



What an Honor!



The SHPO is thrilled to be part of a team that will receive an Award of Merit from Preservation Connecticut for developing statewide resiliency planning tools for property owners and municipalities. Thanks to Preservation CT for this recognition and a special thanks to the rest of the project team for all their hard work: R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates; Dewberry; Milone and MacBroom; Towers | Golde, LLC; Ocean

Surveys, Inc.; Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center; University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography.

For more information on the planning tools, visit our website [here](#).

We Need Your Help



As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, the CT SHPO is working with Dewberry to create a statewide geospatial data system for cultural resources. This is part of our ongoing effort to improve access to our files and digitize paper records. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below and tell us what you'd like to see in the system.

SHPO is seeking responses by September 1.

[Take the Survey](#)

New to the National Register

Congratulations to the town of Clinton for the recent listing of the High Street Historic District. The district is significant for its



contribution to the town's evolution from colonial settlement to nineteenth century maritime trade center to twentieth century manufacturing hub. With properties dating from 1710 to 1965, the district includes numerous architectural styles from Georgian to Queen Anne to Colonial Revival.

Recent Grant Award



On August 5th, the Historic Preservation Council voted to award a Historic Restoration Fund grant, funded by the Community Investment Act of the State of Connecticut, to New London Landmarks for \$14,400. This grant will cover the replacement of the asphalt-shingled roof on the David Bishop House, New London Landmark's office building. The grant will also address rotted wood trim and repairs to the dormers.

Congratulations to New London Landmarks! And for more information on the Historic Restoration Fund Grant, click [here](#).

NTHP PastForward Conference Scholarship

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual PastForward conference will be held virtually on October 28-30, 2020. For those interested in attending the conference, the Trust is offering a diversity scholarship that introduces new preservation leaders to the historic preservation community. Each scholarship recipient will be paired with a mentor who will facilitate networking opportunities and provide practical advice.

Applications for the scholarship and for anyone interested in volunteering to be a mentor, visit the NTHP site [here](#).

News from the Museums



Our state museums are closed for now, but you can still catch up on all the latest news on our website and the museums' social media pages.

Henry Whitfield State Museum

While the inside is closed, the outside is wide open! You're welcome to see the historic buildings in person, and enjoy these outdoor experiences on the museum grounds:

- Explore the site's history through interpretive signs with photos and links to online material
- Pick up a scavenger hunt at the parking lot kiosk, puzzle out the clues, and submit your answers for a chance to win a prize
- Figure out the three Visitor Center "What Is It?" window displays
- Walk the short Whitfield spur of the New England Trail
- Picnic, play catch, read, paint, etc. – there are over 8 acres of shady and sunny spots, sweeping lawns, and stone walls to enjoy!

Eric Sloane Museum

Work continues at the Eric Sloane Museum, reinstalling the collection. The team has focused on the artist's recreated studio and have made wonderful progress. There is still a good deal of work to be done as every item in the collection is photographed, cataloged and cross referenced. The museum is also collaborating with university history programs to add content and material to their online learning platforms this fall. We were also very happy to participate, with our fellow CT museum colleagues, in the Connecticut League of History Organizations' weekly webinar to discuss and showcase the future of interpretation and programming at Connecticut State Museums.



Follow the links to [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date with everything going on!

The Department of Economic and Community Development, including the State Historic Preservation Office continues to work remotely. We will be sure to inform our constituents when we plan to return to the office. In the meantime, staff contact information can be found [here](#).

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