

# California Office of Historic Preservation Preservation ePost November 2016

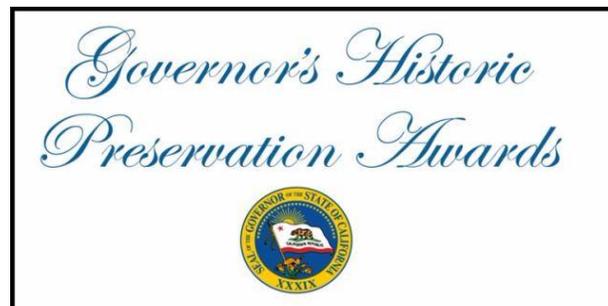
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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 turns fifty years old this year. Click on the image above or visit [www.preservation50.org](http://www.preservation50.org) to learn more about this important act and how you can participate in the year-long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

## Governor's Historic Preservation Awards Recipients Announced



We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. The awardees include one individual renowned for her decades of work on behalf of preservation, and eleven projects that reflect the broadening scope of preservation from cultural landscapes, to smart phone technology, to historic buildings that embody the unique history and character of communities.

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards have been handed out every year since 1986 to projects,

**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.

#### **2017 Meetings:**

February 3 - Sacramento  
May 10 - Pasadena  
July 28 - TBD  
October 27 - TBD

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



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

individuals, and organizations demonstrating outstanding achievements in preserving California's heritage. Please visit our [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) webpage to learn more about the program and the 2016 awardees. Congratulations to all!

An awards ceremony is held each year in November, and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors - most of whom step forward every year to support this program - we are able to present beautifully framed award certificates to the awardees, and fete them with a reception following the ceremony. Our sincere appreciation is extended to the following 2016 sponsors:

[California Historical Society](#)  
[California Preservation Foundation](#)  
[Los Angeles Conservancy](#)  
[Preservation Sacramento](#)  
[Save Our Heritage Organisation](#)  
Mary Helmich, historian

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## **Picture of Success!**

This month's ePost banner image is of the Antelope Indian Museum in Lancaster, California, and is one of the success stories in our photo campaign, "[Picture of Success: Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in California](#)."

A collaborative, multi-year effort successfully rehabilitated and stabilized the [Antelope Valley Indian Museum](#). The architecturally and historically significant building, with its Joshua tree columns, native stone, and hand-painted panels, was designed and built in the 1920s by artist [Howard Arden Edwards](#). Operated today as the [Antelope Valley Indian Museum State](#)



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



[Historic Park](#), the museum houses artifacts representing Indian cultures of California and the Southwest, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

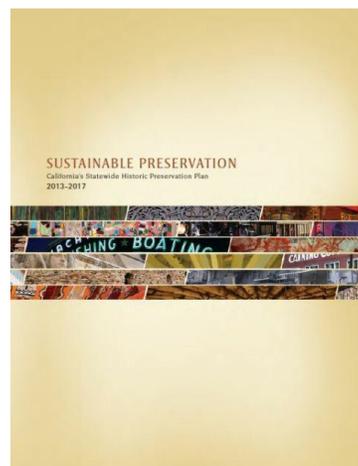
Do you have a preservation success story? Share it as part of our "Picture of Success" campaign! Success stories and photos are posted to our [Facebook](#) page and some also are featured here in our monthly ePosts.

Banner image and story text contributed by [Page & Turnbull](#) (photo courtesy of Stephen Schafer); text image courtesy of California State Parks.

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## A Chance to Shape the Future of Preservation in California



We are beginning the process of public outreach to gather input for the next Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (State Plan) and we invite you to be a part of shaping the future of historic preservation in our state!

Preparation of a State Plan is required by the National Park Service every five years as part of the condition for states to receive funding from the federal Historic Preservation Fund. California's current State Plan expires at the end of 2017, to be replaced with a new, updated plan covering the years 2018-2022. Your input will be critical to developing a plan that reflects the issues and directions in historic preservation that are most important to Californians.

