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Reginald Johnson's Contribution to Santa Barbara's Identity

Lecture by Lauren Weiss Bricker, Ph.D., Architect Marc Appleton and Curator Rose Thomas



Music Academy of the West. Photograph by Bill Dewey.

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – Please join the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) for a lecture by Professor of Architecture Lauren Weiss Bricker, Ph.D., Architect Marc Appleton and SBTHP Curator, Rose Thomas on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Casa de la Guerra, (15 East De La Guerra Street, Santa Barbara), for presentations on the architect Reginald Johnson's significance to the profession of architecture and his contribution to the community of Santa Barbara. The panel will offer individual presentations with time afterward for questions and discussion. This evening is part of a series of programs supporting the exhibit *Building Community: Reginald D. Johnson, Architect* at Casa de la Guerra.

Reginald Johnson was a Pasadena architect who contributed to the development of Santa Barbara's architectural identity. His private and public projects gave architectural form to the ideals espoused by community leaders. As such, the public response to Johnson's local projects was filtered through its own search for an architecture that was responsive to social, cultural and environmental conditions.



Lauren Weiss Bricker is professor of architecture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona where she co-coordinates the historic preservation program, and is director of the Environmental Archives-Special Collections. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council for Historic Preservation and was chair of California's State Historical Resources Commission. She writes on American architecture and historic preservation, and has curated several architectural exhibitions.



Marc Appleton, Principal of the architectural firm Appleton, LLP with offices in Santa Monica and Santa Barbara, has received numerous awards for his design work. A graduate of Harvard with a MA from the Yale School of Architecture, Marc has also published several books including *George Washington Smith: An Architect's Scrap Book* and is working on three forthcoming books, one on architect Reginald Johnson.



Rose Thomas has taught a course on Santa Barbara Architecture and coordinated architectural tours through SBCC Continuing Education for over 25 years. She was a participant in the documentary on architect Lulah Maria Riggs; *Lulah – A Passion for Architecture: A Life in Design* and she has guest curated several exhibits, including the current exhibit, *Building Community* about Reginald Johnson for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Lecture sponsored by the Santa Barbara Foundation and the Spanish Garden Inn (#1 rated hotel in Santa Barbara on Trip Advisor).

CALENDAR LISTINGS

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Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Free Admission

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

Building Community: Reginald D. Johnson, Architect

Exhibit Dates: Friday, March 11 – Sunday, September 18, 2016

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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