



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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Photo by Russ McConnell, russmcconnell.com

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present *Building Community: Reginald D. Johnson, Architect* on exhibit at Casa de la Guerra (15 East De la Guerra Street, Santa Barbara) Friday, March 11 – Sunday, September 18, 2016.

Architect Reginald D. Johnson believed in the role of architecture to improve the quality of community life and contributed to

Santa Barbara's special character through his exceptional designs. Developing a signature style through award winning projects, he went on to commit himself to innovative public and commercial buildings and ground-breaking housing projects. *Building Community* presents a selection of Johnson's projects in the Santa Barbara area with an emphasis on the Santa Barbara Downtown Post Office, and a few of his late modern designs located in the Los Angeles area. This exploration of Johnson's legacy in Santa Barbara

reignites the spirit of preservation that has long been a hallmark of this community and is an inspiration in the ongoing work to preserve and cherish our special places.

Drawing from various public and private sources, the exhibit includes material from the following repositories and partners: The Huntington Library; the Getty Museum; the Community Development and Conservation Collection, Special Collections Library at UCSB; the Gledhill Library at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum; Cate School; and the Montecito History Committee archive. Brooks Institute instructor Russ McConnell and his students, as well as local art photographers Wayne McCall and Bill Dewey, will also be donating images. Presentation drawings of the Bellosguardo/Clark Estate, blue prints of Rancho San Carlos and original artwork are being lent by private parties.

Santa Barbara Downtown Post Office photo by Russ McConnell, russmcconnell.com.

CALENDAR LISTING

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Opening Reception: Thursday, March 10, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. FREE EVENT

First Thursday: April 7, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. FREE EVENT

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

\$5 Museum Admission

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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.**

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