



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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“Founding Day Festival” at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park

Founding Day is one of a three-part series of events collectively called *Celebrate Santa Barbara!*

Information about the other two programs, a Candlelight Dinner in the Historic Presidio Chapel, and Rancho Roundup, can be found below.



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)— **Celebrate 233 years of history at the birthplace of Santa Barbara, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** (123 East Canon Perdido Street) **on Saturday, April 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** 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. Enjoy a costumed reenactment of the original Founding Ceremony held in 1782 and other family activities across the Presidio grounds.

This free event begins with a church service (11am) in the Presidio Chapel honoring the founding families, followed by an outdoor Founding Day program (12-1pm) 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 (1-3:30pm), 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.

The Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara will offer free sketch session for the Kids Draw Architecture program (1-3pm).



Schedule

1:00	Hawthorne Navy JROTC
1:30	Hula Anyone?
2:00	BFOM
3:00	Naked Voices
3:30	Sino West

Santa Barbara's Founding Day is funded in part by the City of Santa Barbara COMMUNITY EVENTS & FESTIVALS Program in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, the Towbes Foundation, and the California State Parks Foundation.

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

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

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

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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. The State has purchased the 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. In 2009, 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 distinctive history. **Learn more at www.sbthp.org.**