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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit www.preservation50.org to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in the year-long celebration!

SHRC Approves Nominations

At their January 29, 2016, meeting, the [State Historical Resources Commission \(SHRC\)](#) approved eighteen nominations to



be forwarded by the State Historic Preservation Officer to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. The Keeper makes the final determination regarding listing on the Register. The nominations included, among others, a Veterans Memorial building, a house designed by Walter S. White, a club building designed by Julia Morgan, and a

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 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.

2016 Meetings:

- January 29 - Sacramento
- April 18 - San Francisco
- July 29 - Location TBD
- October 28 - Location TBD

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

number of residential properties associated with master architect John Lautner.

Visit our [Actions Taken](#) webpage for a list and description of all eighteen nominations.

Image: The Dr. Franz Alexander Residence in Palm Springs was designed by architect, industrial designer, inventor, and builder Walter S. White in 1956, for Dr. Alexander, one of the country's leading psychoanalysts. The residence embodies an important tenet of Modernism in exploring the untapped potential of humble materials. The Alexander nomination was approved at the January 29, 2016 SHRC meeting for forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register. (Photo courtesy of Barbara Lamprecht, PhD)

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THPO Summit Materials Now Available

On December 2-3, 2015, our office was honored to participate in the 2015



THPO/SHPO Summit hosted by the Shingle

Springs Band of Miwok Indians. The summit provided a chance for tribes, the OHP, and federal, state, and local agencies to discuss issues related to tribal historic preservation concerns. This year's summit focused on disaster preparedness and recovery, AB52 and the CEQA process, tribal access policy for the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), and a variety of other topics.

PowerPoint presentations and other materials from the 2015 Summit are now available on our [THPO/SHPO Summits](#) webpage, along with materials from previous summits.



The National Park System (NPS) marks its 100th anniversary in 2016. Visit the [NPS Centennial](#) website to learn more about "America's Best Idea" and how you can participate in the centenary commemoration.



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News and Updates

Pond Farm Pottery Receives Additional Recognition

[Pond Farm Pottery Historic District](#) already is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its role in the recognition of ceramics as an important art form, and its association with the life and work of ceramist Marguerite Wildenhain. Recently, the site received additional recognition with the opening of an exhibit of Pond Farm pottery in the museum hall of [Terminal 2](#) at San Francisco International Airport. State Historic Preservation Officer Julianne Polanco, California State Parks Cultural Resources Chief Leslie Hartzell, and representatives from California State Parks, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) were among the officials and organizations that attended the exhibit's opening. Barbara Pahl of the NTHP announced that Pond Farm also was recently designated a [National Treasure](#).

Now a part of [Austin Creek State Recreation Area](#), Pond Farm was the home and studio of Marguerite Wildenhain, who lived, worked and taught at the site from the 1940s until her death in 1985. Artists and students from around the world came to Pond Farm to learn about, practice, and expand the art of ceramics.

We are pleased to once more see this important site receive some well-deserved recognition!

California Tax Credit Projects Spotlited by the NTHP

Two historic preservation tax credit rehabilitation projects in California are profiled in the recent issue of *Preservation*, the magazine of the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#):

[Lincoln Place](#), a garden apartment complex in southern

California, is one of the successful tax credit projects reviewed by our office. In 2015, Lincoln Place won a Preservation Award from the L.A. Conservancy, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

San Francisco's historic [Pier 70](#) is another tax credit project currently under review by our office. The pier is undergoing a major rehabilitation effort, and is considered to have one of the more intact collections of 19th century industrial buildings west of the Mississippi River.

Take a peek at the articles about both of these projects, and then, visit the OHP website to learn more about the [Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program](#).

NPS Announces Centennial Challenge Projects

The National Park Service (NPS) recently announced its list of Challenge projects for 2016, the NPS' centennial year. Congressional appropriations and matching funds from park organizations will assist with projects in national parks across the country focused on improving visitor services and supporting outreach to new audiences. Projects in eight California parks are included on the 2016 list: Golden Gate NRA, Lassen Volcanic NP, Manzanar NHS, Point Reyes NS, Santa Monica Mountains NRA, Sequoia NP, Kings Canyon NP, and Yosemite NP. Visit the [NPS website](#) to see the complete list and descriptions of the 2016 Centennial Challenge Projects.

ACHP Still Accepting Comments on NHPA Statement

The [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation \(ACHP\)](#) is still accepting comments on their draft statement "The National Historic Preservation Program at 50: Challenges and Opportunities." Input from stakeholders and the public will help to shape the final statement, which will be included in the ACHP's policy recommendations for improving the national historic preservation program.

Visit the [ACHP website](#) to download a copy of the statement and **submit comments by the March 1, 2016, deadline.**

Events and Education

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars

Workshops:

February 10, 2016, Sacramento: From Dollars & Cents to Success: Financial Incentive Programs for Historic Preservation

February 11, 2016, Sacramento: Unraveling the Nuances of the Secretary of the Interior Standards

Webinars:

February 17, 2016: The California Historical Building Code: Empowering Design Professionals to Save Historic Buildings

February 24, 2016: The California Historical Building Code: Learning from the Los Angeles Broadway Corridor Reuse Guidelines

Registration information, and a complete listing of education offerings, is available on the [CPF website](#).

OHP Local Government Training Workshops

Hosted by communities throughout the state, the OHP is presenting a series of workshops in 2016 to help local governments improve and strengthen their historic preservation programs. This month's workshop:

[February 18, 2016 - City of Riverside](#)

A full list of workshop dates, locations, and registration information is available on our [Preservation Education Workshops](#) webpage.

Free Webinars from the OHP

We are once again partnering with CPF to offer a series of free webinars for the 2015-2016 education cycle. Coming up this month:

February 25, 2016: [Preparing a Successful Section 106 Consultation Packet](#)

Visit our [Training and Workshops](#) webpage for information on our upcoming 2016 webinars and other training opportunities.

Modernism Week, February 11-21, 2016

Palm Springs will once again host Modernism Week, one of the leading gatherings for experts, advocates, enthusiasts, and first-time explorers of California's and America's modern heritage. The Modernism Committee of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) is facilitating one of the week's lectures, "[Modernism Wars: the National Register, Defender of Modern Buildings.](#)"

Visit the [Modernism Week website](#) for full details and registration information.

California Main Street Annual Conference, February 24-25, 2016

The [California Main Street Alliance \(CAMSA\)](#) is hosting its 2016 Annual Conference in Oceanside, California. The conference offers an opportunity for community leaders, businesses, and citizens to learn about and discuss issues related to preserving and promoting the downtown core of their communities. Visit the [CAMSA website](#) for full conference details. The [California Main Street Program](#) is affiliated with the national [Main Street Program](#).

SCA Annual Meeting, March 10-13, 2016

The [Society for California Archaeology](#) is holding its Annual Meeting, March 10-13, 2016 in Ontario, California. The conference offers a chance to share the latest knowledge, research, and best practices with regard to archaeological practices and the protection of resources.

Staff from the OHP's Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit will be presenting a workshop at the Annual Meeting, addressing consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106. For details about this workshop and the full slate of Annual Meeting sessions, visit the [SCA website](#).

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Banner image: Bidwell Mansion of [Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park](#). Built in 1865, the mansion became the home of newlyweds [John and Annie Bidwell](#), leading citizens in Chico and the early years of California's statehood. The Bidwells lived in the mansion for the remainder of their lives. California State Parks acquired the grand house in 1964, preserving its historic character and opening the mansion to the public. Bidwell Mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and is California Historical Landmark No. 329. (Photo courtesy of California State Parks)

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