



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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Celebrate 237 Years of History at the Founding Day Festival at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – **Celebrate 237 years of history at Santa Barbara's birthplace, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park** (123 East Canon Perdido Street), **on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from noon to 4 PM.** The annual Founding Day Festival showcases local businesses and entertainment in the heart of downtown. Enjoy a reenactment of the original Founding Ceremony held in 1782 and other family-friendly activities across the Presidio grounds.

This free event begins in front of the Presidio Chapel with an outdoor Founding Day program featuring Los Soldados del Real Presidio de Santa Bárbara, early California dance and musical performances, and the presentation of Saint Barbara 2019 by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Reina del Mar Parlor No. 126.

After the ceremony, experience what life was like in Santa Barbara during the late-1700s through living history stations featuring heritage gardening, colonial cooking, pottery making, Chumash storytelling, archaeology, and more. The festival also features local entertainment, Presidio Neighborhood businesses, and walking tours that highlight the history and culture of Santa Barbara from its founding through the present day.

For more information, visit www.sbthp.org/founding-day or call the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation at (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.**