



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

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

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“Presidio Pastimes” Returns in Celebration of National Preservation Month at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

*Step back in time with a Living History experience for the entire
family*



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – Join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation for a fun-filled celebration of our Santa Barbara heritage during “**Presidio Pastimes**” on **Saturday, May 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park**. This free family day offers visitors of all ages a chance to step back in time and experience the culture and daily life of early Californians.

Watch history come to life at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP as you visit with craftsmen of the 1800's, get your hands dirty **making adobe bricks** and discover **Chumash stories and culture** with Julie Tumamait-Stenslie.

Experience Early California cuisine with **tortilla making** and demonstrations in the authentic Presidio *cocina* (kitchen). Meet the fort's uniformed soldiers (Los Soldados de Cuera) and watch a **blacksmith** practice his trade. Learn about ongoing **archaeology** at El Presidio and try your hand at excavation. Practice **calligraphy** in the Commander's quarters and hear about Early California earthenware as you make your own **pottery**.

Museum admission is free on this day as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates and shares Santa Barbara's distinct heritage in recognition of **National Preservation Month** and this year's theme – *"This Place Matters."*

Living History Activities Include:

Chumash Storytelling

Tortilla Making

Archaeology

Adobe Brick Making

Blacksmith

Fiber Arts

Soldados Drills (Spanish Troops)

Architectural Tour

Early California Agriculture

CALENDAR LISTING

"Presidio Pastimes"

Saturday, May 16, 2009

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

FREE Admission

For more information (805) 965-0093 or visit www.sbthp.org

About National Preservation Month—Preservation Month is designed to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods and communities—the places that really matter to us. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and towns, and enables all of us to become involved in the growing preservation movement. Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with

events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities.

About the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—Since 1963 the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has worked to encourage the preservation of historic buildings and sites in Santa Barbara County. SBTHP has 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.

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