



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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***Celebrate Santa Barbara!* at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park Friday and Saturday, April 24 - 25, 2015**

(SANTA BARBARA, CA)— The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present ***Celebrate Santa Barbara!* on Friday and Saturday, April 24 - 25, 2015 at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park.** Honor the birthplace of Santa Barbara at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park where the original founding ceremony was held in 1782. The two-day celebration includes three events: Candlelight Dinner in the Historic Presidio Chapel, Founding Day Festival, and Rancho Roundup. You won't want to miss this unique celebration honoring the history of Santa Barbara.



Candlelight Dinner in the Historic Presidio Chapel Friday, April 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The two-day celebration begins with the Candlelight Dinner in the Historic Presidio Chapel a memorable evening on Friday, April 24. Beginning with a formal red carpet entrance, guests will be individually recognized as they enter the elegantly illuminated Presidio Chapel. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable taste of the past, complete with period costume and live music.

This magical evening has never before been experienced in the Presidio Chapel. Savor Spanish hors

d'oeuvres during a courtyard reception followed by a four-course dinner prepared by Montecito Country Club's Renowned Executive Chef Michael Blackwell. Tickets are \$350 per couple and \$200 per person. To purchase tickets contact SBTHP at (805) 966-1279.



Founding Day Festival

Saturday, April 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 25, SBTHP continues its annual Founding Day celebration including a costumed reenactment of the founding ceremony, originally held on April 21, 1782. This free event begins with a mass in the Presidio Chapel honoring the founding families, followed by an outdoor Founding Day program featuring *Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara*, Early California dance and musical performances,



and the presentation of Saint Barbara 2015 by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126. Following the ceremony, enjoy on-site educational activities throughout the Presidio that focus on the history and culture of early California. Converse with costumed demonstrators and experience life in Santa Barbara as it was during the late-1700s through heritage gardening, colonial cooking, pottery making, Chumash storytelling, archaeology, and more. Bring the family and watch the Presidio come to life! In addition to living history activities throughout the Presidio we'll celebrate all things Santa Barbara during the first Founding Day street festival, featuring Presidio Neighborhood businesses and local entertainment on an open street in the heart of downtown.



Rancho Roundup

Saturday, April 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Grab your cowboy hat and boots and join us at Rancho Roundup! On Saturday, April 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 (following the Founding Day Festival) bring your friends and enjoy live music from Double Wide Kings, Gene Evaro Jr. & The Family, Young Millions, The Caverns, and special guests. Food available for purchase from Georgia's Smokehouse and drink locally made beer from Figueroa Mountain. Patron Tequila VIP area, dancing, and more, all surrounded by the rich history of the Presidio. If you enjoy Casa Cantina during Fiesta, you won't want to miss this exciting new event at the Presidio! Tickets are \$15 and available for purchase online on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.: ranchoroundup.nightout.com. \$20 at the door. VIP tickets \$75 per person, \$125 per couple include: entrance fee, 2 Drink tickets,

membership to SBTHP, admission into VIP area, and admission to Casa Cantina.

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Sponsorship opportunities available.

For more information contact Linda Rosso, 209-601-8918 or linda@sbthp.org. *Celebrate Santa Barbara!* 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.

CALENDAR LISTING

Candlelight Dinner in the Historic Presidio Chapel

A memorable evening in the historic Presidio Chapel elegantly illuminated by candlelight as we enjoy an unforgettable taste of the past. Servers dressed in period costumes, a courtyard reception, four-course dinner, and light music create a magical night never before experienced in the Presidio Chapel.

DATE & TIME: Friday, April 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Presidio Chapel, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA

COST: \$350 per couple; \$200 per person

For more information and to purchase tickets: (805) 966-1279

Founding Day Festival

Join us at Santa Barbara's birthplace, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara, for a costumed reenactment of the founding ceremony, originally held on April 21, 1782. Afterwards, we'll celebrate all things Santa Barbara during the first Founding Day street festival, featuring Presidio Neighborhood businesses and local entertainment on an open street in the heart of downtown.

DATE & TIME: Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

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FREE Admission

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

Rancho Roundup

You won't want to miss an evening including different musical groups, dancing, entertainment, BBQ, Figueroa Mountain Beer, VIP area and more.

DATE & TIME: Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

COST: \$15 pre-order; \$20 at the door; \$75 VIP Tickets

Tickets available for purchase Tuesday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.: ranchoroundup.nightout.com

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation — For over fifty years, 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 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. 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.