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Columbia State Historic Park preserves California's largest collection of gold rush era structures. Gold was discovered in the Columbia area in 1850, and by 1852, more than 150 stores, saloons, hotels, and other businesses were in operation. In 1945, the former Gold Rush town became a state park. Today, visitors can explore stores and restaurants operating in many of the historic buildings. They can learn about Columbia's history from dedicated park staff and volunteers, and during special events such as Gold Rush Days, Columbia Diggings, and A Miner's Christmas, among others. Columbia Historic District is a National Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (Photo courtesy of visitcolumbiacalifornia.com)

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"...in California, we believe in diversity, we believe in hospitality, and we believe in respecting our ancestors and those who got us here...let's learn from...the past to create the beauty of the future, a future of inclusion, diversity, and creativity. That's what it's all about."

-Governor Jerry Brown

Governor Brown spoke these words on October 13, 2018 during a dedication ceremony marking the restoration of the historic cemetery at Fort Ross State Historic Park. They moved me on that bright, sunny day, and, I think, reflect what we strive to achieve in the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) every day, illustrating and commemorating the past to enrich communities in the present and give hope and promise to the future.

2018 was a very busy year working with tribes, local governments, state and federal agencies, communities, individuals, and many nongovernmental organizations to steward our cultural heritage, educate, learn, and share the many and varied stories of the past that add to the richness of California. We continue to be appreciative of these partnerships that heighten our collective success. Thank you for your dedication, commitment, and collaboration. We have much to celebrate and much work still ahead. Forward, faster, together!

On behalf of your California Office of Historic Preservation, I wish you and yours a happy holiday season. May the New Year bring good health and great success!

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

Office of Historic Preservation (OHP): A Look Back at 2018

- Along with California State Parks, hosted the [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) ceremony and presented awards to six projects for outstanding preservation achievements on behalf of California's heritage. This year also marked the first time the event was available via live streaming.
- Together with many partners such as the California Historical Society, California Preservation Foundation, and the Society for California Archaeology, created the Climate Heritage Mobilization, an official affiliated session of the [Global Climate Action Summit](#) in San Francisco. More than 100 in person and 500 global live stream

participants gathered to hear from global experts on the intersection of cultural heritage and climate change to further the mitigation and adaptation goals of the Paris Agreement.

- Awarded [Certified Local Government Grants](#) to the cities of Elk Grove, Eureka, Los Altos, Los Angeles, Monterey, and Ontario to support historic preservation efforts, and addressed preservation topics important to local governments, at a workshop hosted by the City of Long Beach.



- More than 30 in-progress historic tax credit projects are under review, with four completed projects representing approximately \$132,529,000 in qualified rehabilitation expenses. These projects stimulate local communities while keeping historic properties in use. [Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit](#).



- The State Historical Resources Commission heard a diverse selection of [California nominations](#), which upon the Commission's approval, were forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. Among this year's nominations are the Beverly Fairfax Historic District, Los Angeles; the Integratron, Landers; The Women's Building, San Francisco; and McKinley Park, Sacramento.

- Commenced the creation of two [historic context statements](#) that will focus on the life and contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in California, and on the Native American experience and history in association with California's missions.



- Working closely with state and federal agencies, tribes, and other

consulting parties, continued to achieve timely compliance with [Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act](#).

- Expanded, improved, and continued to digitize the statewide [California Historical Resources Information System \(CHRIS\)](#) inventory of cultural resources. OHP staff processed more than eight thousand reports, nominations, resource records and resource evaluations. Additionally, more than fifteen thousand newly submitted resource records, resource record updates and reports were processed by the [CHRIS Information Centers](#).

Images, top to bottom: Cavallo Point, formerly Ft. Baker, was one of the field study cases, and represents a successful Federal Tax Credit project; Santa Barbara County Courthouse Mural Room Project, a 2018 Governor's Historic Preservation Award recipient; OHP Local Government Workshop in Long Beach; The Integratron, a National Register property.

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News and Updates

New Section 106 Information and Guidance from the ACHP

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has a new guidance document, [Types of Agreement Documents in Section 106: What They Are and When They Should be Used](#). The document is intended to clarify the differences between, and purposes of the most common agreement documents involved in the Section 106 review process.

Also available from the ACHP is the updated [Guidance on Assistance to Consulting Parties in the Section 106 Review Process](#). This document expands on earlier guidance regarding fees in the Section 106 Review process. Development of the guidance fulfills objectives in the ACHP's [Action Plan to Support SHPOs/THPOs](#).

2019 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Do you know of an individual, organization, or project that exemplifies the best in historic preservation in California? Nomination forms are now available for the [2019 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#). Good work is worth celebrating!

Accepting Proposals for Preservation Technology Grants

The [National Center for Preservation Technology and Training \(NCPTT\)](#) is accepting proposals for their [Preservation Technology and Training Grants](#) program. The grants support research to develop new or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources.

Proposal deadline: January 10, 2019.

NTHP Accepting Applications for Cultural Heritage Grants

Letters of Intent are now being accepted for the 2019 cycle of [African](#)

[American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grants](#). Awarded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), the grants support projects and other preservation efforts representing African American cultural heritage. **Letters of Intent deadline: January 15, 2019.**

Collection Preservation Assessment Awards

The [California Preservation Program](#) is awarding preservation needs assessments to small and mid-sized institutions (libraries, archives, museums, parks, historical societies) that have library or archival collections and provide free public access. The Collection Preservation Assessment Project (CPAP) is designed to help institutions plan improved care for their permanent and historical collections. The [CPAP Preservation Assessment Award](#) **application deadline is January 25, 2019.**

NTHP Offering Grants for Organizational Development

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for the [Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund](#). The Fund provides grants for mentoring and other organizational development opportunities for nonprofit preservation organizations that are members of the NTHP Forum, or Main Street America. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation - Free Webinar

December 19: [Finding Funding: The National Trust Grants Program](#)

VAF Funding Available for Students

The [Vernacular Architecture Forum's \(VAF\) Ambassador Awards](#) provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students to attend the VAF annual conference. The awards are intended to increase understanding and support for the work of the VAF and foster a new generation of "ambassadors" to promote the importance of preserving vernacular buildings and landscapes. **Application deadline: January 5, 2019.**

California Preservation Foundation Workshop

January 17: [Identifying and Improving the Energy Performance of Historic Homes](#)

Visit the [CPF website](#) for the full list of upcoming workshops and webinars.

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State Historical Resources Commission Meetings Scheduled for 2019:

February 1 - Sacramento
May 8 - Palm Springs
August 1 - Location TBD
October 24 - Location TBD

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Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays