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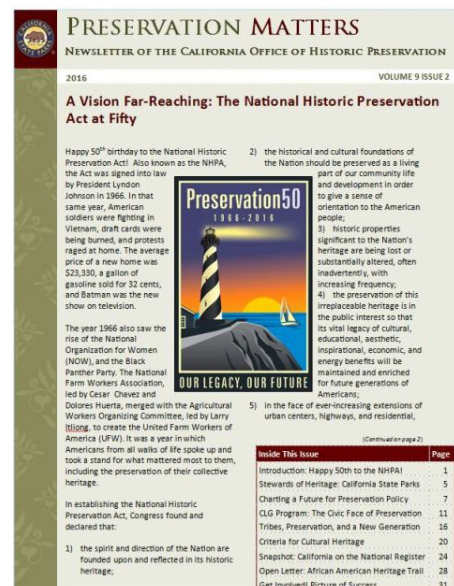


The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit www.preservation50.org to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in the year-long celebration!

Preservation Matters Looks at Fifty Years of the NHPA

The latest issue of our newsletter *Preservation Matters* is now available! This issue is devoted to the fiftieth anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

In addition to articles written by members of our staff, we are honored to have contributions from the Director of



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.

Remaining 2016 Meetings:
October 28 - Redlands

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



The National Park System (NPS) marks its 100th anniversary in

California State Parks, the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. All of the authors in this issue present thoughtful reflections on the many programs and efforts that have arisen out of the passage of the NHPA and its influence on historic preservation in California.

Visit our [Preservation Matters](#) website to view and download a copy of this special issue. For more on the NHPA's fiftieth anniversary celebration, go to [Preservation50.org](#).

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Picture of Success!

Along with our special newsletter issue, we also are commemorating the National Historic Preservation Act anniversary with a photo campaign, "[Picture of Success: Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in California](#)."

The banner photo for this month's ePost, and the photo depicted here, are of two of the homes in the



[Wilson Island Historic District](#), Fresno, California, one of our "Picture of Success" stories.

The 80 homes in the 6-block neighborhood known as Wilson Island date from 1910 to 1984 and represent some of the finest examples of Period Revival and Prairie architecture in the City of Fresno. Thanks to a collaborative effort between City staff and Wilson Island residents, the neighborhood was successfully designated in 2009 as a local historic district.

(Text and photos contributed by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, [City of Fresno](#))

Do you have a preservation success story? Share it as part of our "Picture of Success" campaign!

2016. Visit the [NPS Centennial](#) website to learn more about "America's Best Idea" and how you can participate in the centenary commemoration.

Success stories and photos are posted to our [Facebook](#) page and some also are featured here in our monthly ePosts.

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OHP at the Youth Heritage Summit California



Recently, OHP staff members Amanda Blosser, State Historian, and Alicia Perez, Associate State Archaeologist, participated as mentors at the [Youth Heritage Summit California](#). The five-day summit was held at the [Cesar Chavez National Monument](#) in Keene, California. Sponsored by the National Park Service, [Cesar Chavez Foundation](#), and the non-profit organization [We Are the Next](#), the summit provided students, ages 15 to 18, the opportunity to learn about the United Farm Workers' Movement through site visits to [La Paz](#), the Filipino Community Cultural Center of Delano, and [The Forty Acres](#).

Students also visited both the former site of [Weedpatch](#), a Depression-era camp built by the Farm Security Administration and situated adjacent to a current Kern County migrant labor camp, and the radio station [La Campesina](#) that broadcasts Mexican pop music and provides economic, medical, and educational information to listeners, specifically migrant farm workers.

A highlight of the summit was the opportunity to meet and talk with Cesar Chavez' son [Paul](#) and his family, and members of the Filipino community that initiated and participated in the 1965 grape strike

that later led to unity between Filipino and Mexican migrant laborers.



(Images: Summit participants in Delano, CA. Courtesy of Lindsey

Ingram/We Are the Next. Paul Chavez, standing at left, speaking with students. Courtesy Office of Historic Preservation)

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News and Updates

National Park Service Turns 100 on August 25

The National Park Service (NPS) officially turns 100 years old on August 25, 2016. It was on this date in 1916 that President Woodrow Wilson signed the [National Park Service Organic Act](#), creating the agency that has protected and managed America's national parks ever since.

Visit the [NPS Centennial](#) website to learn more about this first century of the National Park Service and how you can be a part of the birthday celebration!

New Nominations Voted on at the July SHRC Meeting

The [State Historical Resources Commission \(SHRC\)](#) held their most recent quarterly meeting on July 29, 2016, at the historic Woodland Opera House, Woodland. The Commission heard ten nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, and voted to recommend the SHPO forward nine of the nominations to the Keeper of the National Register. The Commission also approved one nomination for designation as a California Point of Historical Interest. Information about the nominated properties can be found on our [Actions Taken](#) webpage.

