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Mission

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.

SurveyLA Launches Public Site for Historic Resources



SurveyLA, the citywide program to identify and document Los Angeles' thousands of historic resources, is

now making that inventory available online through their [HistoricPlacesLA](#) website. As explained on the website's homepage, "HistoricPlacesLA is the first online information and management system specifically created to inventory, map, and help protect the City of Los Angeles' significant historic resources. It showcases the city's diversity of historic resources, including architecturally significant buildings and places of social importance, as well as historic districts, bridges, parks, and streetscapes." SurveyLA is a program of the City of Los Angeles' Office of Historic Resources, with partial funding from the J. Paul Getty Trust and additional leadership and technical support from the Getty Conservation Institute. Visit the [SurveyLA website](#) to learn more about this program and its HistoricPlacesLA launch.

(photo: Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles; courtesy of [Matthew Field](#)/Creative Commons)

Section 106 and Historic Post Offices

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Leadership

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.

Scheduled Meetings for 2015:

Apr. 29 - San Diego
Aug. 7 - Sacramento
Nov. 6 - Sacramento

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



Forum Blog recently looked at the efforts and challenges

involved in saving America's historic post office buildings: "[Section 106, Protective Covenants, and the Sale of Historic Post Offices.](#)" The effort to save Berkeley, California's historic post office is highlighted and discussed at length in the blog, as is the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's report to Congress, [Preserving Historic Post Offices](#). The post office article is one in a series of articles being offered through the NTHP's [Leadership Forum Blog](#) site in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 106.

(photo: Berkeley Post Office, courtesy of Sanfranman59/
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NEWS AND UPDATES

Summer Employment Opportunity Documenting Historic Sites

The Heritage Documentation Programs, a division of the National Park Service, seeks applications from qualified students for summer employment documenting historic sites and structures of architectural, engineering, and landscape significance throughout the country. Duties involve field work and preparing documentation for the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscapes Survey Collection of the Library of Congress. Projects last twelve weeks beginning in May/June. **Application deadline is March 9, 2015.** For full program and application details visit the [Heritage Documentation Program website](#).

Chris Tribal Access Policy Update

In November and December 2014, the OHP hosted a series of regional public meetings regarding Native American Tribal access to cultural resource information maintained by the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). The comments received at the meetings, as well as in writing, have been compiled into a [draft comments document](#). We invite you to review the draft to ensure all opinions have been represented accurately. **Please submit any corrections or changes by March 31, 2015** to CHRIS Coordinator Eric Allison at eric.allison@parks.ca.gov, or (916) 445-7044.

Additionally, we are asking for recommendations for individuals to serve on a working group which will help to develop the actual policy itself. We ask that **recommendations be submitted by tribal chairs or councils by March 31, 2015** (please provide us with a contact name, title, email, phone number, and mailing address so that we may follow up with the individual directly). Recommendations can be submitted to Eric Allison as well. For more information about the tribal access policy efforts, please visit our [Tribal Access Policy webpage](#).

Be A Part of the Mills Act Network!

Does your local government participate in the Mills Act program? If so, the OHP wants to know about it! We are currently updating our Mills Act Contacts List. This list is available to homeowners and others seeking to determine if their local government participates in the program and who within the government is the Mills Act contact. Mills Act communities throughout California also will be able to use the list to connect with each other and share insights about the program.

To add or update your information in the contacts list, please fill out the [Mills Act Participant Information Form](#). Not sure if you are already on the list? Check our current [Mills Act Contacts List](#).

ACHP Sends Federal Historic Property Report to the President

Last month, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) sent its fourth triennial report [In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management](#), to President Obama. Outlined in the report are challenges, opportunities and recommendations regarding the preservation and management of federal historic resources. The report is a requirement under Section 3 of Executive Order 13287, the ["Preserve America"](#) initiative.

Native Youth Listening Tour is Launched

The Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, kicked off President Obama's Native Youth Listening Tour. The tour is a key part of the President's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative, a program meant to break down barriers standing between Native youth and their opportunities for success. The listening tour provides the chance for Obama Administration and Cabinet officials to meet with and hear the dreams, hopes, and concerns of the nation's indigenous young people. [Click here](#) to see a short video of Secretary Jewell discussing the importance of the Native Youth Listening Tour. For more information on the President's Gen-I initiative, visit the [White House website](#).

