

SHPO Statewide Conference

Our inaugural statewide preservation conference went off last month without a hitch (well, maybe one or two), but staff was pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response we received from everyone who attended. A special thanks to all our guest speakers, panelists and presenters. We are looking forward to planning next year's conference.



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SHPO 5-Year Statewide Preservation Plan

The SHPO is pleased to announce that we have engaged Heritage Strategies, LLC to assist in completing our 5-year comprehensive preservation plan. The Plan will be an **intensive level planning document** addressing the treatment of the historic and cultural resources across the state. It will serve as a **guide for planning and decision making** by the SHPO, Towns, agencies, non-profit organizations, and others who may affect these resources.

The SHPO is **reaching out** to stakeholders to gather input, information, and advice. Public workshops are being conducted in communities throughout the state in collaboration with local partners. An online survey will be posted to gather additional public input. Public workshops on the Preservation Plan will be held at the following locations with more to be announced soon:

- Wilton Historical Society, 224 Danbury Road, Wilton
Date & Time: June 26th, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- The Pavilion at Saybrook Point Park, 155 College Street, Old Saybrook
Date & Time: June 27th, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- SHPO, 1 Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford
Date & Time: June 28, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please join us in this planning process! We need your input and advice! If you'd like to take part in any of the public sessions or have any questions about the process, email us at SHPO.plan@ct.gov.

Meet our New Colleagues!



Liz Shapiro joins our team as the new Director of Operations for the SHPO and Museum Division. Prior to joining us at DECD, Liz was the Executive Director of the Connecticut League of History Organizations (CHLO). Her extensive experience working in the heritage and museum field will be critical as we continue capital improvements at the four state museums. Liz will also serve as the liaison to the Historic Preservation Council as well as overseeing the various day to day operations of the SHPO and Museum division.



Marena Wisniewski joins the SHPO team as the State Registrar Coordinator and an Environmental Reviewer. Prior to coming to Hartford, she was the Preservation & Public Engagement Officer at the Providence Preservation Society. She holds a MS in Historic Preservation from Columbia University, and a MA in World History from NYU. A self-admitted book worm, she spends a lot of her free time researching and exploring historic places, and encourages you to do the same.

Recently Listed - National Register of Historic Places

Dr. Mary B. Moody House, New Haven

The house is a rare surviving example of the large Victorian period houses in the Fair Haven Heights residential section of New Haven. Additionally, Dr. Moody was the first female graduate of the medical school at the University of Buffalo, the first female member of the American Association of Anatomists, and an advocate for the health of women and children throughout her career. She resided in the house from 1886 to 1903 and used it as her medical office for 13 years during the prime of her career,



from 1890 to 1903.

Clarence A. Bingham School and Clara T. O'Connell School, Bristol



Both the Bingham and O'Connell schools are early 20th century primary schools in Bristol. They are significant as surviving examples for Bristol's tremendous industrial and population growth during this period. They are currently in the process of rehabilitation using state and federal historic

tax credits.

Foster House, Cornwall

The Foster House is a surviving example of Cornwall's rich industrial heritage in the 19th century. Commissioned by railroad contractor, Stephen Foster, the house is Italianate in style with later alterations.



James Merrill House, Stonington

Marena Wisniewski attended the recent National Historic Landmark Designation Ceremony at the [James Merrill House](#). The designation is the 6th for the Town of Stonington and the first in the state that specifically honors the history of Connecticut's LGBTQ community.



Pictured: James Merrill National Historic Landmark Dedication Ceremony, 107 Water Street, Stonington, June 4, 2017. (Back Row L-R) Merrill biographer Langdon Hammer, James Merrill House Committee Co-chair Sally Wood, CT Sec. of State Denise Merrill, JMHC Co-Chair Bill Middleton, Stonington First Selectman Rob Simmons. (Front Row L-R) SHPO Staff Marena Wisniewski, CT Deputy Sec. of State Scott Bates, and Amy Merrill, niece of James Merrill.

Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 24th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
333 Sherman Avenue, Building #3, New Haven

Learn the ins and outs of one of the nation's most generous rehabilitation incentive programs for owners of historic houses with SHPO's Architectural Preservationist, Alyssa Lozupone.

FREE and open to the public. Limit 30 people. Please register by Wednesday, June 21 at info@nhpt.org or by calling 203-562-5919. Street parking is available.

Sponsored by The New Haven Preservation Trust and Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, this program is made possible through the generous support of the State Department of Economic and Community Development.

Bringing the Freedom Trail to Life Through the Arts

On Wednesday, May 17th, nearly 100 children from New Haven and Coventry schools participated in an archeological dig at the Peters House in Hebron. The Cesar and Louis Peters Archaeological site is listed on the Connecticut Freedom Trail for its association with the Peters family, a family that escaped to freedom in the eighteen century and settled in Hebron.

The day's activities included writing, singing, digging and dreaming about the life and times of Cesar and Louis Peters.

