



# 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 New Exhibit at Casa de la Guerra *Orpha Klinker and Bill Dewey: Landmarks of California*



Left: Orpha Mae Klinker, Pico Building, Los Angeles, c 1930s.  
Right: Bill Dewey, Pico Building, Los Angeles, 2008.

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is proud to partner with Sullivan Goss Gallery and local photographer William B. Dewey to present ***Orpha Klinker and Bill Dewey: Landmarks of California*** at Casa de la Guerra (15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara) **on display July 18**

**through October 19, 2014. Enjoy an opening reception on Thursday, August 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., a free First Thursday event.**

Orpha Mae Klinker (1891-1964) painted these oil and watercolors of nineteenth-century structures in her “Landmarks of California” series between 1929 and 1939. Klinker lectured with these paintings around the State in an effort to support the nascent California Historic Landmark Registration Program, and many were published in the *Los Angeles Times*. In 2008, renowned local photographer William B. Dewey captured images

of the same sites, continuing Klinker's project of documenting California's historic resources. The paintings and photographs of each site are paired in this exhibit, and speak to the ongoing value of historic preservation.

## CALENDAR LISTING



### Opening Reception:

*Orpha Klinker and Bill Dewey: Landmarks of California*

Date & Time: Thursday, August 7, 2014

Location: Casa de la Guerra, 15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara

Cost: Free First Thursday event

Description: The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has partnered with Sullivan Goss Gallery and William B. Dewey to present "Orpha Klinker and Bill Dewey: Landmarks of California." Orpha Mae Klinker painted nineteenth-century structures in her "Landmarks of California" series (1929 – 1939) to support the nascent California Historic Landmark Registration program. In 2008, Photographer William Dewey captured images of the same sites, bringing Klinker's project forward.

### Exhibit Dates: July 18 through October 19, 2014

Friday - Sunday, Noon to 4:00 PM

Casa de la Guerra, 15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara

FREE with museum admission (\$5/adults, \$4/seniors (62+)

Free/children 16 & under & SBTHP members

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 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](http://www.sbthp.org).