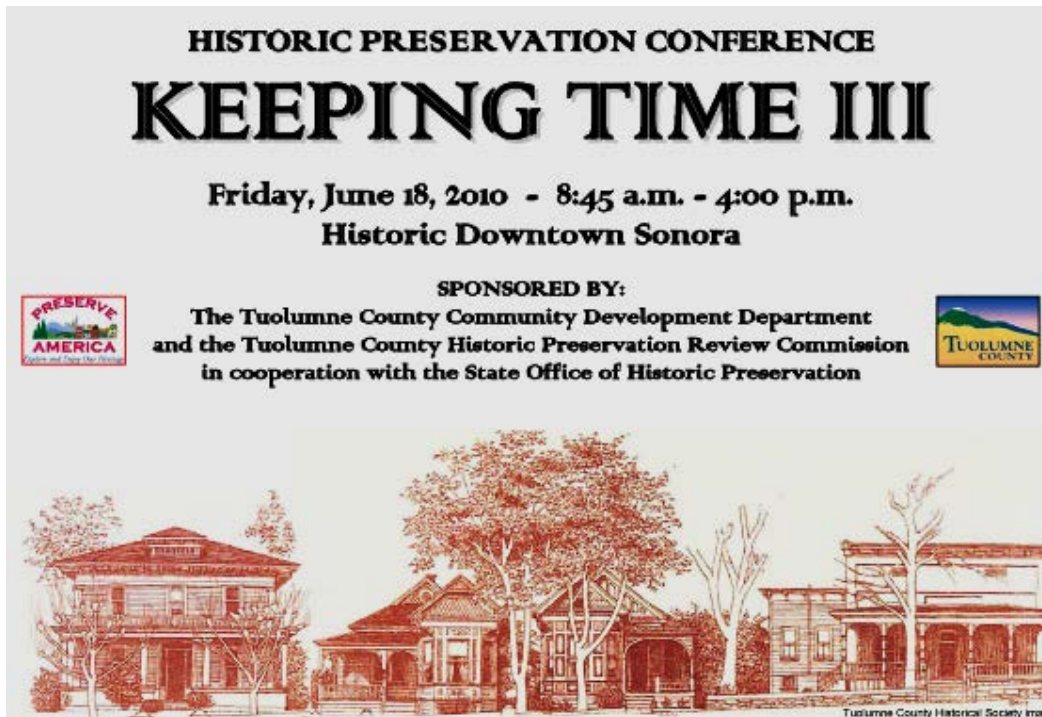


2010 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Keeping Time I, II, and III Conferences



Promotional poster for the Keeping Time Conference

The 1988 ordinance establishing the Tuolumne County Historic Preservation Review Commission includes public education as one of its missions. Starting in 2007, the Commission and the Department of Community Development began to seriously consider coordinating and hosting a historic preservation conference germane to preservation issues of the Gold Country. Their efforts would in fact, result in three conferences titled Keeping Time I, II, and III. The first two conferences were held in the town of Columbia; Keeping Time III was held in June of 2010 in Sonora.

The goal of the conferences was to bring the basics of preservation to the area, introduce and explain incentives, educate decision-makers who deal with infill, demolition, and alterations, and in general, begin a dialogue within the region about the importance of cultural resources to the community history, identity, and economic revitalization. Registration costs were kept low to make the conference accessible to as many people as possible. The daylong programs featured speakers in the morning and early afternoon, followed by a one-hour walking tour of nearby preservation successes. Topics have included surveys, historic preservation elements in general plans, the California Building Code, weatherizing historic buildings, CEQA, demolitions, sustainable preservation, adaptive reuse, Mills Act, and designing infill projects.

Coordinating and hosting the affordable conferences went above and beyond Tuolumne County's requirements as a Certified Local Government, and successfully expanded the understanding and appreciation of historic preservation in the region.

Learn more about Tuolumne County: <http://www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/504/History-Historic-Districts>