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## ***The Casa de la Guerra: Collective Biography and Vital Crossroads into a Noble Family in Northern Spain***

Presentation by M<sup>a</sup> (Mabel) Isabel Cobo Hernando



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to present ***The Casa de la Guerra: Collective Biography and Vital Crossroads into a Noble Family in Northern Spain***, a presentation by M<sup>a</sup> (Mabel) Isabel Cobo Hernando on September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Casa de la Guerra (15 E. De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara).

Learn about the history of the de la Guerra family, a noble family from Northern Spain, as they lived in the 17th and 18th centuries. Graduate student M<sup>a</sup> (Mabel) Isabel Cobo Hernando of Spain discusses her research using methodology of collective biography, analyzing the

family's evolution and the realization of their collective projects.

**Learn about the history of the family that built the Casa de la Guerra, one of the most important remnants of Santa Barbara's Spanish-Mexican heritage and once the social, political, and cultural**

**center of the *pueblo* of Santa Barbara.** The Casa de la Guerra has been at the heart of Santa Barbara's history since its construction (1819-1827) by Spanish-born, José de la Guerra, one of Santa Barbara's wealthiest and most influential citizens.

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## **CALENDAR LISTING**

***The Casa de la Guerra: Collective Biography & Vital Crossroads into a Noble Family in Northern Spain***

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**DATE:** Tuesday, September 3, 2013

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Casa de la Guerra Historic House Museum

15 E. De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA

**COST:** Free for SBMAL & SBTHP Members, \$10 Non-Members, \$5 Students

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Learn about the history of the de la Guerra family, a noble family from Northern Spain, as they lived in the 17th and 18th centuries.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org) or call (805) 965-0093

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**ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)**— For fifty years the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) has worked to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara's 18<sup>th</sup> century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and purchased the neighboring 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 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. SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. In 2011, SBTHP was awarded the Trustees' Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County's distinct history.

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