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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.

Changes at the OHP!

This summer marks some changes in personnel here at the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP).

We said good bye to SHPO Carol Roland-Nawi as she retired to spend some well-deserved time traveling and enjoying her newborn (and first!) grandchild. On July 6, we welcomed [Julianne Polanco](#)



(pictured at right) as she began her tenure as SHPO. Julianne served most recently as the Chair of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC), and as Director of Cultural Resources for Lend Lease.



This month we also welcome Anmarie Medin, who on July 13, will assume the post of Supervisor of our Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit. Anmarie most recently served as Chief of the Cultural Studies Office for Caltrans' Division of Environmental Analysis, and also served as the Historical Archaeology

Commissioner for the SHRC.

Finally, among our general staff, we bade farewell to Kim Tanksley, Associate State Archaeologist, as she headed to new career opportunities overseas. And we extended congratulations to Jessica Tudor and Patrick Riordan, both Associate State Archaeologists in our Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit, on achieving well-earned, permanent full-time status with

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.

Remaining Meetings for 2015:

Aug. 7 - Sacramento
Nov. 6 - Sacramento

For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](http://www.shrc.ca.gov).



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Latest Issue of *Preservation Matters* is Now Available

This issue of [Preservation Matters](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/preservationmatters) takes a look at California's more recent past and the successes and challenges of preserving our state's modern heritage. Articles include, among others, a report on Modernism Week in Palm Springs; a look at Milton Caughey's contributions to the city of Riverside's modern resources; the enduring importance of an integrated housing experiment in Claremont; and a modern, garden apartment complex in the heart of California's capital. This issue and previous issues of *Preservation Matters* can be viewed and downloaded from our website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/preservationmatters.



California Historical Landmarks Dedicated

June saw two more California Historical Landmarks (CHL) dedicated as part of the Legacy Landmarks project. The Legacy project was launched in 2014 as part of the 150th anniversary commemoration of California State Parks, and is overseen by the OHP.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, dignitaries and the general public gathered at [Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds](http://www.asilomar.com) in Pacific Grove, to officially dedicate Asilomar as California Historical Landmark



Number 1052. A special mortar mixing ceremony was performed by the Native Sons of the Golden West who helped fund the Asilomar CHL plaque and many of the other Legacy Landmarks plaques.



A similar gathering took place on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at [Railtown 1897 State Historic Park](http://www.railltown1897.com) in Jamestown. The park's [Sierra Railway Shops](http://www.sierrarailwayshops.com) were dedicated as California Historical

Landmark Number 1053. The CHL plaque was mounted on a special monument crafted of Columbia limestone, a product once carried by the trains of the Sierra Railway. The Native Sons of the Golden West once again performed their mortar mixing ceremony.

Visit our website to learn more about the [California Historical Landmarks Program](#).

NEWS AND UPDATES

2015-2016 Certified Local Government Grants Awarded

The Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit of the OHP is pleased to announce that five California cities will receive a total of \$167,000 in federal grants to assist local historic preservation programs. California is required to issue a minimum of ten percent of its yearly share of funds received through the National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Funds Grant program to local governments with NPS certified preservation programs.

Please visit our [Certified Local Government](#) webpage to learn more about the grant program, and the five awarded cities and their programs.

Museum Grant Program Now Accepting Applications

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) is pleased to announce the release of the [Guidelines and Application for the 2014-2015 Museum Grant Program](#). Since its establishment in 2002, the CCHE has granted more than \$122 million to projects for the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and interpretation of historical and cultural resources. The **grant application deadline is September 1, 2015.**

Another Grant Opportunity for 2015

The National Park Service Maritime Heritage Program is now accepting applications for their 2015 National Maritime Heritage Grants. \$1.7 million in grants will be awarded to fund education and preservation projects that preserve and interpret our nation's maritime heritage. The grants are available to state, local, and tribal governments as well as private non-profits. The OHP will work with eligible applicants, reviewing and advising on the application process.

The **application deadline is August 3, 2015.** For details on the grant program, and application forms and procedures, visit the [Maritime Heritage Program website](#). For questions about the application process, please contact John Thomas of the OHP at john.thomas@parks.ca.gov or 916-445-7024.

Recognizing Future Historians

In May, OHP staff members made the short journey from Sacramento to Rocklin, California, to serve as jurors for this year's California Historic Places Special Award at National History Day California. National History Day is a year-long educational program that encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. After selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research, analyze and interpret their findings, and create final projects that present their work.

The California Historic Places Special Award is co-sponsored by our office, the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC), and the California Historical Society (CHS). Recipients get a resolution from the SHRC, a one-year membership in the CHS (for the students and their teacher coach), and a \$100 cash prize from the CHS. Our office also provides a copy of the book *The Historic Preservation Movement in California* for their school library.

This year's Special Award recipients:

Gabrielle Gallo-Rodriquez, Tara Smith, and Gabrielle Flanders from Los Arboles Middle School, Monterey, for their Junior Group Performance "From Tiny Bungalows to Enchanted Castles: Julia Morgan, a Leader for Women in the Workplace and a Legacy of Amazing Architecture"

Rafael Ibarra, Chloe Esparza, and Cameron Quijada from River Springs Charter School, Riverside, for their Junior Group Documentary "There It Is, Take It: the Leadership and Legacy of William Mulholland"

Visit the [National History Day California](#) website to learn more about this inspiring program and about all of the National History Day award recipients.

UPCOMING EVENTS

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars:

Webinars:

July 16 - Modernism on the Brink? Assessing Threats to Modern Buildings and Landscapes

July 23 - Free webinar from the OHP: Getting to Know the CHRIS: Accessing and Contributing to the CHRIS Inventory

Workshops:

July 21 - Historic Districts & Infill Development
July 22 - CEQA From All Angles

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

NAHC Holding Public Workshop July 16, 2015

There is one workshop remaining in the Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) series of 2015 public workshops focusing on the following subjects:

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

Workshop Date and Location:

July 16 - 1-4:30pm
Department of Transportation
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110

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

Summer Course in Heritage Conservation, July 14-August 1, 2015

The University of Southern California's (USC) School of Architecture is offering its annual Fundamentals of Heritage Conservation Summer Course, July 14-August 1, 2015. Participants in the three-week course will be introduced to the principles and practice of historic preservation and heritage conservation. The course includes lectures by leaders in the field of conservation/preservation and visits to some of the regions premier heritage sites. For complete details and registration information visit the [USC website](#).

Summer "Road Trip"

Finally, as you head off for summer vacations and road trips, we share this virtual "road trip" that rolls through [115 years of American homes](#). Ride along, and then, head out into your own community and see how many of these house types you can find. Happy Travels!



Banner Image: The [House of Tomorrow](#) was built by Palm Springs developer Robert Alexander, in the 1960s. The three story modernist

house is built on a circular pattern without a single square room. The property's biggest claim to fame, perhaps, is that in 1967, Elvis and Priscilla Presley honeymooned here. (photo courtesy Carol Highsmith Collection, Library of Congress)

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