



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 the Fourth Annual Presidio Pastimes: Santa Barbara Presidio's Asian American Neighborhood

Celebrate Santa Barbara's Asian American Heritage



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – Join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) for a fun-filled celebration of Santa Barbara's Asian American heritage during “**Presidio Pastimes**” on **Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park**. This free family day offers visitors of all ages a chance to celebrate the history and culture of the Asian communities that once occupied the area in and around the Santa Barbara Presidio.

Enjoy the opportunity to try **origami**, the Japanese art of paper folding. Learn about the **ancient art of calligraphy** and **Chinese brush painting**. See **bonsai** and try your hand at **children's crafts**. Various performers will demonstrate their art throughout the day (see Performance Highlights.)

On exhibit in the historic Canedo Adobe at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park:

Nihonmachi Revisited: Santa Barbara's Japanese American Community in Transition, 1900-1950.

Performance Highlights



12:15 p.m. – Dragon Dance Group from the Santa Barbara Chinese American Association

The dragon dance is a highlight of Chinese New Year celebrations and an important part of festive occasions. Performing in a dragon dance team incorporates several elements and skills - combining the training and mentality of a sports team with the stagecraft and flair of a performing arts troupe.



1:45 p.m. – Sino West Performing Arts – Chinese Dance and Martial Arts

Dragon Sun and Vicki Wang will amaze you with their power, strength, grace and beauty. Together with their students from this Goleta dance and kung fu studio, they will perform choreographed dances and demonstrate martial arts.



2:45 p.m. – Japanese Folk Dance, *Tanko Bushi*, directed by Roberta Cook

Learn the steps to a traditional Japanese folk dance, *Tanko Bushi* with community members and friends. Often referred to as the "Coal Miner's Dance," this dance is popular at the Obon festivals held during the summer months. Come join the fun!



3:00 p.m. – Taiko Drumming performed by Togen Daiko of Oxnard

Togen Daiko, a Buddhist taiko group based out of the Oxnard Buddhist Temple, will be giving a heart-pounding performance of the taiko. This group embodies a "Buddhist Taiko" style.

Other entertainment will consist of martial arts demonstrations, UCSB's Kapatirang Pilipino's performance of Filipino dance, shakuhachi flute music, Hua Sheng Chorus, and UCSB's Iaorana Te Otea performance of Polynesian dances.

Food available for sale includes fresh sushi from **Studio Nihon** and Ayurvedic Indian food by **Nimita's Cuisine**.

Visit the used book sale and support the Presidio Research Center. Used books for sale include a variety of hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction, and non-fiction; SBTHP is collecting book donations. Books may be dropped off at the Presidio Visitor Center at 123 East Canon Perdido Street.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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Saturday, October 12, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 visit www.sbthp.org

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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 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. 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 distinct history.

Learn more at www.sbthp.org.