



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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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Presents Santa Inés Mission Mills Olive Picking Day



(Santa Barbara, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is **volunteer olive picking day on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the historic Santa Inés Mission Mills, weather permitting. Pick olives and learn about the history of this site.**

The Mission Mills, adjacent to Old Mission Santa Inés, is part of the Mission Santa Inés National Historic Landmark District and includes an historic grist mill and a fulling mill. The water-powered fulling and grist mills are exceptional examples of Spanish efforts to industrialize the mission agriculture and economy. Part of the Mission Santa Inés National Historic Landmark District that includes the Santa Inés Mission and 95 acres of surrounding land, the mills complex is under the stewardship of SBTHP and it works in partnership with California State Parks, Santa Inés Mission, and the City of Solvang to ensure that the natural and cultural resources that make this a special place are protected and preserved for future generations.

The olive harvest from the Santa Inés Mission Mills property will produce olive oil that is sold to help support SBTHP's mission to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. The varieties of olive trees include Manzanillo, Mission, Arbequina, Lucca, and Grappolo. Aply labeled *Mission Mills Olives*, olives and olive oil is currently for sale at the El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park gift shop (123 East Canon Perdido Street) and through the California State Parks Foundation.



Wear comfortable shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Hat, sunglasses and gardening gloves are advised. SBTHP will provide tools and equipment. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 6. Call (805) 965-0093 or email info@sbthp.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

Santa Inés Mission Mills Olive Picking Day

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2013 (weather permitting)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Meet and park at the corner of Mission Drive and Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang, CA

Please RSVP: (805) 965-0093 or info@sbthp.org

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works 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 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. Recently, 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.