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To Bring Alive the History of Santa Barbara for Present and Future Generations

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Celebrate a Santa Barbara holiday tradition with the 17th annual *Una Noche de Las Posadas* at El Presidio de Santa Barbara and the Casa de la Guerra

Una Noche de Las Posadas

Saturday, December 15

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

El Presidio de Santa Barbara Chapel

123 East Canon Perdido Street

Santa Barbara

Free admission

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(Santa Barbara, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation presents the **seventeenth annual** celebration of ***Una Noche de Las Posadas*** on **Saturday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park.**

Las Posadas (The Inns) is the time-honored reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter in Bethlehem as it was once celebrated in Early California and is still observed throughout Mexico and South America. Join in this rich cultural tradition, experiencing first-hand the way in which Santa Barbara's earliest Spanish and Mexican residents celebrated Christmas with song and food.

The evening begins with a short mass and singing of traditional holiday songs in the historic Presidio chapel led by ***El Coro del Real Presidio de Santa Barbara***. Join the choir in a procession led by a young Joseph and Mary and their *burro* as they stroll and sing their way to State Street, through Paseo Nuevo shopping mall and into De la Guerra Plaza. **The procession will end at Casa de la Guerra as Joseph and Mary finally find lodging and guests enjoy more singing, traditional refreshments, hot cocoa, and a piñata for the children.**

This event is made possible with support from The Towbes Foundation and the Williams-Corbett Foundation.

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 is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization working to 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 Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara. The Trust is also preserving and restoring the Santa Inés Mission Mills—the site of a future California State Park and recently purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian community in the Presidio neighborhood. The Trust is currently reconstructing the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara’s birthplace. Using over 50,000 adobe bricks made on site, these additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitors’ center, and with the help of the new Santa Barbara Presidio Research 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. **For more information visit www.sbthp.org**

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