A special thank you to the Friends of the State Archeologist and State Archeologist, Dr. Brian Jones, for leading the digs.

For more information on the Cesar and Louis Peters Archaeological Site, visit the CT Freedom Trail, [here](#).



News from the Museums



Prudence Crandall



The Prudence Crandall Museum and Friends of the Museum Present

NO SMALL COURAGE

A Symposium: Lives and Legacies, Part 2



DATE
Saturday
May 20, 2017
10 AM to 4 PM

PLACE
Canterbury Community Center
1 Municipal Drive
Canterbury CT 06331

TICKET PRICE
\$25.00
Includes admission to the Museum, the Symposium and lunch.

RESERVATIONS
860-546-7800 x 7

Sponsored in part by the Department of Economic and Community Development/State of Connecticut and supported by the Canterbury Lions Club.

PANEL
Dr. Anna-Lisa Cox
Fellow at Harvard's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research
"No Distinction Shall be Allowed on Account of Complexion"

Dr. Barbara Beeching
Author of *Hopes and Expectations: The Origins of the Black Middle Class in Hartford*
"Hopes and Expectations and 'Whot Come After'"

Dr. Jennifer J. Rycenga
Professor of Humanities, Humanities Department, San Jose State University and author of forthcoming Crandall biography
"Where in the World Was Prudence Crandall? Her Forty-Quint Years"

The Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury highlighted the month of May with this year's **No Small Courage ~ Lives and Legacies Symposium**. Held on Saturday, May 20, the program was made possible through Sponsorship funding from DECD, in addition to financial and volunteer support from *Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum* and *Canterbury Lions*. Traditionally, the annual symposiums have brought together historians from all over the country and this year was no different. Panelists included Crandall biographer and educator Dr. Jennifer Rycenga from San Jose

State University; Dr. Anna-Lisa Cox of Harvard's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research and Research Associate at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture; and Dr. Barbara Beeching, author of "The Origins of the Black Middle Class in Hartford." Attendees included the Museum's Docent Staff and volunteers, members of local historical organizations, and educators from as far away as New Jersey. The Symposium has traditionally been the kick-off event for the season while it also serves to give focus to the national – and international – importance of the events that took place here in Canterbury. The Museum is open Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm, last ticket sold at 3:30pm. [Click for more information](#)

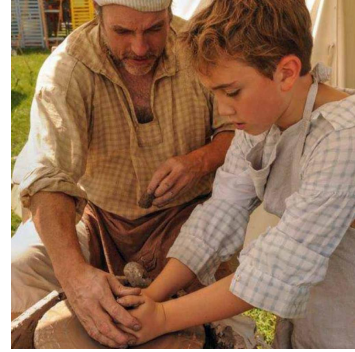
Henry Whitfield State Museum

On exhibit through October 22: "The Lure of Fishing: Gear Through the Years"

Upcoming Event

July 29 & 30, 11:00-4:00 Early Guilford Days Family Festival

Craft demonstrations and sales: redware pottery by Steinhagen Pottery and wool spinning by Janice Steinhagen (Griswold, CT) on Saturday, 17th-century reproduction furniture by Paul Rulli Reproductions (Woodstock, CT) on Sunday, and tinsmithing by Lance Kozikowski (Coventry, CT) both days. Joint program with Historic Guilford museums: Dudley Farm Museum, Hyland House Museum, Medad Stone Tavern Museum, and Thomas Griswold House Museum. \$10 for admission to all 5 museums for both days. Free for children 12 and younger.



Eric Sloane Museum

Thanks to a grant from the Connecticut Office of the Arts, in partnership with the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, the Warren Historical Society offered a combined heritage and arts program entitled, Warren Historical Society Arts Heritage Program.



Because Eric Sloane, a Warren resident, was such a generous benefactor to the town the program sought to help children, their parents and other community residents to appreciate and share the beauty in everyday objects. The three part program included a visit to the Eric Sloane Museum, a drawing workshop for Warren School children and a second drawing workshop for the entire community led by artist, Albert Coffill.

During their visit to the Eric Sloane Museum students were broken into five stations: Marge Smith, Curator at Kent Historical Society provided history of the workings of the iron industry, Todd Levine, Historian and Environmental Reviewer from DECD led students on a grounds tour providing history of the site, Albert Coffill, Artist and Retired Art Teacher discussed the art and style of Eric Sloane, a guided tour of the antique tool exhibit was given by volunteer and Simsbury Historical Society's President Joe Buda and Barbara Russ, Museum Assistant from DECD provided a guided tour of the Eric Sloane Studio.

Student artwork will be on display at the museum from June 17th to June 25th.

We're Moving!

The State Historic Preservation Office is moving from our lush digs on Constitution Plaza in Hartford to the new State Office Building at 450 Columbus Boulevard (also in Hartford). We are tentatively scheduled to relocate the second week in September. We will be sure to keep you

posted.