2015-2016 CLG Grant Applications Being Accepted Through April 20, 2015

The OHP's Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit is still accepting applications for the federal grants awarded annually to Certified Local Governments to assist with local preservation programs. The **application deadline is April 20, 2015**. For application forms, and details about the grant program, please visit our [CLG Grant Program](#) webpage.

OHP CEQA Case Studies Series

The OHP regularly comments on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents as an authority on historic and cultural resources, and also provides information related to CEQA on our website. Added to the other information provided on the [CEQA](#) webpage, we now offer our *CEQA Case Studies Series*. These studies, drawn from environmental documents produced in California, are intended to help environmental analysts and lead agencies better understand identification and evaluation processes as applied to a variety of historical and cultural resources.

Volume I: ["How to Identify and Evaluate Historic and Cultural Landscapes."](#)

Volume II: ["Consider the Whole Action: How to Avoid Segmenting"](#)

For questions or comments regarding the series, please contact Sean deCourcy, State Historian II, at sean.decourcy@parks.ca.gov, or 916-445-7042.

UPCOMING EVENTS

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Webinars:

March 10 - Social Media: How to Provide Content for Success

March 12 - How Old is Too Old? Completing and Updating Historic Resource Surveys

March 17 - Integrating New Technology with Old Spaces Reality Capture and Preservation

March 24 - Road to a Comprehensive and Successful Project for All - Taled by an Engineer

Visit the [CPF website](#) for registration information and a full listing of workshops and webinars scheduled for 2015.

SCA 2015 Annual Meeting - March 12-15, 2015

Time is quickly approaching for the Society for California Archaeology's (SCA) annual meeting in

Redding, California. The theme is "Beyond Boundaries" and will feature a plenary session of papers co-authored by Native Americans and archaeologists. Visit the [SCA website](#) for full conference and registration details.

Preservation Education Workshop Series, April 9, 2015

The OHP and the City of Ojai invite you to join us for our Preservation Education Workshop Series: Planner and Commissioner Training. This full-day workshop meets **April 9, from 9am to 3pm** and includes four training sessions:

1. Historic Preservation Commission Ethics and Meeting Procedures
2. Historic Preservation Laws and Legal Issues
3. Survey and Landmark Designation as Part of the Planning Process
4. Historic Preservation Incentives at the Local Level

The workshop is free of charge but pre-registration is required, as seating is limited. [Click here](#) to register. For additional information, please contact Sean deCourcy of the OHP, at sean.decourcy@parks.ca.gov, or (916) 445-7042.

CPF Annual Conference, April 29-May 2, 2015

"Gateways to Preservation: New Frontiers" is the theme of this year's California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Annual Conference. The conference will be held in San Diego at the Naval Training Center at Liberty Station. For full conference details and registration information visit the [CPF website](#). Register by March 15 to qualify for the early registration discounts.

While at the conference, don't miss the chance to be a Three Minute Success! Hosted by our own Tim Brandt, Senior Restoration Architect, the Three Minute Success Stories are a fun and always interesting way to celebrate historic preservation successes. Do you have a success story to tell? Here is your chance! The **application deadline is Friday, April 10, 2015**. Visit the [CPF website](#) for application forms and guidelines. Join us in a salute to preservation!

Free Webinars from the OHP

Our office in partnership with CPF is offering the following free webinars:

[May 14 - Consulting with the SHPO under Section 106](#)

[July 23 - Accessing the California Historical Resources Information System \(CHRIS\)](#)

Preservation is Local!

Highlighting organizations involved in preservation at the local and regional level

[Ontario Heritage](#), originally established in 1976 as the Ontario Historic Landmarks Society, is a non-profit advocacy organization committed to the protection, preservation, and promotion of the Ontario region's historic resources. Ontario Heritage publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Model Colony News*, and sponsors a variety of activities including Model Colony Day, home tours, walking tours, and the Historic Bellevue Cemetery walk.

Do you have an active preservation group in your community? If so, let us know about it! Contact Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator at diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov, or (916) 445-7026.

For the month of March it seemed fitting to share images of some of the beautiful green places that have been preserved here in California. Left to right: Tuolumne Meadows (Steve Dunleavy/creative commons); clover; Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park (Owen Lloyd); Andrew Molera State Park (California State Parks)

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