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**“A TASTE OF THE PAST: A LECTURE AND TASTING SERIES” PRESENTED BY
THE SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION - Explore history
through your taste buds in this 3-part series**

(SANTA BARBARA, CA, JANUARY 23, 2007) – Join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (Trust) for “A Taste of the Past: A Lecture and Tasting Series.” These tempting presentations feature a selection of culinary experts who will examine the stories behind some of California’s most popular foods and drinks: **chocolate and chiles, wine and cheese, and tequila.** Each presentation concludes with a delicious tasting.



“Chocolate and Chiles: From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Santa Barbara”

Speaker: Miriam Hospodar, Artist, Writer, and Culinary Historian

Thursday, February 8th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Historic Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

(123 E. Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101)

\$20 Trust members; \$30 Non-members

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Miriam Hospodar returns to the Trust to talk about chocolate and chiles, both individually and in partnership. After a lecture about the history of each food, there will be a tantalizing tasting of chocolate confections - just a few days before Valentine’s Day!



“Vineyards & Viticulture in Early California”

**Speakers: Deborah Hall, Owner of Gypsy Canyon Winery, & Jerry Sortomme,
Project Manager of the Mission *Huerta* Project**

Thursday, February 22nd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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Join our two guest speakers, Deborah Hall, owner of Gypsy Canyon winery that dates back to the early 1800s, and horticulturist Jerry Sortomme, who will talk about grapes, vineyards, and winemaking in early California and today. Following the lecture, sip history and sample Gypsy Canyon’s Angelica, paired with a delectable cheese. As Sortomme declared, “This will be a cerebral and sensory adventure!”



“Tequila Temptations”

Speaker: Alex Castillo, General Manager El Cazador del Mar Restaurant

Thursday, March 8th, 2007 at 7 p.m.

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The Trust is offering a “taste of the past” with three types of tequila presented by El Cazador del Mar, a local restaurant known as a prime tequila *casa*. First, Alex Castillo will talk about the history of this agave spirit, and then provide taste temptations by Don Julio, one of the oldest *tequileras*, together with tequila-inspired appetizers.

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation - Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation works to protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. The Trust is the primary force in the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of La Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara.

Recently, the Trust has begun reconstruction on the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara’s birthplace. These additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitor’s center, and with the help of the new Resource Center, serve to interpret the

city's Hispanic heritage, and the larger multi-cultural heritage of the surrounding Presidio neighborhood from the eighteenth century to the present.

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