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Casasola Archives: The Mexican Revolution and Beyond
comes to Casa de la Guerra —
Remarkable inside look at the Mexican Revolution



(Santa Barbara, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to present *Casasola Archives: The Mexican Revolution and Beyond (1900-1940)*, on display March 12 through April 24, 2011 at Casa de la Guerra. Featuring images from the Casasola Archives, **a photographic collection documenting the tumultuous early-twentieth century in Mexico, the collection is regarded as one of the best records of the period and provides a remarkable inside look at the Mexican Revolution.**

In a time of violent change for the country, photographer Agustín Víctor Casasola captured the daily lives of the Mexican people and

the decade-long civil war that began with an uprising against the regime of Porfirio Diaz. The collection displays political, social, and economic changes the country experienced as it modernized itself.

The creator of the archives was Agustín Víctor Casasola, a renowned photographer and founder of one of the first photography agencies in Mexico. Casasola began his career in journalism with the newspaper *El Imparcial* as a typographer, and later worked as a reporter and photographer. After creating the Agencia Fotografica Mexicana, he was contracted for images by newspapers all over Mexico. **Casasola's agency pioneered photographic journalism in**



Mexico and determined to capture all the aspects of the Mexican Revolution and the daily lives of the people. Some of the photographs include images of revolutionary leaders including Emiliano Zapata and Francisco Villa. Many of the images show the conditions of life during wartime, for both soldiers and civilians. The entire collection consists of 500,000 images, which are housed National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) in Mexico City. The selection on display at Casa de la Guerra is on loan from the Casasola Archives via the Mexican Consulate in Oxnard.

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CALENDAR LISTING

EXHIBITION:

Casasola Archives: The Mexican Revolution and Beyond (1900-1940)

DATES:

March 12 through April 24, 2011

TIMES:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Casa de la Guerra
15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

COST:

Free with \$5 museum admission (Free for children 16 & under & SBTHP members)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Casasola Archives: The Mexican Revolution and Beyond (1900-1940), featuring historic photographs by acclaimed photojournalist Agustín Víctor Casasola, provides a remarkable inside look at the Mexican Revolution. On loan from the Casasola Archives at Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History, the exhibit provides a compelling visual chronicle of Mexican life in the early decades of the twentieth century.

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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