

# California Office of Historic Preservation Preservation ePost May 2016

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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](http://www.preservation50.org) to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in

## May is Preservation Month!



Historic preservation is, of course, something worth celebrating all year long! However, the special focus in May provides a chance to highlight successes and challenges, and invite those who may be new to the idea of preservation to participate in this important work.

For 2016, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is promoting a Preservation Month theme, "This Place Matters." Visit the [NTHP website](#) for details. For activities

the year-long celebration!

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:

July 29 - Location TBD

October 28 - Location TBD

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

and opportunities happening here in California, please visit the Office of Historic Preservation's (OHP) [California Preservation Month](#) webpage. In this 50th year of the National Historic Preservation Act, there is much to celebrate!

May is also [Jewish American Heritage Month](#) and [Asian Pacific Heritage Month](#). Learn about and celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans and Asian Pacific Americans to American life and history.

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## SHRC and OHP at the CPF Conference



On April 18, 2016, the [California Preservation Foundation \(CPF\)](#) hosted the quarterly meeting of the [State Historical Resources Commission \(SHRC\)](#)

in conjunction with the CPF's Annual Conference, held this year at the Presidio of San Francisco.

SHRC Commissioners voted to forward eleven nominations to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for consideration for listing on the Register. Visit our [Actions Taken](#) webpage to see a list and descriptions of the nominated properties.

OHP staff also participated in the CPF conference. Staff from our Local Government Unit conducted a lively series of round table discussions on preservation topics of interest to local governments. OHP Registration Unit staff presented a workshop on the National Register nomination process and specifically how best to use the Multiple



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.



Property Submission for such nominations.

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## OHP Colleagues Receive Awards

We are proud to note that two of our colleagues, past and present, recently received some well deserved recognition.

On March 19, 2016, architectural historian Beth Edwards Harris, Ph.D., was among a group of Palm Springs preservationists honored by UCLA Architecture and



Urban Design for their efforts to preserve and promote the rich variety of modern architecture in the Palm Springs region. Dr. Harris serves as a commissioner on the [State Historical Resources Commission](#) and is Chair of the commission's Modernism Committee (which invites public participation - check out the [ModCom website](#)).



Eugene "Gene" Itogawa, former supervisor of the OHP Registration Unit, received a [Preservation Award](#) on April 24, 2016, from [Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation \(APIAiHP\)](#). The award

recognized his many endeavors to preserve California's Japanese American heritage. Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Jenan Saunders had the pleasure of presenting the award to Mr. Itogawa at the APIAiHP Annual Conference in Stockton, California.

Congratulations to Beth and Gene, and much appreciation

for your many good works on behalf of California's heritage!

(Photos courtesy of Beth Edwards Harris, and APIAiHP)

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## News and Updates

### **Deadline is May 9th!**

It is not too late to submit an application for 2016-2017 Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants. The grants provide assistance to local historic preservation programs. Application forms and supporting documents are available on the [OHP website](#). The **application deadline is May 9, 2016.**

### **Deadline is May 11th!**

There is still time to submit a nomination for the 2016 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. Do you know of an individual, organization, or project demonstrating exemplary efforts on behalf of preserving California's heritage? Visit our [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) webpage to download criteria and nomination forms. **The nomination deadline is May 11, 2016.**

### **California Projects Receive Maritime Grants**

We are pleased to announce that the following four California projects recently were awarded grants from the National Park Service (NPS) National Maritime Heritage Program:

Island of the Blue Dolphins and Its Maritime History Context

Steam Ferryboat Eureka Structural Survey

Distance-Learning History Project: Linking Cabrillo's Ship San Salvador

Spirit of Dana Tall Ship Overnight Education Program

For details about these projects and other grant awardees, visit the [Maritime Grants](#) webpage. The [Maritime Heritage Program](#) is part of the NPS Park History Program. Maritime grants are administered through each state's SHPO office.

### **Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Sign Agreement with the DOI**

The [Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians](#) in California, along with the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, recently signed an agreement with the Department of the Interior to reduce fractionation in Indian Country through implementation of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. [Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

### **California Properties Added to the National Register**

Two more California properties were added to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as of April 22, 2016:

[Alameda County Building and Loan Association Building](#),  
Oakland, Alameda County  
[TB-9](#), Davis, Yolo County

To see previous and current listings to the National Register, visit the NRHP's [Weekly List](#) webpage.

### **New Online Collection from California State Archives**

California State Archives recently posted an online digital collection of [19th Century California Trademarks](#). The collection provides an interesting and informative look into California's commercial past.

### **Disaster Checklist from the NPS**

The National Park Service (NPS) announced the release of a timely publication: "[Disaster Checklist for Historical Resources](#)." For additional resources and information regarding disasters and historic preservation, visit the OHP's [Disasters and Historic Resources](#) webpage.

## **New Publication from the Getty Institute**

[The Getty Conservation Institute \(GCI\)](#) has released an online publication: "[Consensus Building, Negotiation, and Conflict Resoultion for Heritage Place Management](#)." The publication contains proceedings from a 2009 GCI workshop that addressed challenges in heritage place conservation and management, and provided case studies from diverse geographic and cultural contexts.

## **Richard Morris Hunt Prize Accepting Applications**

The [Richard Morris Hunt Prize](#), established in 1990, offers mid-career American and French design professionals a six-month exchange experience that showcases the latest scholarship and practice in historic preservation and architectural heritage. The prize is co-sponsored by the American Architectural Foundation and the French Heritage Society. The **deadline for [applications](#) is July 31, 2016.**

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## **Events and Education**

### **California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Webinars and Workshops**

#### **Webinars**

**May 4:** Energy Efficiency and the Restoration of Historic Light Fixtures

**June 1:** Redeveloping the Historic Hotel: Challenges and Opportunities

#### **Workshops:**

**May 25:** The California Environmental Quality Act: How it Really Works

**May 26:** An Overview and Application of the California State Historical Building Code

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

### **Free Webinars from the OHP**

Our 2015-2016 series of free webinars, produced in partnership with CPF, continues with this May offering:

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

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

### **California Preservation Program**

The [California Preservation Program \(CPP\)](#) provides information, education, and assistance on the preservation of collections managed by historical societies, museums, libraries, and record repositories.

**May 16:** Grant Writing for Preservation Projects to Enhance Collection Care - Bishop, California

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

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo this year by nominating a property significant to Latino life and history to the National Register of Historic Places. Visit our [Preserve Latino History](#) webpage to learn how you can participate in preserving California's Latino heritage.

### **National Main Street Conference, May 23-25**

The [National Main Street Program's](#) annual conference takes place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this year. The conference provides a chance for community representatives nationwide to come together to learn and share about preservation-based community revitalization. Visit the [Main Street Conference](#) webpage for details and registration information.

We also invite you to visit the OHP's [California Main Street](#) webpage to learn about the active Main Street program here in our state.

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## Picture of Success: Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in California

Our banner image for this month's ePost is the Cerrito Theater, El Cerrito, and is one of the stories in our "Picture of Success" campaign.

Starting in 2001, the Friends of the Cerrito Theater convinced the City of El Cerrito to purchase the long-closed 1937 theater. The building's Art Deco murals and other historic features were restored, mostly with redevelopment agency funding. [Cerrito Theater](#) once again shows first-run movies and has attracted other businesses to the area. (text and photo contributed by David Weinstein, [Friends of the Cerrito Theater](#))

Do you have a preservation success? Share it as part of our [Picture of Success](#) campaign! Success stories and images are posted to our [Facebook](#) page weekly and some also are featured here in our ePost.

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