

# Preservation ePost

## March 2018



California Office of  
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March is **Women's History Month** and **Irish American Heritage Month**! Our banner image spotlights Harriet "Petey" Weaver against a backdrop of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Petey Weaver is considered the first female ranger of California State Parks though for most of her years of service she was never officially accorded that classification. Ms. Weaver began her parks career in 1929 at Big Basin Redwoods State Park and over the next twenty years would also work at Seadiff State Beach, and Richardson Grove and Pfeiffer Big Sur State Parks. She performed much of the same job functions as classified rangers, earning the respect of colleagues and park visitors alike. At the time of her retirement in 1950, Petey Weaver had earned her deputy ranger badge and become an inspiration to the female rangers who followed in her steps. Learn more about this pioneering woman of California State Parks! (Photos courtesy of California State Parks and [redwoodhikes.com](http://redwoodhikes.com))

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## Proposals Sought for Asian American and Pacific Islander Historic Context

The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) received an Underrepresented Communities Grant from the National Park Service (NPS) with which to develop a historic context statement documenting the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California. As part of



that process, we are seeking a firm or individual to develop that context statement in the format of a Multiple Property Documentation Form.

**Proposals will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018.** For a copy of the Request For Proposals (RFP), contact Project Manager Amy Crain at [Amy.Crain@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Amy.Crain@parks.ca.gov).

Visit the [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program](#) webpage to learn more about the program and the efforts to increase representation of America's diverse history and culture on the National Register of Historic Places.

(Image: Taoist temple, [Weaverville Joss House State Historic Park](#), Weaverville, California. The temple was built in 1874 and is the oldest continuously used Chinese temple in California. The temple is designated as California Historical Landmark No. 709. Photo courtesy of California State Parks)

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## Tribes Assume Historic Preservation Duties

The Director of the National Park Service, recently approved Historic Preservation Officer duties for two California Indian tribes. The [Elem Indian Colony](#), Lower Lake, and the [Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians](#), Bassett, assume formal responsibilities for review of Federal undertakings under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as well as other State Historic Preservation Officer functions and responsibilities set out in the Act.



Lamont Brown is Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Elem Indian Colony, with Joseph Ontiveros serving as THPO for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians. Congratulations!

Visit our [Tribal Historic Preservation Officers](#) webpage to learn more about this important program and view a list of the forty-two California tribes holding THPO responsibility.

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## News and Updates

### **Governor Appoints Tribal Advisor**

On February 6, 2018, Governor Brown announced the appointment of Christina Snider to the position of Governor's Tribal Advisor and Executive Secretary to the Native American Heritage Commission. Ms. Snider is the second person to hold this position, succeeding Cynthia Gomez who served as the first Governor's Tribal Advisor beginning in 2012. Ms. Snider is a member of the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians where she served as an Indian Child Welfare Act representative for the tribe. Read the [full announcement](#) here.

### **Triennial Report Released by the ACHP**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is pleased to announce the release of [In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management](#), a report prepared every three years in accordance with Executive Order 13287 "Preserve America," and submitted to the President. The report addresses the state of the federal government's inventory of historic resources, and issues and recommendations critical to the management of those resources.

### **Still Time to Nominate Excellence!**

We are still accepting nominations for the [2018 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#). Do you know of a person, project, organization, or agency whose work to preserve California's heritage exemplifies the best in historic preservation? Now is the time to recognize them!

**Nominations are due April 16, 2018.**

### **Grant Opportunity from National Fund for Sacred Places**

The [National Fund for Sacred Places](#) is a program that provides training, planning grants, and capital grants to congregations of all faiths to help preserve and rehabilitate their historic facilities. Grants are offered in the range of \$50,000 to \$250,000. The current grant cycle is now accepting applications. [Letters of intent](#) are **due April 17, 2018.**

### **CPF Preservation Awards Now Accepting Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) [2018 Preservation Design Awards](#). The awards recognize excellence in projects large and small, sustainable efforts, and reports. **Early deadline for nominations is April 30, 2018**, with **final submission required by May 31, 2018.**

### **CLG Grant Application Manual Now Available**

The Local Government and Environmental Review Unit of the OHP is pleased to announce that the [2018-2019 Certified Local Government Grant Application Manual](#) is now available through our website. The manual provides information and guidance to local governments seeking funding assistance for a variety of local preservation efforts, such as historic contexts/surveys, historic preservation plans or ordinances, design guidelines for historic districts, outreach programming, and more. The **application deadline for 2018-2019 grants is May 1, 2018.** Visit our Certified Local Government webpage to learn more about the CLG program.

Speaking of CLG grants, a 2016-2017 grant project, the Ontario International Airport Historic Context Statement and Video Documentary, recently won an Outstanding Award (Environmental Resource Document) from the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). Congratulations!

### **Diversity Scholarships Available from the NTHP**

The [National Trust for Historic Preservation \(NTHP\)](#) is holding their annual [PastForward Conference](#) in San Francisco this year, November 13-16. As in years past, the NTHP is awarding [Diversity Scholarships](#) to support attendance to the conference. The scholarships are offered to emerging preservation professionals representing or working in, or with, an underrepresented community. The **deadline to apply is May 1, 2018.**

### **Collections Preservation Grants Available from the NEH**

Created in 2000, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) [Preservation Assistance Grants](#) provide support to small and mid-sized institutions to improve their ability to preserve and care for significant humanities collections. Grants have been used to develop more effective use of collections for exhibitions, education and public programming, and digitization initiatives, among others. The **deadline for grant applications is May 1, 2018.**



## California Properties Approved for Forwarding to the National Register

At the February 2, 2018, meeting of the [State Historical Resources Commission \(SHRC\)](#), nine National Register of Historic Places nominations were accepted and recommended for forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register for listing. The Commission also approved one nomination for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. Visit our [Actions Taken](#) page to read about all of the nominated properties. An indexed video of the entire SHRC meeting can be viewed via our [SHRC Meeting Minutes and Recordings](#) page.

To learn about current and past California listings on the National Register, visit the National Register [Weekly List](#) webpage.

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## Events and Education

### SCA 2018 Annual Meeting, San Diego, March 8-11

The Society for California Archaeology will hold their [2018 Annual Meeting](#) 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. Pre-registration is now closed but on-site registration will begin Thursday, March 8, at 1:00pm.

### California Preservation Foundation Webinars

**March 12:** [Millard Sheets and Home Savings: Mid-Century Modern Architecture for Corporate and Urban Identity](#)

**March 13:** [Can I Do That? Applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties](#)

**March 20:** [Preserving Buildings and Life Safety Too: Effective Use of the California State Historic Building Code](#)

**April 10:** [Playing Well Together: Coordinating Specific Plans, Zoning Codes and Preservation Ordinances](#)

Visit the [CPF website](#) for a full listing of education and training opportunities.

### Seminars Offered by the NPI

The [National Preservation Institute](#) is offering a number of [seminars in California](#) during the months of March and April. The seminars cover topics ranging from NAGPRA, to Section 106, NEPA compliance, TCPs, and more.

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**Did You Know....**

...the OHP has information available to help those dealing with historic resources in times of disaster. During an active event, a link to our [Active Disasters: Immediate Response](#) page will activate on our home page. There you will find State and Federal Emergency Proclamations as well as contact information for affected counties, and other helpful contacts and resources. The Active Disasters page also is accessible through our [Disasters and Historic Resources](#) page, as is a wealth of information to help prepare and plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters. We encourage you to explore all of these pages now to help be better prepared later.

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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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