



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

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

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Bring History to Life! Become a Docent at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Share with Others as You Learn about Santa Barbara's Unique History and Heritage

The 2008-09 Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Docent Training is set for October and November, 2008, don't miss it! Docents are needed to conduct site tours and lead educational activities that add to the visitor experience and increase awareness of the many services offered by the SBTHP. Docents lead group tours of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the Casa de la Guerra, help demonstrate Early California life and activities at community events, present side-shows and traveling learning trunks at local schools, and experience lectures, field trips, and other lifelong learning opportunities. Designed for new and returning Docents, these exciting programs will add to or reinforce your knowledge of early Santa Barbara History.

The 2008-09 Docent training schedule includes:

Session I

Introduction for New Docents

Wednesday, October 15 at 1:00 pm

**El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park
123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA**

Learn about the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and what's in store for future Docents. Join us for this introductory meeting.

**Docent Training (Session II)
The Chumash in Santa Barbara
Wednesday, October 22 at 10:00 am
Santa Barbara Historical Museum
136 E. De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA**

The SBHM has extended a special invitation to the Trust and our docents for this presentation on the Chumash by Jan Timbrook, Curator of Ethnography, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and author of Chumash Ethnobotany.

**Docent Training (Session III)
El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park
Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 am
El Presidio Chapel
123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA**

Join the SBTHP as we learn about the early history of our community and take a tour of the Santa Barbara Presidio, the first permanent European settlement in Santa Barbara.

**Docent Training (Session IV)
Casa de la Guerra
Wednesday, November 5 at 10:00 am
Casa de la Guerra
15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA**

Tour the Casa de la Guerra Historic House Museum, the house of José de la Guerra y Noriega, former Presidio comandante with SBTHP Archaeologist Mike Imwalle & Trust Associate Director for Historical Resources Anne Petersen.

Docent Training (Session V)

Interpretation - Tips on Touring
Wednesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm
El Presidio Chapel
123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Come and learn some insights and winning strategies for presenting tours to guests of all ages.

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ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – 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. SBTHP is the primary force behind 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. SBTHP 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. **SBTHP 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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