

## Update: The SHPO Returns to the Office

On July 1, SHPO staff will return to the office. We are excited to see colleagues and welcome visitors to the office again. While we anticipate the office will go back to most of its pre-COVID operations, some programs will make the permanent switch to electronic submissions including the two state rehab tax credit programs and the HRF grant program. Be sure to visit our website or contact the relevant staff person for updates and the latest information on our programs.

And, thank you for your patience, humor, and grace during the past 15 months! The SHPO managed to keep up with our programs during this time largely due to the support of our wonderful constituents.

## New to the National Register of Historic Places



### **New Haven Armory, New Haven**

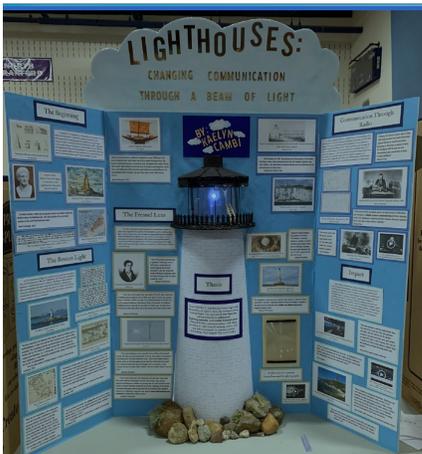
The New Haven Armory (aka Goffe St. Armory) features a U-shaped head house, a drill hall, and an additional wing used by the Second Company Governor's Foot guard. The building is an excellent example of later armory architecture when engineering advances provided for the construction of the massive 32,000 SF drill shed. The building was in use by the military until 2009.



### **Congregation Mishkan Israel, Hamden**

Congregation Mishkan Israel is significant as an excellent example of Modern architecture and for the congregation's commitment to social justice and the Civil Rights Movement. In 1960, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was invited to speak at CMI, which drew an audience from outside the congregation, as well.

# CT History Day Winner



This Spring, the State Historic Preservation Office sponsored a special prize for Connecticut History Day, in the category of *Outstanding Entry that Incorporates a Building, Landscape, or Archaeological Site in the US that Promotes a Historic Preservation Ethic*. The winner of the special prize was Kaelyn Cambi, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School in East Haddam. Kaelyn's project was called Lighthouses: Changing Communication Through a Beam of Light. Kaelyn's explored the history of lighthouses as aids to navigation, but also explored their roles in the development of more modern forms of communication such as radio and their continued importance to this

day. Kaelyn's prize included a book about lighthouses in New England, complimentary passes to the Mystic Seaport Museum, and a gift certificate for a tour of the New London Harbor Pequot Lighthouse from the New London Maritime Society -Customs House Maritime Museum. SHPO would like to thank these two organizations for their generous donations and to congratulate Kaelyn on a job well done!

## News From the State Museums



### Henry Whitfield State Museum

Celebrate Make Music Day Eve and Father's Day on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> with a free outdoor concert on the front lawn of the Whitfield House from 4 to 6 pm. Craig Edwards and Geoff Kaufman will perform sea



chanteyns and other sailor music, and share Indigenous and African American influences on the music, reflecting the diverse backgrounds of crews on 19th-century sailing ships. Bring your own chairs and blankets. A variety of food and refreshments will be available for purchase from onsite vendors D&S Hot Dogs & Catering and Sully's Good Humor Truck. There is no charge for attending the performance, entering the Visitor Center, or parking, and the

Whitfield House will be closed. The event will be canceled if it rains. 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](#).

## Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine

The museum season is off and running. Take a look at events happening this month.

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor Snow White Ballet Screening

[Details / Tickets here](#)

- June 12<sup>th</sup> – CT Open House Day; Free admission for all visitors
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – State Museum Sunday; Free admission for Connecticut Residents



## Eric Sloane Museum

The Eric Sloane Museum has reopened and is off to a great 2021 season! Visitors were welcomed back to the museum for the first time since 2019, when the museum closed for extensive renovations. The staff has been hard at work creating new exhibits and displays while interpreting to a wonderful visitor turnout. The museum is currently open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Connecticut Open House Day will feature historic craft demonstrations and free admission to the museum on Saturday, June 12th, 2021. We are also excited to announce the continuation of our annual 4th of July Bell Ringing Celebrations; join us on July 4th as we celebrate with a tradition as old as the country itself. We are looking forward to another exciting season here at the Eric Sloane Museum!

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