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Un Paseo en Oro —Fundraiser Celebrates Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's 50th Anniversary at Historic El Paseo

Milford Wayne Donaldson and Marilyn Chandler De Young named Honorary Chairs



(SANTA BARBARA, CA)—The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) celebrates fifty years of achievement at *Un Paseo en Oro* on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the historic social center of Santa Barbara – El Paseo. The event is a celebration in honor of the SBTHP's fifty year journey to preserve, restore and explore Santa Barbara's cultural and architectural history. Join SBTHP and Honorary Chairs Milford Wayne Donaldson and Marilyn Chandler DeYoung, as we toast our 50th anniversary. The event includes a reception, behind-the-scenes tours, historical vignettes, entertainment, dinner, auction, and special guests.

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other community leaders, SBTHP works to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. The vision of the organization's founders was to restore Santa Barbara's Spanish Presidio, reclaim Santa Barbara's birthplace and preserve Santa Barbara County history for future generations.

With the help of continuing education activities and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara's distinct history.

The community is invited to *Un Paseo en Oro* to toast to SBTHP's fifty year journey to preserve, restore and explore Santa Barbara's cultural and architectural heritage. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with behind-the-scenes tours and historical vignettes in the Street In Spain, El Paseo Courtyard,



Borein Studio, and St. Francis Room, and Casa de la Guerra. El Paseo has been at the heart of Santa Barbara's history since its construction in 1923. Enjoy this rare opportunity to view El Paseo, a world famous architectural icon that has served as a model for developing the City of Santa Barbara. Learn about the Casa de la Guerra, built by Presidio Comandant José de la Guerra in the 1820s, the economic, political and social center of the *pueblo* of Santa Barbara. Meet the colorful characters from El Paseo's past and enjoy music by SONando Santa Barbara, a local group that plays traditional music from Mexico and Latin America.



The reception will be followed by a plated dinner in Restaurante del Paseo where guests will enjoy commemorative presentations honoring SBTHP's 50th anniversary. Milford Wayne Donaldson, Chairman of the United States Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a prominent figure in the field of historic preservation, will speak. Guests will also enjoy a special performance by Timo Nunez, a world-renowned flamenco dancer. The history of SBTHP's community activities will be celebrated.

SBTHP board members Keith Mautino and Terease Chin are co-chairs of the event committee.

Single tickets are \$175. Table sponsorships available. *Un Paseo en Oro* is just one of many ways SBTHP seeks to increase community awareness and raise funds to support its mission to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County. To purchase tickets contact SBTHP at (805) 965-0093. For more information visit /www.sbthp.org/unpaseoenoro.

The Santa Barbara community is invited to be a part of the 50th anniversary celebration. SBTHP's Memories Project requests photographs, stories, and drawings from the community to help interpret and document the stories held within the Presidio neighborhood. All of the material SBTHP gathers will be archived at the Presidio Research Center and shared with the public on SBTHP's new Collections Online website. The Memories Project is on display at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP throughout 2013.

To learn more: www.sbthp.org/anniversary.

CALENDAR LISTING

Un Paseo en Oro

A celebration in honor of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's fifty year journey to preserve, restore and explore Santa Barbara's cultural and architectural history.

DATE & TIME

Saturday, May 18, 2013 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

WHERE

El Paseo

15 East De la Guerra Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

TICKET COST

Single tickets: \$175

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093



SHORT DESCRIPTION

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ABOUT Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)— For 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 and purchased the neighboring 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. 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. SBTHP was awarded the 2011 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 distinct history. Learn more at www.sbthp.org.