



May is Preservation Month

May is preservation month, a time when we can honor the work that preserves our rich historic archaeological and architectural legacy. To celebrate preservation, check out some upcoming events from local and national organizations:

[Virtual programs from the National Trust](#)

[CT's Old State House](#)

[New Haven Preservation Trust](#)

[Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans](#)

[May 21-22, 2021— Vernacular Architecture Forum](#)

1966 is calling...Who will answer the call?

We're calling on local historical societies and municipal historians to help us verify and correct information collected during a 1966 Historic Resource Inventory survey, as part of our effort to create a statewide database and map of historic resources. Properties included in the survey, organized by town, can be viewed online [here](#). SHPO is seeking current location information and confirmation that these properties still stand. If you would like to volunteer assistance with this effort, please contact [Jenny Scofield](#).

State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program

State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits were recently awarded for the completion of four properties - one in New Britain and three in Hartford. The Porter Block building on Main Street in New Britain was developed into mixed-use. 246 and 250 Lawrence Street in Hartford placed two, 6-unit buildings back in service earlier this year. Finally, the Batterson Building, located at 28 High Street in Hartford created affordable housing units in the historic downtown commercial building. Congratulations to the owners of these successful tax credit projects!



The Porter Block Building

By the numbers:

Total project cost:
\$7,306,525

State Tax Credit:
\$2,191,957



246 and 250 Lawrence Street

(pictured 246 Lawrence Street)

By the numbers:

Total project cost:
\$1,015,714

State Tax Credit:
\$237,500



Batterson Building

By the numbers:

Total project cost:
\$4,198,530

State Tax Credit:
\$1,200,000

News From the State Museums



Prudence Crandall Museum

The Prudence Crandall Museum is proud to announce that the site has been approved for a bench through the Toni Morrison Society's "Bench by the Road" project! Nobel Laureate for Literature Toni Morrison lamented the absence of memorial markers at locations of significance in the history of African Americans. She noted in most places there is *no statue not even a bench by the road to sit and reflect*. The Toni Morrison Society seeks to remedy this absence through their [Bench by the Road Project](#). Museum staff is pleased that the Town of Canterbury, Sustainable CT, and State Attorney Anne Mahoney are collaborating to fund the cost of shipping and a dedication ceremony through a crowdsourcing fundraiser. For information on donating, visit [the organization's website](#).

Henry Whitfield State Museum

We're reopening in June! Museum staff is eager to welcome visitors back inside the Whitfield House and Visitor Center for a safe and engaging experience. The museum will be open Thursday-Sunday, 10:00-4:00, through October. Visitors can take self-guided tours of the 1639 Whitfield

House with three floors of exhibits, furnishings, and artifacts. The Visitor Center features a gift shop, research library (by appointment), and exhibit galleries. Outdoor activities include an "I Spy" Bingo game, outdoor scavenger hunt, and rebus puzzles in the Visitor Center windows. For everyone's safety, masks will be required, and reduced capacities will be maintained to allow for proper physical distancing. No registration is required. If a building's capacity is reached, visitors can explore the grounds or another building until space is available. Visit us online for all the details and to contact us with any questions: [Website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).
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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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