



**Santa Barbara Trust
for Historic Preservation**
*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

To preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County

PRESS RELEASE

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“Presidio Pastimes” Returns with “Adobe Days” at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

*Step back in time with a Living History experience and help rebuild the Santa Barbara
Presidio*



(Santa Barbara, CA)— Join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) for a fun-filled celebration of our Santa Barbara heritage during “Presidio Pastimes” and “Adobe Days” on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.

Have a hand in history as you mix and mold adobe and learn the fascinating story of this ancient building material with the year’s first “Adobe Days.” SBTHP needs 18,000 adobe bricks to complete the Presidio Northwest Corner Reconstruction Project. You can help! All adobe bricks are handmade at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP from recycled earth

recovered during archaeological excavations. Discover the beauty and durability of this traditional building method and one of Santa Barbara's most distinctive architectural features. For more information or to sign-up for "Adobe Days" call (805) 965-0093.



Watch history come to life at El Presidio as you experience Early California cuisine with fresh tortillas and demonstrations in the authentic Presidio *cocina* (kitchen). Discover Chumash stories and culture with Alan Salazar. Meet the fort's uniformed soldiers (Los Soldados de Cuera) and learn about ongoing archaeology at El Presidio as you join in an excavation. Watch a blacksmith practice his trade, practice calligraphy in the Commander's quarters and hear about Early California earthenware as you make your own pottery. A special Noon performance by SONando Santa Barbara will feature traditional music and dance (*son*) from Mexico and Latin

America. Museum admission is free on this day as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation celebrates and shares Santa Barbara's distinct heritage.

LIVING HISTORY ACTIVITIES

Chumash Storytelling

Tortilla Making

Archaeology

Adobe Brick Making

Blacksmith

Fiber Arts

Soldados Drills (Spanish Troops)

Architectural Tour

Early California Agriculture

Early California Music Performance by SONando Santa Barbara

CALENDAR LISTING

"Presidio Pastimes" and "Adobe Days"

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

FREE Admission

For more information visit www.sbthp.org

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)—Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works *to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. SBTHP operates [El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park](#), Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace, under a unique agreement with California State Parks. Recently purchased, the neighboring building that housed [Jimmy's Oriental Gardens](#) provides an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian American community in the Presidio neighborhood. SBTHP also owns and operates [Casa de la Guerra](#), the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family. The restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and [rotating exhibits](#). Recently SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the [Santa Inés Mission Mills](#) near the town of Solvang as a future California State Park. These are a few of the projects SBTHP is presently pursuing—learn more at www.sbthp.org.

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