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Welcome Aboard

The SHPO is growing! Cory Atkinson recently joined SHPO as a Staff Archaeologist and Environmental Reviewer. Prior to joining SHPO, Cory spent the last twelve years working at several cultural resource management firms, conducting archaeological investigations of a wide variety of sites throughout the northeast. Cory received his undergraduate degree from Franklin Pierce University in Anthropology with a focus on Archaeology and a M.A. in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology from Binghamton University. Cory currently lives in Mansfield with his wife and is a lifelong Connecticut resident who loves the outdoors and learning about the rich history of the region. He is very excited to join the SHPO team.

Recently Completed Tax Credit Projects



Arthur Building, New London

The Arthur Building in New London was rehabilitated for mixed-use with a ground floor commercial space and 16 apartments on the upper two floors. The rehab included preservation of the historic wood flooring, tin ceiling on the ground floor, and stairwells. The project incurred over \$1.2 million in eligible expenditures



Abbott Towers, Waterbury

The Abbott Towers Apartments, historically known as the George S. Abbott Building, was built in 1899. The building was rehabilitated in the 1980s into housing. The most recent rehabilitation updated interior fixtures and finishes in all 54 units, mechanical systems, replaced windows, and repointed masonry. The rehab



Leroy Shirt Co, Norwalk

The Leroy Shirt Company Factory industrial building was recently rehabilitated for mixed-use including 16 apartments and three office/commercial tenants. The rehabilitation includes new windows and mechanical systems and features the original stair, exposed beams, columns, and brick walls. The rehab incurred over \$3 million in eligible expenditures, which earned an

and earned an historic tax credit voucher worth \$388,088.

incurred over \$2.5 million in eligible expenditures and earned a \$726,645 historic tax credit.

historic tax credit worth \$843,781.

IMPORTANT!

Policy Change for Certain Survey & Planning Grants

Do you have a recently SHPO-funded Condition Assessment and want to apply for an Historic Restoration Fund Grant?

If you need additional architectural plans and specifications to support an Historic Restoration Fund grant you may be eligible for a non-matching grant if:

- You are a non-profit organization or a municipality
- You have completed a SHPO-Funded and approved Condition Assessment
- You are working with an architect that was selected through a competitive bid process

In addition to waiving the match on qualifying applications, the cap has been raised not to exceed \$50,000.

Please contact Mary Dunne mary.dunne@ct.gov to discuss your HRF project and how a non-matching Survey and Planning grant can help you meet your goals.

Prudence Crandall Museum



“A Tale of Two Digs: Recent Archaeology at the Prudence Crandall Museum”

Sunday, October 16, 2022
2 pm, Free (rain or shine)

While the museum was undergoing restoration, two archaeology teams led digs at different locations on the site grounds. Join Sarah Sportman, Connecticut’s State Archaeologist, and Elizabeth Correia, of Heritage Consultants, LLC, to discover the artifacts they unearthed, and what these items can tell us about 18th & 19th-century life in Canterbury, CT. For more information, email crandall.museum@ct.gov or visit our website at <https://portal.ct.gov/ECD-PrudenceCrandallMuseum>.

A Big Welcome to Connecticut's Newest CLGs!

In recent months, two municipalities have joined the Federal Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Connecticut currently has 54 CLGs, including our most recent, the City of Torrington, and the Town of Wilton.

The CLG program is a partnership between the State Historic Preservation Office, the National Park Service, and a local municipality. It sets up a relationship of technical assistance and funding to help the CLG promote historic preservation in its local planning and helps local historic district commissions with their education and outreach.

For more information on the CLG program and how to become a CLG, contact Mary Dunne mary.dunne@ct.gov

Henry Whitfield State Museum



The National Park Service has awarded \$500,000 to the museum in the inaugural round of funding for the Semiquincentennial Grant Program commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. This grant award will support the rehabilitation of the Henry Whitfield House, a National Historic Landmark. Work will include repointing the exterior and interior masonry walls, restoring windows and doors, venting chimneys, repairing the gutter and drainage system, and replacing electrical wiring. Additionally, research will be done to better understand and document the relationship between the Guilford settlement and its indigenous neighbors as well as the site's

history related to other underrepresented groups. This research will inform interpretation at the site, and the site's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places will be updated with a more inclusive narrative.