To learn more about this effort, and review a copy of the current State Plan, please visit our [Statewide Historic Preservation Plan](#) webpage.

## News and Updates

### **November is National Native American Heritage Month**

Also known as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, this month-long recognition provides an opportunity to learn about and honor the history, cultures, and achievements of Native Americans. Many states proclaimed a Native American Day beginning in the 1900s. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution proclaiming November as National American Indian Heritage Month, and similar presidential proclamations have been issued every year since. Follow the links listed below to learn more about this heritage month and about the enduring legacy and contributions of American Indians.

[President Obama's Proclamation-Native American Heritage Month 2016](#)

[National Native American Heritage Month](#)

[National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers \(NATHPO\)](#)

[National Congress of American Indians](#)

[Native American Heritage Commission](#)

[Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

Be sure to visit our [tribal webpages](#) as well, which recently were updated to be more user-friendly.

### **Cultural Landscape Document Released by the ACHP**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Office of Native American Affairs has recently released their latest information paper, [\*Cultural Landscapes: Understanding and Interpreting Indigenous Places and Landscapes\*](#). The paper provides an introduction to indigenous cultural landscapes for those working in cultural resource management, education, and for federal agencies engaged in the Section 106 process. Visit the [ACHP website](#) to learn more about the Council's work on Native American Traditional Landscapes.

### **Seeking Feedback on DPR523 Forms**

We are in the process of updating the DPR523 series of forms and welcome your input! The DPR523 forms are used for recording and evaluating historic resources. Currently, we are seeking input regarding commonly used thresholds for defining archaeological sites in California's diverse geographic regions. We invite you to [take the survey](#) on this topic and help us develop a more effective and user-friendly form. If you have questions or comments about this effort, please contact Amanda Blosser at [amanda.blosser@parks.ca.gov](mailto:amanda.blosser@parks.ca.gov), or 916-445-7048.

### **Nominations Approved at the SHRC Meeting**

At their last meeting in 2016, the State Historical Resources Commission voted to recommend that the State Historic Preservation Officer forward twenty-three nominations to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission also approved one nomination for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. Please visit our [Actions Taken](#) page to see a list of all approved nominations.

Also, visit the National Park Service [Weekly List](#) webpage to see the latest California properties to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **New Resources from the NPS**

The National Park Service (NPS) Technical Preservation Services announces the release of its latest [Preservation Brief, No. 48 Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries](#). Grave markers are often sources of community history, and unique works of art. They also are highly vulnerable to weather, natural decay, and acts of vandalism. Preservation Brief 48 provides guidance on preserving and protecting these resources, including discussions on maintenance programs and preservation treatments. All forty-eight NPS Preservation Briefs are now available through the [NPS website](#).

Also released just this week by the NPS: [Coastal Adaptation Strategies Handbook](#). Chapter Five of the handbook focuses on cultural resource topics, including the impacts of climate change. Heritage-related topics are included in a number of the

handbook's other chapters as well.

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## Events and Education

### California Preservation Foundation Webinar

**November 9:** [Sputnik Science and Engineering Buildings: Bane or Boon?](#)

### NTHP Annual Conference, November 15-18

The [National Trust for Historic Preservation \(NTHP\)](#) is still accepting registrations for their annual [PastForward Conference](#) to be held in Houston, November 15-18, 2016. This year's conference will look at the first fifty years of the National Historic Preservation Act and consider the challenges as the Act and preservation head into the next half-century.

### Webinar Opportunity from the NPS

The National Park Service Technical Preservation Services is offering a webinar addressing rehabilitation concerns faced by historic "Main Street" communities and how best to meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards.

**November 17:** [Main Street Matters](#)

### CCHS Symposium, November 20-23

The [Conference of California Historical Societies \(CCHS\)](#) is holding its Fall Symposium November 20-23, 2016, in the San Francisco East Bay region. Visit the CCHS website for [symposium details and registration information](#).

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