California Properties Added to the National Register

Since our last ePost, three more California properties were listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

Los Angeles Plaza Historic District (amendment), Los Angeles

View Park Historic District, Los Angeles

Devil's Postpile Cabin Site (location restricted), Madera County

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

Input Sought on Wilderness Stewardship Plan for Yosemite

During August, the National Park Service will host a series of workshops and webinars to gather public input on plans to update management and protection of Yosemite National Park's wilderness regions, specifically with regard to visitor use and capacity. Public meeting dates and times can be found on the [NPS website](#). Visit the [Wilderness Stewardship Plan](#) home page for plan details.

New Federal Rule for Tribal Plant Gathering

On July 12, 2016, the National Park Service announced a new federal rule for tribal plant gathering. As stated in the [Federal Register](#) summary, "The rule authorizes agreements between the NPS and federally recognized tribes that will facilitate the continuation of tribal cultural practices on lands within the National Park System where those practices traditionally occurred. This rule respects tribal cultural practices, furthers government-to-government relationships between the United States and tribes, and provides system-wide consistency for this aspect of NPS-tribal relations." [Click here](#) to view and download a copy of the rule text.

California Non-Profit Receives Preservation Technology Grant

[Cultural Heritage Imaging \(CHI\)](#), a San Francisco-based non-profit organization, is the recipient of a [2016 Preservation Technology and Training \(PTT\) Grant](#). The National Park Service [National Center for](#)

[Preservation Technology and Training](#) administers the grants as part of its efforts to create new technologies to preserve historical and cultural resources. CHI provides imaging technologies, training, and consulting to help digitally document and preserve important heritage sites worldwide. The PTT grant will help with their proposed project, "Applying Scientific Rigor to Photogrammetric 3-D Documentation." Congratulations!

Another Preserve America Community in California

Last month, First Lady Michelle Obama designated [four new Preserve America Communities](#), and Redwood City, California was among them! As noted by Milford Wayne Donaldson, Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the designation recognizes communities that demonstrate the "economic, educational, environmental and sustainability benefits preservation provides, while creating more vibrant and desirable places to live, work, and visit." The ACHP oversees the Preserve America program.

[Redwood City](#) is home to five historic districts, an extensive historical archive located in the Redwood City Library, and a 12-site, self-guided "Path of History" walking tour through the city's downtown. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Visit the [Preserve America](#) website to learn more about the program and how to nominate your community.

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Events and Education

Free Webinars from the OHP

Please join us for the last webinar in our 2015-2016 series of free webinars, produced in partnership with CPF:

August 18: [Where Credit is Due: Preparing a Successful Tax Credit Application](#)

Visit our [Training and Workshops](#) webpage for

information on future webinars and other training opportunities.

WCAPT Workshop, Los Angeles, August 24

The [Western Chapter of the Association for Preservation Technology \(WACPT\)](#) is offering a workshop and tour at the Broadway Trade Center, Los Angeles. The workshop will include hands-on learning for window restoration and terra cotta repair, and will be followed by a tour of the Trade Center, one of the first department stores in Los Angeles.

Workshop details and registration is available on the [WCAPT](#) website.

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops

September 7: A Focus on Modernism: Design Regulations and Review - Claremont, CA

September 8: Capitalizing on Opportunity: Financial Incentives for Historic Properties - Claremont, CA

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

OHP Local Government Workshop, Sacramento, September 16

The next workshop in the "Preservation Education Workshop Series for Local Governments" will be hosted by California State University Sacramento on September 16, 2016.

These free workshops, offered by the OHP's Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit, cover a variety of preservation-related topics and provide a "toolkit" of knowledge to help ensure more effective local preservation programs. Visit our [Preservation Workshops](#) webpage for program and registration information.

SF Heritage Lecture Series 2016

[Session details and registration information](#) are now available for SF Heritage's series of annual lectures

held in San Francisco. Sessions will focus on the city's tangible and intangible cultural heritage, architecture, Depression-era artwork, and gastronomic history.

CASSP Training Session, September 10-11

The [California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program \(CASSP\)](#) trains volunteers to work alongside professional archaeologists to protect archaeological and historical resources by visiting sites regularly and recording changes. CASSP is a statewide program directed by the [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#).

The next training session is **September 10-11 at the BLM Bakersfield Field Office**. Visit the [CASSP website](#) for training details and registration.

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Heritage: A Good Investment

Redwood City's recent designation as a Preserve America community is a reminder that, increasingly, communities are recognizing and promoting the economic and community life benefits that come from preserving their collective heritage. As one example of that, we share here a promotional video created by the City of Woodland highlighting the interconnection of history and economic revitalization in the City's historic downtown.

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