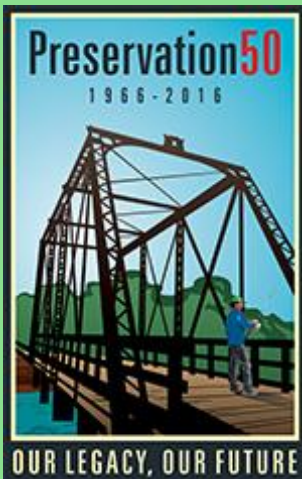


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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit www.preservation50.org to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in the year-long celebration!

Seeking Excellence in Historic Preservation



Once again, the staff here at the Office of Historic Preservation is gearing up to receive nomination packets for the annual Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. Governor George Deukmejian established the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards program in 1986 to recognize the innovation, creativity, and dedication that is at the heart of efforts to preserve California's richly diverse

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.

Upcoming 2016 Meetings:

April 18 - San Francisco

July 29 - Location TBD

October 28 - Location TBD

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



heritage. Projects, organizations, and individuals whose efforts demonstrate exemplary achievements in historic preservation are eligible for nomination. This honorary awards program is the only State-run awards program in California.

As the National Historic Preservation Act hits the half-century mark, programs like the Governor's Awards stand as testament to the enduring purpose, spirit, and promise of historic preservation. We encourage you to nominate and honor preservation successes in your region of the state. Visit our [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards webpage](#) for program details and nomination forms. The **deadline for nominations is May 11, 2016.**

Image: The 176 year-old [Dana Adobe](#) in Nipomo, California, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized as one of California's best examples of a Mexican-era adobe. [The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos \(DANA\)](#) non-profit organization, with the enthusiastic support and help of the local community and the California Conservation Corps, restored the adobe and made it the centerpiece of a learning center offering interpretive programs about the area's natural and cultural heritage. The Dana Adobe restoration project received a 2015 Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

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CHRIS Stakeholders Survey Now Available



The Office of Historic Preservation, in conjunction with the State Historical Resources Commission's Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee and the Information Centers, is pleased to announce the availability of a survey for

users and stakeholders of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). The intent of the

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.



survey is to augment earlier analysis of CHRIS functions, services, and structure.

The survey will be available through March 31, 2016, and can be accessed at [CHRIS Survey 2016](#). We urge all those interested in the future of the CHRIS to take a few minutes to respond to this survey.

Image: California State University, Sonoma, is the host institution for the Northwest Information Center (IC) of the CHRIS. All ICs are located on CSU and UC campuses. (Photo courtesy of [ssualumni.org](#))

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Success Stories for the NHPA's 50th Year

As part of this year's 50th anniversary commemoration of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Advisory Council



on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is collecting [Section 106 Success Stories](#) from around the country. A list of more than forty stories are spotlighted on the ACHP's website. Included in the list are four California successes:

[Chicano Park](#)

[Las Flores Adobe](#)

[Mount Shasta](#)

[Preservation Partnerships-Maloof](#)

Have a Section 106 success story of your own? Visit the [ACHP website](#) to find out how to make your story a part of the NHPA's 50th anniversary celebration.

Image: Mount Shasta, courtesy of Poppy/Creative Commons

News and Updates

CLG Grant Applications Now Available

The 2016-2017 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants application and supporting documents are now posted to the [OHP website](#). A minimum of ten percent of California's yearly allocation of federal funds received through the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program must be sub-granted to certified local governments. The grants provide assistance to local historic preservation programs. Last year, a total of five California cities and counties received \$167,000 in federal grants through the CLG program. This year's **application deadline is May 9, 2016.**

In related news, the City of Los Angeles, a CLG grant recipient for the 2015-16 grant cycle, is kicking-off their grant project this month. Through the city's [Office of Historic Resources \(OHR\)](#), efforts are now underway for developing a historic context statement that will identify themes and resources associated with the city's Jewish community. The OHR is holding a **kick-off meeting for the historic context project on Sunday, March 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the American Jewish University**. Public input and attendance is highly encouraged. Visit the [OHR website](#) to RSVP. [Click Here](#) to read more about this important project.

Preservation Fellowship Opportunity from the NTHP

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) in partnership with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, is now accepting applications for the 2016 Pocantico Center Preservation Fellowship. Fellowship awardees will reside for two weeks at the Marcel Breuer House in Pocantico Hills, New York, while working on a project with demonstrable benefit to the field of preservation. Details and application information is available on the [NTHP website](#). **Application deadline is April 1, 2016.**

National Park Service Reports Record Visitation in 2015

The National Park Service (NPS) started off their [100th anniversary](#) this year with the news that [visitation to National Parks](#) hit an all-time high of 307 million visitors. "The popularity of national parks is well known, but last year's numbers really are extraordinary," noted NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. In addition to reporting visitation numbers, the NPS released their [2015 Top Ten list](#) of the ten most visited national parks and other parks in the National Park System. In the National Parks category, Yosemite was the fourth most visited park. Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco was the second most visited park in the All Parks of the NPS category. California's natural beauty continues to captivate!

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Events and Education

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 meeting sessions, visit the [SCA website](#).

Among the meetings at the SCA's Ontario event:

Friday March 11: Public meeting of the Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee of the State Historical Resources Committee (SHRC). [Click Here](#) for the meeting agenda.

Saturday, March 12: Public meeting of the Archaeological Resources Committee of the SHRC. [Click Here](#) for the meeting agenda.

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Webinars

March 16: The California Historical Building Code and the American Disabilities Act in Historic Buildings and Sites

March 23: Opening the Doors to History: Universal Access to Historic Buildings

April 6: Creative CEQA Mitigation Strategies for Historic Properties

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:

[March 18 - City of Benicia](#)

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 next:

May 12: [Making it Pay: Incentives for Local Governments](#)

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

California Preservation Program Workshops

The California Preservation Program (CPP) offers workshops on the preservation and protection of collections managed by libraries, archives, historical societies and museums, and record repositories.

March 11: Grant Writing for Preservation Projects to Enhance Collection Care - Los Angeles

Visit the [CPP website](#) for workshop details and registration information.

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Banner image: The [Castro/Breen Adobe](#), also known as the Jose Castro House, is part of [San Juan Bautista State Historic Park](#). The adobe was built in 1838-1841 and used as a summer home by General Jose Antonio Castro, a military leader, and for a time, governor of Mexican-ruled California. In 1848, General Castro loaned the use of the adobe to Irish immigrant Patrick Breen and his family, survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party. Breen later purchased the adobe from Castro along with a large acreage of land. Breen family descendants continued to live in the adobe until the 1930s when the house became part of the state historic park. The Castro/Breen Adobe is on the National Register of Historic Places and is California Historical Landmark No. 179. (Photo courtesy of California State Parks)

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