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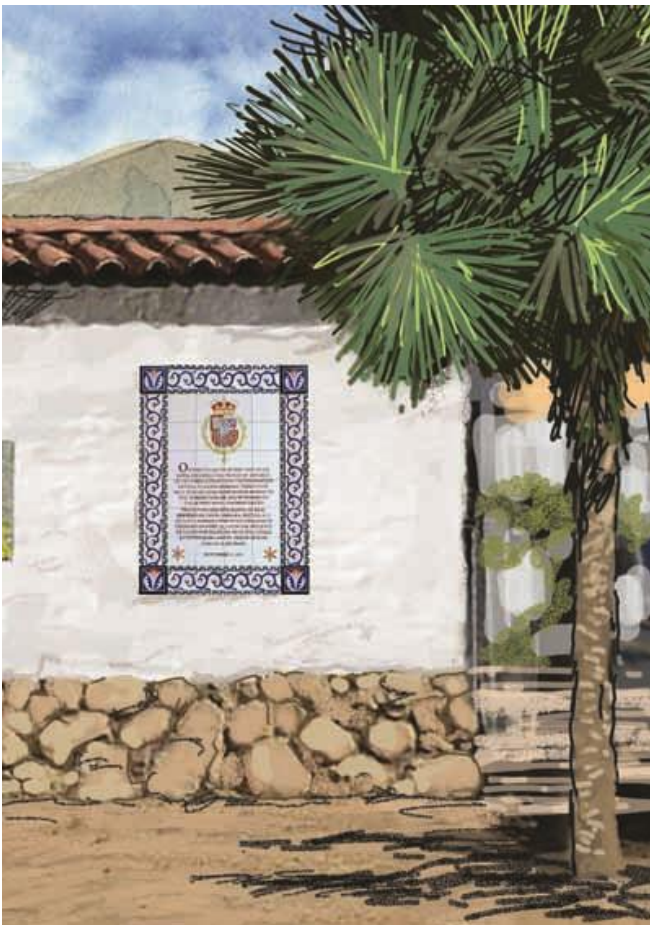
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Prince's Plaque Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, March 26, 2015



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is holding a **ceremony to unveil the Prince's Plaque on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** (123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara).

This special event commemorates the visit of Crown Prince Felipe of Spain, now King of Spain, to Santa Barbara on November 15, 2013. Joined by Spanish Consulate General Javier Francisco Vallauré, special guests and dignitaries will celebrate this valuable addition to the Presidio along with donor plaque areas in recognition of our generous contributors.

Festivities will begin near the Pico Adobe at 5:00 p.m. with a champagne toast, followed by wine and appetizers in the courtyard or Presidio Chapel weather permitting.

On November 15, 2013 SBTHP hosted a reception for then Prince of Asturias, Prince Felipe during his visit to the United States. The Prince had visited El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park in 1995, and during that visit *Los Soldados* made him an honorary *Comandante*.



Following introductory remarks by Dr. Jarrell Jackman, the Prince reunited with *Los Soldados* and was introduced to the many Presidio descendants in attendance. Mayor Helene Schneider made a special presentation about the Order of Charles the 3rd presented to the city in the 1950's. **During the reception SBTHP unveiled the Prince's Plaque made by descendant Jeannie Davis dedicating a new donor wall at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park in the Prince's name.** Following a presentation of gifts, the Prince made heartfelt remarks about his return to Santa Barbara and the ongoing importance of Spain's relationship with the United States.

The Prince's Plaque will be placed on the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, to be named The King's Wall. SBTHP looks forward to formally acknowledging its generous supporters with additional forthcoming plaques on this place of significant historic importance.

The Prince's Plaque unveiling ceremony is a private event. **Invitation only.** For information and to request invitation please contact Christa Clark Jones at (805) 966-1279 or christa@sbthp.org.

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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. 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.**