

# Preservation ePost

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Our banner image captures a holiday view of the National Exchange Hotel, or National Hotel, in Nevada City, California. First opened in August 1856 under the name Bicknell Block, the National Hotel is recognized as one of the oldest, continuously operating hotels west of the Rocky Mountains. The hotel contributes to the Nevada City Downtown Historic District, and like the District, is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). The National Hotel also is designated as [California Historical Landmark No. 899](#). During the holiday season the hotel decorates for and participates in the city's Victorian Christmas celebration. (Photo courtesy of [Nevada City Chamber of Commerce](#))

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## Registering California Heritage in 2017



As the year winds down, we thought it would be nice to look back at some of the California resources nominated in 2017 for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. Staff from our Registration Unit presented forty-one National Register nominations and two California Register nominations to the State Historical Resources Commission.

This year's nominations highlighted the rich variety and statewide focus of preservation efforts in California, from a local theater to a community park, public housing, a bridge, homes of historically noteworthy individuals, and much more. All of the nominations reflect the committed efforts of individuals and groups to preserve our collective heritage. We thank you for your passion and dedication, and look forward to joining you again in 2018 in the valuable work of preservation!



[Albion River Bridge](#) is a 969 foot long steel and timber truss bridge spanning the Albion River Valley in Mendocino County. Constructed during World War II when material shortages required innovative engineering design, timber was incorporated into construction to minimize the use of steel. The bridge was nominated under cover of the *Historic Highway Bridges in California* multiple property document.

(photo courtesy of John Roger Johansen)



[Marin City Public Housing](#) encompasses 29 buildings on approximately 30 acres in southern Marin County. Arranged on an open landscaped green campus, the building style was strongly influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright, and reflective of Design Architect Aaron Green's architectural philosophy and practice. The housing was designed to provide affordable living for low- to mid-income residents, many of them originally World War II shipyard personnel. The development was a social justice endeavor encouraging racial integration at a time leading up to the Civil Rights movement.

(photo courtesy of Daniel Ruark)



[Southside Park Historic District](#), Sacramento, is a 15 acre city park originally completed in 1912, significant for its importance in the life of a multicultural community, as the celebration site following the end of the United Farm Workers' march from Delano to Sacramento, and association with the Royal Chicano Air Force, an artist group that held events at the park and painted a mural on the park's 1935 bandstand. The park was nominated under cover of the *Latinos in 20th Century California* multiple property document.

(photo courtesy of William Burg)



[Azteca Theater](#) was constructed in 1948 in the City of Fresno's Chinatown. Under the management of Mexican-born impresario Arturo Tirado, the Art Deco style theater showed films made during the golden age of Mexican cinema and also hosted appearances by the leading actors of Mexican film. Cesar Chavez and striking farm workers stopped in Fresno during their march from Delano to Sacramento, and held a rally in the Azteca. The theater was nominated under cover of the *Latinos in 20th Century California* multiple property document. (photo courtesy of Karana Hattersley-Drayton)



[Peter Drucker House](#) is a 1963 Ranch style house in Claremont designed by Clair Earl & Associates. The house served as home and office for Peter Drucker, author, professor, and an influential business management adviser to some of America's largest organizations. Drucker's request that his clients come to his home to meet with him placed the Claremont house at the epicenter of Drucker's work. (photo courtesy of Christopher Purcell)

Visit our [2017 Actions Taken](#) page to learn about the many other properties nominated this year to the National and California Registers.

(Title image: [Benicia Southern Pacific Passenger Depot](#), another of the properties nominated in 2017. Photo courtesy of David Hyde)

## Spotlighting California Heritage Nationally



[The Great Wall of Los Angeles](#), listed on the National Register of Historic Places in September of this year, was recently selected to be the Highlighted Property on the National Register [News & Events](#) webpage. The Great Wall was selected out of the many properties submitted nationally for National Register listing. Considered one of the world's largest murals, the Great Wall is a half-mile long mural of original paintings depicting the history of California. Congratulations to all who work to preserve this unique California resource, and helped to nominate the Great Wall for listing!

(photo courtesy of the National Park Service)

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## News and Updates

### **Southern California Wildfires**

As we go to press, the wildfires in Southern California are raging at full intensity. Listed on our [Active Disasters: Immediate Response](#) webpage are the State and Federal Disaster proclamations for the fires, along with links to CalFire and other important disaster related information. Our thoughts are with our partners, friends, and all of the communities affected by the fires. Stay safe everyone!

### **Reminder: CLG Annual Reports Due**

Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Reports for 2016-2017 are **due January 22, 2018**. The report template, along with instructions, is now available on our [Certified Local Government](#) webpage. Also available is the

template for the commissioner qualifications form.

## **SHRC Meeting Dates Set for 2018**

The [State Historical Resources Commission](#) held their last quarterly meeting for 2017 on October 27 in Sacramento. At the meeting the Commission approved the following 2018 meeting dates and locations:

February 2 - Sacramento

May 17 - Palo Alto

August 3 - Location to be determined

October 26 - Location to be determined

Information about upcoming nominations is posted to our [Pending Nominations](#) webpage. SHRC meetings are live-streamed on the Cal-Span network. Indexed videos of each meeting are available through the [Cal-Span archives](#) and on the OHP [Meeting Minutes and Recordings](#) webpage.

## **Victorian Society in America Accepting Nominations**

The [Victorian Society in America](#) is accepting nominations for their [annual awards](#) recognizing efforts to restore and preserve Victorian era buildings or artifacts. The nominated property must have been constructed between 1837 and 1917, and have listing on the National Register of Historic Places or on a state or local register. The **deadline for nominations is February 15, 2018.**

## **New Technical Bulletin from the NPS**

The National Park Service [Technical Preservation Services](#) recently announced the release of [Preservation Brief 50: Lightning Protection for Historic Structures](#). The brief includes information on assessing the need for a lightning protection system as well as the design, installation, and care of such systems.

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## **Events and Education**

### **Registration Open for SCA 2018 Annual Meeting**

Early bird registration is available through December 18, 2017, for the [2018 Annual Meeting](#) of the [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#). Taking place March 8-11, 2018, in San Diego, the meeting is an opportunity to attend workshops and presentations on the latest research, approaches, and topics in archaeology.

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## Did You Know....

....you can find training modules and presentations on a variety of preservation topics via our [Preservation Training](#) webpage. Take advantage of OHP [webinars](#), [workshop presentations](#), and [eLearning modules](#), as well as links to offerings from some of our preservation partners. Now is a good time to fill in gaps in your training while firing up your preservation knowledge in time for the New Year!

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## State Historical Resources Commission Meetings Scheduled for 2018:

February 2 - Sacramento

May 17 - Palo Alto (in conjunction with the California Preservation Foundation Conference)

August 3 - (Location to be Determined)

October 26 - (Location to be Determined)

[Learn More](#) about Commission meetings, actions, and responsibilities.

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Happy Hanukkah  
Happy Holidays

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