Recent Grant Awards

Ancient Burying Ground Association

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified historic landscape architect to prepare a historic preservation landscape plan for the Ancient Burying Ground (1640-1900), 60 Gold Street, Hartford, and to engage a qualified outdoor sculpture conservator to prepare conservation assessments, treatment recommendations and cost estimates for 25 table stone-style grave markers.

Shiloh Baptist Church

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified architect and/or engineer, or full-service consulting firm to a condition assessment for the Shiloh Baptist Church (1911-1914) 350 Albany Avenue, Hartford.

Calvary Temple Christian Center

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified architect and/or engineer, or full-service consulting firm to prepare a condition assessment for the Calvary Temple Christian Center (1870) 319 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport.

Aldrich Free Public Library

Survey and Planning Grant for Architectural Plans and Specifications for phase one of planned restoration of Aldrich Free Public Library (1896) 299 Main Street, Moosup

Trust for Public Land

Partners In Preservation Grant for community charrettes for the purpose of designing a public park to educate visitors about the history of Meadowood 407-415 Firetown Road, Simsbury.

Ridgefield Historical Society

Survey and Planning grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Architectural Historian/Historian team to prepare an Historic Resources Inventory for the Town of Ridgefield

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Supplemental CLG Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Architectural Historian/Historian team to prepare an Historic Resources Inventory for the Town of Ridgefield

Town of Tolland

Federal CLG Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified historical architect to prepare architectural plans and specifications for restoration projects for the Old Tolland County Jail and Museum (1856), 52 Tolland Green, Tolland

Town of East Lyme

Federal CLG Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified historical architect/structural engineering team to prepare a condition assessment report for the Samuel Smith House (1686), 82 Plants Dam Rd., East Lyme.

Full Gospel Interdenominational Church

Survey and Planning grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Architect to develop bid level plans and specifications for the Full Gospel Interdenominational Church (1924) 745 Main Street, Manchester

Stonington Village Improvement Association

Survey and Planning Grant for Preservation Plan for James Merrill House, (1901) 107 Water Street, Stonington

Torrington Historic Preservation Trust

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect to prepare plans and specifications for the restoration of Skee's Diner (1930), 69 Travis Street, Torrington

City of New London

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Historian/Architectural Historian team to prepare an Historic Resources Inventory of Ocean Avenue area, New London

CONGRATULATIONS to all our recent grantees!

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine



"Light into the Dungeon": A Jack O' Lantern Experience
October 1st – October 31st
Experience the Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine like never before! In the late 18th century, people incarcerated at New-Gate Prison were housed in the abandoned copper mine in total darkness. This October, celebrate the Fall season with us as we bring "Light into the Dungeon", illuminated by 300 Jack O' Lanterns. Explore the

100-yard loop of the underground copper mine lit by a display of professionally carved pumpkins.

Advanced Tickets Required – Tickets can be purchased here on [Eventbrite](#).

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!



SATURDAY IN THE PARK

a celebration of the Olmsted landscape heritage in Connecticut

Lewis Fulton Memorial Park, Waterbury

October 1, 2022 12:00-4:00pm

Rain date: October 15th

Preservation Connecticut, the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, and the City of Waterbury invite you to a celebration of the Olmsted landscape heritage in Connecticut. Join us for:

- A preview of the Olmsted documentation project
- Tours of Fulton Park
- Exhibits
- Activities for kids
- Food trucks
- And more!

Find out more:

www.preservationct.org/saturday-in-the-park



AND...

Annual Archaeology Fair

October 8, 2022, 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m

The Annual Archaeology Fair is a family friendly event with speakers, games, and opportunities for all ages to learn about archaeology in the State of Connecticut. This year's event will be held at Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine in East Granby, Connecticut. Details will published on the Archaeology Society of Connecticut website (<https://www.ctarchaeology.org/>) during mid-September.



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