic River Final Comprehensive Management Plan EIS.

HUD Webinar as Part of National Disaster Resilience Competition

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed a pre-recorded webinar that offers guidance on how historic preservation might fit into the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC). The NDRC will award one billion dollars for projects that address unmet disaster recovery needs and enhance resiliency in communities struck by natural disasters in recent years. The webinar includes a basic overview of the NDRC program as well as examples of practical ways to make historic buildings and districts more resilient to climate impacts. The webinar can be viewed on [HUD's YouTube site](#).

Preserve America is Seeking Help in Updating Their Records

Is your community a designated Preserve America community? Have you elected a new mayor? Do you have a new Preserve America contact person? Preserve America is asking all of its designated communities to help ensure all information is current in the program's database. Information that is needed:

Community name
Congressional District
Name of chief elected official (email and phone)
Name of best contact person (email and phone)

Please send all information to Judy Rodenstein at jrodenstein@achp.gov.

Grant Opportunities through the NPS and the NTHP

Both the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the National Park Service (NPS) are now accepting applications for 2015 grants to assist with historic preservation programs and efforts. Eligible applicants for NPS grants this year include federally recognized tribes, State Historic Preservation Offices, Native Hawaiian organizations, Alaska Native organizations, and Certified Local Governments. NTHP grants are available to NTHP members at the Forum and Main Street membership levels. Visit the [NTHP](#) and [NPS](#) websites for details on these grant opportunities. The **application deadline for the NPS grants is June 15, 2015**.

OHP CEQA Case Studies Series

Studies in this series are drawn from environmental documents produced in California, and are intended to help environmental analysts and lead agencies better understand identification and evaluation processes as applied to a variety of historical and cultural resources. Previous studies can be viewed on our [CEQA webpage](#).

Volume II: ["Consider the Whole Action: How to Avoid](#)

[Segmenting"](#)

For questions or comments regarding the series, please contact Sean deCourcy, State Historian II, at sean.decourcy@parks.ca.gov, or 916-445-7042.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAHC Holding Public Workshops in 2015

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is holding a series of public workshops to discuss the following subjects:

1. Most Likely Descendent (MLD) Rulemaking
2. AB52 Consultation Process
3. NAHC Consultation Policy

Workshop Dates and Locations:

April 16 - 1-5pm, West Sacramento

May 14 - 1-5pm, Northern California

June 18 - 1-5pm, Santa Ynez

July 16 - 1-5pm, Southern California

Please visit the [NAHC website](#) for the latest information regarding meeting times, agendas, and exact locations.

June

SHRC Meeting in San Diego, April 29, 2015

The next meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission will take place April 29, in San Diego at the Naval Training Center. The Commission will be hearing ten nominations for the National Register of Historical Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. Please visit the [SHRC webpage](#) for meeting time and agenda, and details about the pending nominations.

CPF Annual Conference, April 29-May 2, 2015

"Gateways to Preservation: New Frontiers" is the theme of this year's California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Annual Conference. The conference will be held in San Diego at the Naval Training Center at Liberty Station. Included on the conference venue: The OHP's own Tim Brandt, Senior Restoration Architect, will be hosting the popular Three Minute Success Stories, and the Modernism Committee of the State Historical Resources Commission will host a panel discussion on intergrity and evaluation standards as they relate to modern resources. For full conference details and registration information, visit the [CPF website](#).

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars:

Webinars

May 5 - Repair and Replacement of Historic Windows
May 12 - How Facade Ordinances Affect Your Historic Building
May 26 - The Importance of BIM Technology

Workshops

May 20 - Section 106: A Guide to Federal Protections for Historic Properties
May 21 - CEQA: How it Really Works

Visit the [CPF website](#) for registration information and a full listing of workshops and webinars scheduled for 2015.

Free Webinars from the OHP

Our office in partnership with CPF is offering the following free webinars:

[May 14 - Consulting with the SHPO under Section 106](#)
[July 23 - Accessing the California Historical Resources Information System \(CHRIS\)](#)

Preservation is Local!

Highlighting organizations involved in preservation at the local and regional level

The non-profit [Los Angeles Conservancy](#) was established in 1978 with a mission to recognize, preserve, and revitalize the historic and cultural resources of Los Angeles County. The Conservancy has become a leader in preservation with a wide range of educational programming and an active commitment to advocacy.

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

Banner Images: This month we highlight some of the nominations that will be heard at the State Historical Resources Commission meeting, April 29. Left to Right: Hollywood Western Building; Sullivan Canyon Historic District; Cypress Street Schoolhouse; and Forysthe Memorial School for Girls.

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