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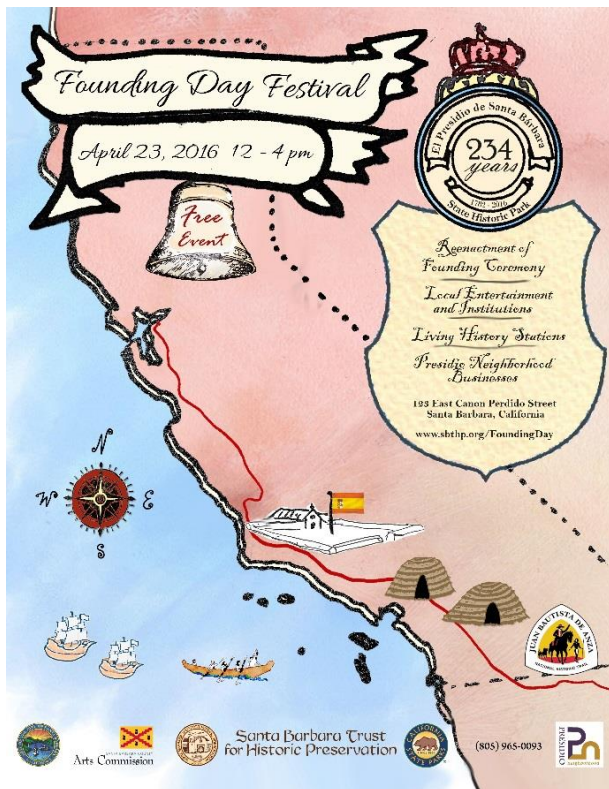
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“Founding Day Festival” at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)— **Commemorate 234 years of history at the birthplace of Santa Barbara, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** (123 East Canon Perdido Street) **on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Celebrate the history of Santa Barbara at the Founding Day Festival, featuring Presidio Neighborhood businesses and local entertainment in the heart of downtown. Enjoy a costumed reenactment of the original Founding Ceremony held in 1782 and other family activities across the Presidio grounds.

This free event begins with a community prayer service (11am) in front of the Presidio Chapel honoring the founding families, followed by an outdoor Founding Day program (12-1pm) featuring *Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara*, early California dance and musical performances,

and the presentation of Saint Barbara 2016 by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126.

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Following the ceremony (1-3:30pm), enjoy an afternoon living history stations, stage performances, and tours that focus on the history and culture of California. Converse with costumed demonstrators and experience life in Santa Barbara as it was during the late-1700s through heritage gardening, colonial cooking, pottery making, Chumash storytelling, archaeology, and more. Enjoy stage performances by the local Mariachi Las Olas de Santa Barbara, flamenco dancers from the Linda Vega Studio, and UCSB a cappella group, Naked Voices. Walk through the neighborhood with a docent-led tour of historic Chinatown or see the permanent Japanese exhibit, *Nihonmachi Revisited*.



Entertainment Schedule

1:00 p.m.	Mariachi Las Olas de Santa Barbara (Stage)
1:30 p.m.	Chinatown Walking Tour (Visitor Center)
2:00 p.m.	Flamenco Dancers – Linda Vega Studio (Stage)
2:30 p.m.	Post Office Architecture Tour (Visitor Center)
3:00 p.m.	Naked Voices

Educational Stations

Archaeology
Colonial Pottery
Early California Dance
Presidio School Room
Adobe Brick Making
Chumash Storytelling
Spinning Wool
Colonial Laundry
Indigenous vs. Introduced Plants
Presidio *Cocina* (Early California Foods)
Colonial Clothing
Blacksmith
Docent Tour
Presidio Descendants
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Santa Barbara's Founding Day Festival is funded in part by the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, the California State Parks Foundation, and the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

CALENDAR LISTING



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FREE Admission

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

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For over 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 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks. The State has 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 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. In 2009, 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 distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**