

Quarterly news & updates

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New to the National Register of Historic Places



The **Burnham Tavern in Lisbon** is a two-and-one-half story Georgian building in a rural setting. The interior boasts a second-floor meeting room with an intact barrel-vaulted ceiling. The building is cited by 18th century sources as a stopover for American Continental forces traveling between Boston and Newport. By the early 19th century, the building became a stop along the north-south stagecoach route. By the mid-19th century, the property ceased its operation as a tavern along the stagecoach route and became known as the Deacon Reuben Bishop Farm. It operated as a farm until the 1960s. The property is currently owned by the town of Lisbon.



CT State Historic Preservation Review Board

Have you ever wondered how a property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places? One important step in the process is the National Register nomination's review by the CT State Historic Preservation Review Board (SRB). The SRB is a ten (10) member, volunteer board that evaluates National Register nominations prior to submission to the National Park Service.

SRB members must consist of a majority of qualified professionals in the areas of history, architecture, prehistoric and historic archaeology, and architectural history, to name a few. During the meetings several nominations could be on the agenda, sometimes totaling hundreds of pages of reading. Their comments and feedback help staff finalize the nominations for submission to the National Park Service.

So, who are the current members of the SRB? [READ MORE](#)

Henry Whitfield State Museum

MAKE MUSIC DAY

Tue., June 21 — 6-8 pm

Free Outdoor Concert — Food Vendors

Henry Whitfield State Museum
248 Old Whitfield Street, Guilford, CT
203-453-2457

Rain date: June 22 [c7humanities](#)



A band beyond category playing spiritual, world-beat, soulful jazz

Celebrate the summer solstice and Make Music Day with a free outdoor music performance on the front lawn of the Whitfield House featuring the Afro-Semitic Experience – an American roots jazz band with a difference. This six-piece group of Jewish-American and African American musicians merges their musical roots, Jewish and Afro-diasporic melodies and grooves, combining the core concepts of àse and shalom – power, action, unity, and peace. Their music embodies the radical notion that people of different faiths, races, and beliefs can come together through music to celebrate and build community. Bring your chairs, blankets, and appetites – food and refreshments will be available for purchase from Crab Shack King and Sully’s Good Humor Truck.

The event will be **June 21st from 6:00-8:00**. There will be no charge for attending the performance, parking, or entering the Visitor Center (galleries, gift shop, restrooms), but the Whitfield House will be closed. Rain date: Wednesday, June 22 – check the museum’s Facebook and Instagram for notices. For more information, call 203-453-2457 or e-mail whitfieldmuseum@ct.gov. Support provided by CT Humanities through a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support grant.

Historic New England Announces a New Program

The [Edward F. Gerber Urban Preservation Fund](#) supports the preservation of private historic homes in Connecticut. This new, endowed fund allows Historic New England to continue its work to build a network of historic preservation and community stakeholders by providing critical support to **historic residential property owners** in 10 Connecticut urban centers. Eligible properties must be in **Bridgeport, Hartford, Manchester, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, Stamford, Waterbury, or West Haven**. By investing in these areas, Historic New England will leverage the power of a strong network of local, state, and regional organizations to support visible preservation projects in these communities.

Historic New England is deeply committed to preserving the rich architectural and cultural history that is reflected in homes across New England. The **Edward F. Gerber Urban Preservation Fund** supports the vital work of maintaining private historic homes in Connecticut’s urban areas for the benefit of homeowners and their communities. The annual award grants up to \$10,000 to the owner-occupant of a residential property with no more than four units. “Ed Gerber’s thoughtful and generous gift to establish this fund aligns perfectly with goals in [Historic New England’s new strategic plan](#). It is an excellent move forward in broadening how we support historic preservation and community livability throughout the region,” said **Historic New England President and CEO Vin Cipolla**.

Grant Schedule

Application available: June 1, 2022

Deadline for submission: July 8, 2022

[Read the grant guidelines and apply today.](#)

Prudence Crandall Museum



Reopening to the public after an extensive 2-year restoration, the Prudence Crandall Museum, site of the Canterbury Female Boarding School, will be open to visitors during the 2022 season via timed conversational tours with a guide. The first floor of the museum will be open; *please be aware that the rooms are currently empty and do not contain exhibits.* Masks are welcome and optional.

