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SBTHP Celebrates the History and Legacy of The Anna S. C. Blake Manual Training School



Students working on sewing projects in a classroom at Blake Manual Training School. Photo Courtesy of UCSB Library's University Archives Photographs collection.

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – **Celebrate the history and legacy of the Anna S. C. Blake Manual Training School at Casa de la Guerra. SBTHP will have an exhibition on loan from UC Santa Barbara Library available to the public at Casa de la Guerra from March 7 – May 31, 2019.** In 1892, Anna S. C. Blake, a Bostonian who relocated to Santa Barbara, founded the Santa Barbara Sloyd School in the city's downtown. The following year, the school moved into its new school building at 814 Santa Barbara Street (near De la Guerra Street) on the site of what is today the Anacapa School, located in El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park. Sloyd schools emphasized manual training and were closely linked to

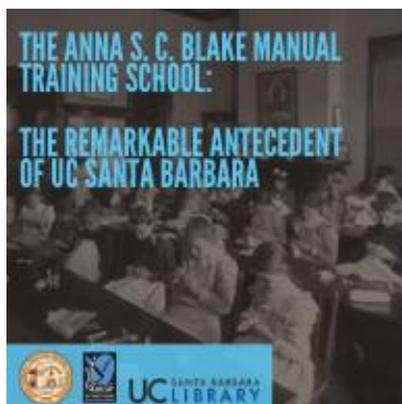
European folk art traditions and the Arts and Crafts movement. Renamed the Anna Blake Manual Training School after Blake's death in 1899, the school remained grounded in the Progressive-era belief that all students should have access to a holistic education emphasizing both intellectual and practical knowledge in order to develop educated citizens.

The exhibition focuses on the school's early years and explores how Santa Barbara reformers thought about the intersection of education, the manual arts, and social mobility in the 1890s, and the implications of those beliefs on higher education today. All exhibition photos are from UCSB Library's University Archives Photographs collection. This exhibition was curated by Sarah Case, Managing Editor, *The Public Historian*, and Continuing Lecturer, History, and Nora Kassner, graduate student in History.

In celebration of the exhibition an opening ceremony will take place on 1st Thursday, March 7th, from 5-8pm at Casa de la Guerra (15 E De La Guerra St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101). A lecture by Dr. Sarah Case and Nora Kassner and co-sponsored by the UCSB History Associates will be held at Casa de la Guerra on Sunday, March 10th, at 2pm.

For more information, visit www.sbthp.org or call the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation at (805) 965-0093.

CALENDAR LISTING



The Anna S. C. Blake Manual Training School Exhibit Opening Reception

Join us for an evening celebrating the history and legacy of the Anna S. C. Blake Manual Training School at Casa de la Guerra! This free 1st Thursday event will live music and refreshments.

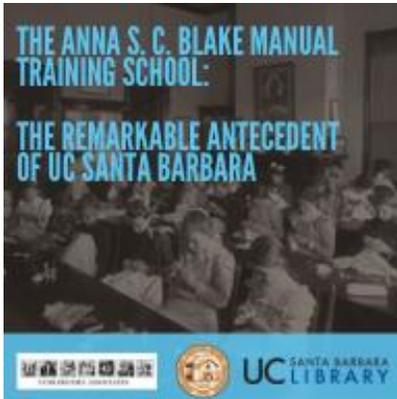
DATE & TIME: Thursday, March 7, 2018, from 5 PM to 8 PM

LOCATION: Casa de la Guerra

15 E De La Guerra St, Santa Barbara

FREE Admission

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



The Anna Blake School: Remarkable Antecedent of UC Santa Barbara A Lecture by Dr. Sarah Case and Nora Kassner

Join us for a public lecture by Dr. Sarah Case and Nora Kassner at Casa de la Guerra. Q & A and Reception to follow

This event is co-sponsored by the UCSB History Associates

DATE & TIME: Thursday, March 10, 2018, at 2 PM

LOCATION: Casa de la Guerra

15 E De La Guerra St, Santa Barbara

FREE for SBTHP & UCSB History Associates members or \$5 Suggested Donation for non members

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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.**

ABOUT UCSB History Associates—The UCSB History Associates was created in 1987 with the dual purpose of bringing members of the community interested in history together with UCSB faculty through an annual program of lunches and lectures, and raising money to support graduate training in History at UCSB.