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## May is Preservation Month! Celebrate by attending the SHPO's Statewide Preservation Conference on May 18th!

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### SHPO Statewide Conference - It's Almost Here!

One week left until the SHPO's statewide preservation conference on May 18th at the Rome Common's Ballroom at the UCONN Campus in Storrs. Special guest speakers include Commissioner Catherine Smith and Keynote Speaker, Steve Mouzon; Municipal Leaders' Panel including Mayor Luke Bronin, Mayor Mark Boughton, Mayor Daniel Champagne and Mayor Michael Passero; and many more!

[Register for SHPO's Statewide Preservation Conference](#)

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### Capitol Lofts Rehabilitation

Congratulations to the owners of Capitol Lofts.

The rehabilitation of the long-vacant Hartford Office Supply Building (a.k.a. Capitol Lofts) is complete and open for leasing.

Creating over 100 new apartment units, the rehabilitation was undertaken using State and Federal historic rehabilitation tax credits. With exposed columns, beams and brick walls, the property preserves its industrial character while giving the building a new life and re-energizing the neighborhood.



For more information about the property, visit [here](#)

Congratulations to all involved!



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## Come one, Come all

SHPO staff will once again take the show on the road with a workshop on the **Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program** on Saturday May 20th at the Westport Historical Society located at 25 Avery Place in Westport.



The event is sponsored by the Westport Historical Society and the Westport Historic District Commission. To register, please call (203) 222-1424.

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## Historic Tax Credits - Read All About it!

The **State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program** was recently featured in the *Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits* published by Novogradac & Co, LLP. The article focused on recent efforts to increase the program's annual allocation. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## May is National Military Appreciation Month

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM), as designated by Congress, provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements.

Did you know that many of the



State's military resources are listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places? For instance, many of Connecticut's historic National Guard armories were added to the State Register as part of a statewide thematic study. The thematic study can be viewed online here: [Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#).

[Learn more about National Military Appreciate Month](#)

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## SHPO Staff Goes to School

At the end of March, Staff Archaeologist, **Cathy Labadia** and Architectural Preservationist, **Alyssa Lozupone** attended a three-day workshop titled, *Beyond Compliance: Historic Preservation in Transportation Project Development*. Hosted by the National Highway Institute, the training focuses on the fundamentals of Section 106, placing it in context with other environmental requirements, including NEPA and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act.

Last month, **Jenny Scofield**, the SHPO's State and National Register Coordinator, attended the CT Chapter of the Society of Landscape Architects conference titled, *Olmsted Parks in Transition: Respecting the Past, Planning for the Future*. Meanwhile, **Alyssa Lozupone** attended the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission's 32nd annual statewide preservation conference.

Next month, several staff members will be attending a two day workshop presented by the National Park Service on adapting historic buildings for flooding.

The SHPO never stops learning so we can better serve our constituents!

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## The SpaceFinder Project

Our colleagues at the **CT Office of the Arts** recently partnered with **Fractured Atlas** and the **Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County** on the SpaceFinder project, a free service that pairs artists looking for creative spaces with property owners who are looking to promote their rental spaces, many of which happen to be in historic buildings and sites. The program currently features properties in Fairfield County, but it will eventually be statewide. For more information about the program, [visit the website here](#).

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The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Museum Division is responsible for overseeing the governmental program of historic preservation for Connecticut's citizens. In partnership with the National Park Service, state and local preservation organizations, SHPO administers a range of federal and state programs that identify, register and protect the buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects that comprise Connecticut's cultural heritage and built environment.