Open days are Fridays through Mondays, June 12 through October 31. Tour size is limited to 15 people per tour. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged, as tours fill up quickly.

Tours are offered at: 9 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3 pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-museum-tours-tickets-332761216757>

*School and group tours are scheduled on Tuesdays throughout the year. To schedule a school or group tour, contact crandall.museum@ct.gov or call 860-546-7800 ext. 101.

Contact email: crandall.museum@ct.gov. Phone: 860-546-7800. For the most up-to-date information, visit the Prudence Crandall Museum Facebook page.

Revolutionary War 250th Anniversary



SHPO staff was recently invited to and attended a regional meeting to begin coordinating with neighboring states regarding the 250th anniversary of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga. Connecticut natives Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, along with a small force of the Green Mountain Boys, captured Fort Ticonderoga in 1775. Although the engagement was minor, it was consequential to the Revolutionary War. Our office looks forward to local collaboration as organizations begin planning for the Semiquincentennial.



If your organization is planning an event and/or would like to help facilitate this effort, please contact CT250@ct.gov to have your name added to a Connecticut 250th email list.

To learn more about event planning nation-wide visit, <https://www.america250.org/>

Recent Grant Awards

Congratulations to these recent grant recipients



Christ and the Epiphany Church, East Haven

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect to prepare a condition assessment for the Leverett Bradley House (1791), 47 Park Place, East Haven

Monroe Historical Society, Monroe

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect/engineer team to prepare a condition Assessment for The

Eliot Beardsley House (c. 1780), 31 Great Ring Rd., Monroe

Town of Simsbury

Survey and Planning Grant for architectural plans for restoration of several tobacco barns on Firetown and Hoskins Roads, Simsbury

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Inc., Old Lyme

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect prepare plans and specifications for the John Sill House (c. 1817), 84 Lyme Street, Old Lyme

Brookfield Craft Center, Inc., Brookfield

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect prepare a condition assessment for the "Miller's House" (1790), 290 Whisconier Road, Brookfield

Town of Vernon

Federal Certified Local Government Grant for plans and specifications for restoration of entry stairs, Rockville Public Library, 52 Union St., Rockville

Town of Simsbury

Federal Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant for architectural plans for the restoration of several tobacco barns on Firetown Road, Simsbury

Town of Hamden

Federal Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant for

consulting services of a CFR-qualified architectural historian to prepare a National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for Hamden's earliest extant houses

Town of Madison

Federal Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant Consulting services of a CFR-qualified architectural historian to prepare a Study Report for the proposed Old Elm Street Historic District

Battle of Ridgefield Planning Charrette



SHPO partnered with the Ridgefield Historical Society (RHS) to implement activities associated with an American Battlefield Protection Program grant to better understand and preserve places associated with the Battle of Ridgefield. A small, but important part of this grant was to conduct two charrettes. A charrette is a planning tool used to engage the community in conversations about the future. This past weekend, RHS hosted an in-person workshop to elicit ideas from the community about how to best use, preserve, and interpret the battlefield site. It was an engaging discussion filled with great ideas.

Eric Sloane Museum

YOU'RE INVITED!
JULY 2ND 2022!

Eric Sloane
MUSEUM

CELEBRATING 50+ YEARS
FREE ADMISSION
LIVE MUSIC, DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD AND FUN!

It's a party, and you are all invited! Join us on July 2nd as we celebrate over 50 years of the Eric Sloane Museum. The day's activities will include historic craft demonstrations, live music, guest speakers, food vendors, and much more! Help us celebrate the museum and make this one of our biggest events to date! [RSVP Today to claim your FREE TICKETS](#) We hope to see you there!

Additionally we are thrilled to announce our 2022 Hands On Class Schedule. Classes include Linocut Block Printing, Wet Plate Photography, Log Hewing and Much More. Register today as classes are filling up quickly! [Registration and Additional Information](#)

And Finally, a Return to Work Update

Starting the week of July 1, 2022, all SHPO staff will be in the office on Wednesdays. If you would like to come to the office for research or a meeting, please call ahead to schedule an

appointment. A staff directory can be found online [here](#).

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