



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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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Presents

Presidio Pastimes by Candlelight at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to present Presidio Pastimes by Candlelight on Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park as part of Downtown Santa Barbara's 1st Thursday.

Enjoy a rare opportunity to visit the

Presidio by candlelight and travel back in time to over two centuries ago. Discuss colonial California with the Presidio officers, experience a cooking demonstration in *la cocina*, enjoy stories by an open fire, and join in the music and dance of early California. Wine and hot chocolate will be served.

From SBTHP Executive Director, Dr. Anne Petersen: "We are pleased to offer this free event during a time when we can all find solace in a sense of community. We look forward to opening the doors of

Santa Barbara's founding place on this candlelit evening to come together with dance, song, cooking and conversation."

SBTHP thanks Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara, Luis Moreno and friends, Diana Repogle-Purinton and Baile de California, and the many volunteers who bring the Presidio to life for this special evening.



CALENDAR LISTING

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123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

Cost: Free 1st Thursday event

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

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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.**