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12th Annual Casa Cantina at Casa de la Guerra Celebrates Fiesta and Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's 50th Anniversary

July 31, August 1, 2, and 3

12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

*Four-day SBTHP fundraiser features live music by Spencer the Gardener, The Roosters,
Cash'd Out, The Bomb, Rico De Largo, Dj Sparx, Afrolicious, and The Fire Department.*

Celebrate Fiesta where it all began with the 12th Annual Casa Cantina in the courtyard of Casa de la Guerra.



ADMISSION: \$6–\$10, admission fee varies (includes 1 FREE drink before 8:00 p.m. and reentrance throughout the day). Kids are welcome from noon - 5:00 p.m., but must be accompanied by an adult. 21+ after 5:00 p.m. FREE Admission for SBTHP Members. Veranda tables available by reservation: info@plusonesb.com.

(SANTA BARBARA, CA)– **Celebrate Fiesta where it all began and toast to the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's 50th anniversary at Casa Cantina in the courtyard of the historic Casa de la Guerra.**

A highlight of the annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration, from Wednesday, July 31 to Saturday, August 3, 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., locals and visitors alike are invited to stop by, have a cold drink and celebrate at the home of Fiesta—Casa de la Guerra.

Throughout 2013, SBTHP has been celebrating fifty years of achievement in the Santa Barbara community. After toasting its 50th anniversary with *Un Paseo en Oro* at the historic El Paseo complex in May, SBTHP returns to De la Guerra Plaza to continue festivities at Casa Cantina. SBTHP restored Casa de la Guerra and holds an historic façade easement to ensure the preservation of El Paseo.



When the first modern Old Spanish Days Fiesta celebration was held in 1924, parties and teas in honor of members from early Santa Barbara families were held at Casa de la Guerra. Casa Cantina, located across the street from De la Guerra Plaza in the heart of downtown's Fiesta activities, continues the site's tradition as a place for civic celebrations and special events. At Casa Cantina, guests can relax, have a cold drink and enjoy live music in the evening in the historic Casa courtyard. This year, guests will also have a special opportunity to learn more about the legacy of SBTHP's 50 years of work in the community, and the history of these special historic properties. Featuring beer and margaritas for sale, all proceeds benefit SBTHP and the continued restoration of Casa de la Guerra.

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other community leaders, SBTHP works to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. The vision of the organization's founders was to restore Santa Barbara's Spanish Presidio, reclaim Santa Barbara's birthplace and preserve Santa Barbara County history for future generations. With the help of continuing education activities and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara's distinct history.

Admission before 4:00 p.m. includes entrance to the exhibit at Casa de la Guerra, *Junípero Serra in Mexico: Five Missions in the Sierra Gorda de Querétaro*. In honor of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Fray Junipero Serra, SBTHP is hosting the traveling exhibition "Junípero Serra in Mexico." Dramatic images by professional photographer Jeffrey Becom and original pen and ink drawings by local artist Richard Perry highlight spectacular but little known missions founded by Serra in the remote reaches of Mexico's Sierra Gorda region.

CASA CANTINA ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Live Music by **Spencer the Gardener** with special guests **The Roosters**

Thursday, August 1, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Live Music by **Cash'd Out**

Friday, August 2, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Live Music by **The Bomb, Rico De Largo** and **Dj Sparx**

Saturday, August 3, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Live Music by **Afrolicious** and **The Fire Department**

Casa Cantina 4-Day Wristband via Night Out, Inc.

Purchase link: <http://newnoisesb.org/shows.cfm>

Veranda VIP Tables: VIP table reservations on the Veranda: info@plusonesb.com for reservations or more information. Tables are available Wednesday to Saturday night starting at 6:00 p.m.

SBTHP members receive FREE admission with a valid membership card. For more information call (805) 965-0093 or visit www.sbthp.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Casa Cantina

DATES: Wednesday, July 31 to Saturday, August 3, 2013

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

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

COST: \$6–\$10, admission fee varies (admission includes 1 FREE drink before 8:00 p.m. and reentrance throughout the day). Kids are welcome from noon - 5:00 p.m., but must be accompanied by an adult. 21+ after 5:00 p.m. FREE Admission for SBTHP Members.

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SHORT DESCRIPTION

Celebrate Fiesta where it all began at the 12th annual Casa Cantina in the courtyard of Casa de la Guerra. From Wed, July 31 to Sat, Aug 3, relax, sip a cold drink, and party at the home of Fiesta.

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ABOUT Casa de la Guerra—One of the most important remnants of Santa Barbara's Spanish-Mexican heritage, the Casa has been at the heart of Santa Barbara's history since its construction (1819-1827) by the fifth Presidio comandante, José de la Guerra. The house played an important role in the civic and social life of Santa Barbara well into the twentieth century as the site of regular gala celebrations for family weddings, community gatherings, and visiting government emissaries. When the first modern Old Spanish Fiesta was

held in 1924, parties and teas in honor of members of the early families were held at Casa de la Guerra. Following the devastating June 29, 1925, earthquake in Santa Barbara, the Casa and neighboring El Paseo served as models for rebuilding parts of downtown Santa Barbara. Starting in 1990, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation began conducting research to determine the structural history of the Casa, with particular emphasis on its original configuration during the time José de la Guerra and his family resided there, a thirty-year period between 1828 and 1858. Today the restored home is a museum featuring original furnishings, a history of the De la Guerra family, and rotating exhibits.

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.