



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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Good Fortune — Fundraiser Celebrates Santa Barbara's Asian American Heritage at the Casa de la Guerra



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) **celebrates Santa Barbara's Asian American heritage at Good Fortune on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the historic social center of Santa Barbara – Casa de la Guerra.** This event promises to be a celebratory evening of music, performance, and diverse Asian cuisines.

During the event guests will enjoy presentations honoring Santa Barbara's Asian American history. Guests will enjoy a special performance by Sino West and taiko drumming by Togen Daiko. Studio Nihon, a local Japanese catering and events company that offers services in Japanese food and arts, will serve sushi, offer a sake and green tea tasting, and teach guests how to make origami.

During the late-nineteenth and twentieth-centuries the area in and around the Santa Barbara Presidio was a unique and culturally rich neighborhood. Chinese and Japanese communities coexisted side by side, offering thriving businesses within buildings that are now historic landmarks. The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation honors and preserves this history in El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park. In 2009 “Sharing Our Common Ground” explored Santa Barbara’s Asian Americans history with a three-part community lecture series. In the same year SBTHP established both an annual Asian American film series and a cultural festival.



Asakura Hotel at 111-1/2 E. Canon Perdido Street. Circa 1908.
Courtesy of the Presidio Research Center, gift of Julia Asakura Slagle.

Single tickets are \$125. Table sponsorships available. Good Fortune is just one of many ways SBTHP seeks to increase community awareness and raise funds to support its mission to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. Proceeds from this event will help to ensure the future longevity of SBTHP’s ongoing community outreach and efforts to preserve the county’s most significant historic sites. To purchase tickets contact SBTHP at (805) 965-0093. For more information visit www.sbthp.org/goodfortune.

CALENDAR LISTING

Good Fortune

An evening at the Casa de la Guerra celebrating Santa Barbara’s Asian American heritage.

Date & Time Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Where Casa de la Guerra, 15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Ticket Cost Single tickets: \$125

For more information Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

Short Description Join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation for an evening at the Casa de la Guerra celebrating Santa Barbara’s Asian American heritage.

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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 and 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.