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An UNcommon Place American Town
Lecture by Sheila Lodge

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – Please join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) for a lecture by former mayor of Santa Barbara, Sheila Lodge, on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alhecama Theatre, (215 A, E Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara). Sheila Lodge will show how Santa Barbara became the community that it is through planning. She will describe the many battles it sometimes took and the process that was developed to make the critical decisions. Because of her personal involvement in the struggles, her talk is in part a memoir. A reception will follow the talk.

Sheila was born at home on her parents’ dairy in Arcadia, CA. She is a life-long Californian except for 2 1/2 years in Annapolis, MD, where she taught school and did social work. She returned to California in 1950 and came to Santa Barbara in 1952. Sheila served on the Santa Barbara City Planning Commission from 1973-1975, the City Council from 1975-1981, and as mayor from 1981-1993. An incurable public policy wonk, since 2009 she’s been back on the Planning Commission where she started her civic life 45 years ago.
Lecture sponsored by the UCSB History Associates and the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

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Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Alhecama Theatre, 215 A, E. Canon Perdido St, Santa Barbara, CA
$5 Admission Non-members, UCSB History Associates & SBTHP Members Free
For more information (805) 965-0093 or [www.sbthp.org](http://www.sbthp.org)

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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](http://www.sbthp.org).

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