



# Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra  
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens

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## Celebrate “Founding Day” at Santa Barbara’s Birthplace:

### El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

April 26, 2014

*Living History Event*



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—Come see the birthplace of Santa Barbara and enjoy a costumed reenactment of the original Founding Ceremony held in 1782.

This free event begins with a Mass in the Presidio Chapel honoring the founding families, followed by an outdoor Founding Day program featuring *Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara*, Early California dance and musical performances, and the presentation of Saint Barbara 2014 by

the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126.

Following the ceremony, enjoy on-site educational activities throughout the Presidio that focus on the history and culture of early 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. Bring the family and watch the Presidio come to life!

Santa Barbara's Founding Day is funded in part by the City of Santa Barbara COMMUNITY EVENTS & FESTIVALS Program in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission.

## CALENDAR LISTING

### **Santa Barbara's Founding Day**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014**

11:00-11:30 AM Worship Service, Presidio Chapel

12:00 PM Reenactment Program, Presidio Parade Ground

12:30-3:00 PM Living History Demonstrations, Presidio Grounds

El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

FREE Admission

For more information (805) 965-0093 or [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org)

## SHORT DESCRIPTION

### **Santa Barbara's Founding Day**

Come see the birthplace of Santa Barbara and enjoy a costumed reenactment of the original Founding Ceremony held in 1782. This free event will include Early California music and dance, pottery, Chumash storytelling, archaeology, adobe brick making, and more. Bring the family and watch the Presidio come to life!

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**ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation** — For over fifty years, 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 recently 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. SBTHP was awarded the 2011 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. Learn more at [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org).