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## ***Stone Architecture in Santa Barbara* released at Casa de la Guerra as Part of 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in May**

### **New book from the Santa Barbara Conservancy explores the fascinating history of stone architecture in Santa Barbara**

(Santa Barbara, CA) – The Santa Barbara Conservancy will celebrate the release of its new book, ***Stone Architecture in Santa Barbara*, on May 7, 2009, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM as part of 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at Casa de la Guerra.** The inspiration for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic



Preservation's latest exhibit at Casa de la Guerra, "**A Legacy Set in Stone: Santa Barbara Stone Architecture 1870-1940,**" the book explores the fascinating history of stone construction in Santa Barbara.

While documenting the miles of stone walls that line many of the streets of Santa Barbara, members of the **Santa Barbara Conservancy** realized the immense value of the area's stonework. Through meticulous research, the conservancy produced this volume using photographs both historic and modern that capture the timelessness of stone construction.

Co-author and professor of history emeritus at UCSB, Dr. Richard E. Oglesby, will be honored for his contribution to the book. **Featuring a stone cutting and wall building demonstration**

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by David Tait Masonry, the Conservancy will also introduce their **new docent led walking tour highlighting unique stone architectural elements in downtown Santa Barbara.**

Reception sponsored by Arcadia Publishing. Books will be available for purchase (\$21.99). For more information visit [www.sbconservancy.com](http://www.sbconservancy.com)

Incorporating research and photographs used by the Conservancy in *Stone Architecture in*



Constructing the Santa Barbara County Bowl, 1936. Image courtesy of Santa Barbara Historical Museum.

*Santa Barbara*, “A Legacy Set in Stone” explores the long tradition of stone construction in Santa Barbara. Abundant in creek beds and canyons, stone was readily available for construction in Santa Barbara as the city began to grow and develop in the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Financiers, architects, and builders utilized the durable material in construction to exhibit permanency in their architecture and relied on the craftsmanship of talented local and immigrant stonemasons. This abundance of material,

financing and expertise helped create a flourishing period of stone architecture in Santa Barbara between 1870 and 1940. **Featuring historic and contemporary photographs of some of Santa Barbara’s most admired landmarks, stone working tools, and samples of stonemasonry, “A Legacy Set in Stone” honors this distinctive period of craftsmanship, paying special tribute to the stonemasons whose work forever shaped the city—on display at Casa de la Guerra through July 26, 2009.**

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## CALENDAR LISTING

### ***Stone Architecture in Santa Barbara* 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Book Premiere**

Featuring a stone cutting and wall building demonstration by David Tait Masonry

Thursday, May 7, 2009

5:00 to 8:00 PM

Casa de la Guerra

15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

Refreshments Served

Public Welcome

### **Exhibition:**

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“A Legacy Set in Stone: Santa Barbara Stone Architecture, 1870-1940”

January 29 to July 26, 2009

Saturday - Sunday, Noon to 4:00 PM

Casa de la Guerra

15 E. De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara

Museum Admission \$5 (children 16 or under are free)

Free for SBTHP members

For more information visit [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org) or call (805) 965-0093

**About the Santa Barbara Conservancy (SBC)**— The Santa Barbara Conservancy advocates for the recognition, preservation, and revitalization of historic, architectural, and cultural resources in Santa Barbara County. The Conservancy works to increase public awareness of and participation in local preservation issues. It provides information and education regarding the preservation of sites, structures, and neighborhoods throughout Santa Barbara County. For more information visit [www.sbconservancy.com](http://www.sbconservancy.com).

**About the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)**—Since 1963, the mission of SBTHP has been to encourage the preservation of historic buildings and sites in Santa Barbara County. We have rebuilt major portions of Santa Barbara’s Royal Presidio, which we operate as El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, and recently purchased the building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio neighborhood. SBTHP has also restored and operates as an historic house museum Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra. We are currently preserving the Santa Inés Mission Mills, the site of a future California State Park. These are but a few of the many projects SBTHP is presently pursuing—learn more by visiting [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).

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