

Quarterly news & updates

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A New Look for the SHPO Newsletter

The SHPO redesigned our newsletter and switched from monthly to quarterly editions. Our usual content such as highlights from the museums, grant awards, and newly designated historic properties will not change. But, we've added some new items, too, like our **Spotlight** section where we will feature a person or organization making a difference in preservation. We will also expand our **Upcoming Events** section and, when available, our **Now Hiring** section will share information on preservation-related jobs, internships, RFPs, and volunteer opportunities from around the state.

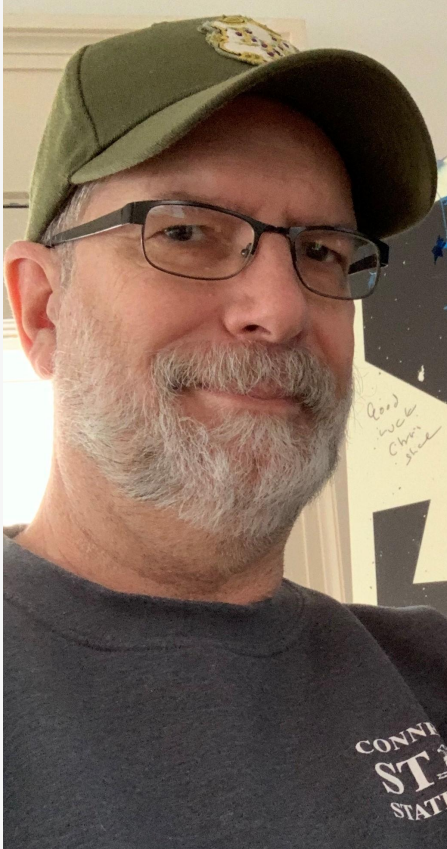


The SHPO is launching a new section that will feature a person or organization making an impact in the field of historic preservation in the state. This edition we are spotlighting **Natalie Roach and Sam Newton**, two UCONN Master in Public Policy candidates who will be working with the SHPO to measure the economic impact of historic preservation across the state.

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News from the Henry Whitfield State Museum

At the **Henry Whitfield State Museum**, Dr. Bill Farley and his Southern Connecticut State University students in the Archaeology Field School returned for a third season of digging on the museum grounds.



The SHPO and Museum Division bids a fond farewell to retiring Museum Curator & Site Administrator **Michael McBride**. During his 32-year tenure – the longest of any staff member since the museum’s founding in 1900 – Mike guided the site through dozens of exhibits, hundreds of events, thousands of visitors, major renovation projects, and even hurricanes and floods. And he did it all with his high standards of museum professionalism and witty sense of humor. We congratulate Mike on his retirement and wish him well in his future endeavors!

Their excavations found all sorts of historic material, including nails, animal bones, ceramic sherds, buttons, straight pins, an 1883 nickel, a possible cistern and/or well, and many other features. All of the unearthed material and data will be processed in the SCSU’s Anthropology lab and the museum looks forward to exhibiting their findings.

Visit the museum Thursday-Sunday, 10-4 through October. Starting in November, the Gift Shop & Visitor Center are open 10-4 on weekdays, and the Whitfield House is open by appointment. For more information, call 203-453-2457 or visit our [website](#), and stay up to date with everything happening at the museum by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Grant News and Awards



Samuel Smith House,
East Lyme



First Congregational
Church, Washington



Hartford Food Systems,
Hartford



First Ecclesiastical
Society, East Haddam



North Congregational
Church, Woodbury



Little Zion Church,
Norwalk



Pine Orchard Chapel,
Branford



First Church of Christ,
Simsbury

The [Historic Restoration Fund Grant Program](#) has re-calibrated the program. See the link below for important information.

The [Stewardship Relief Grant](#) will sunset at the end of this year. To date, the SHPO has awarded over \$42,000 in grants to eligible applicants.

Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis and will be scheduled for the next available HPC agenda. However, the last date you can apply for this grant is December 10, 2021.

Also, congratulations to nine organizations for their recent Historic Restoration Fund Grant awards. Read more in the link below.

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Rehabilitation Tax Credit Projects



Recently Completed Projects

This summer the SHPO awarded state [Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits](#) for two projects: 94-96 Edwards Street in Hartford and the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington.

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Upcoming Events



You won't want to miss this!

Publicize your event here! Email julie.carmelich@ct.gov if you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with our readers.

- Preservation CT's [Talking About Preservation](#) series returns on September 22nd with **Protecting the Parkway** a conversation with Wes Haynes from the Merritt Parkway Conservancy
- **New London Landmarks** is hosting a free [walking tour of Belden Street](#) on September 18.
- **New Haven Preservation Trust** will [celebrate its 60th anniversary](#) on September 29th
- The **National Trust for Historic Preservation's** annual PastForward conference will be online again this year from November 2-5.

Now Hiring



The following organizations are looking for qualified personnel. If you would like to publicize opportunities at your organization, please email julie.carmelich@ct.gov.

- The Ridgefield Historical Society is requesting proposals for a [Community Design Charrette](#).
- The SHPO has a standing request for a [social media intern](#).

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