



Quarterly news & updates

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Connecticut Historic Preservation Statewide Plan

Join Us on March 31st!



The Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be hosting a one-hour webinar to announce the first steps in the development of Connecticut's next statewide historic preservation plan, which will cover the period from 2024-2029. **The webinar will be hosted on Microsoft Teams from 1PM-2PM on Friday March 31, 2023.**

Please come join the staff of the Connecticut SHPO and several of our preservation partners as we discuss the following topics:

- Brief overview of the current plan, *Shared Stewardship: 2018-2023*
- Evaluation of the 2018-2023 Goals and Objectives
- Preliminary timetable for the development of the new plan
- Partner and Public Outreach Plan
- Next Steps
- Questions/Answers

As required by the National Historic Preservation Act, "...each SHPO periodically develops, updates, and revises their statewide historic preservation plan. These statewide plans are meant to encourage broad public and professional participation in planning for historic and cultural resources, meet challenges unique to each state, influence historic preservation policy in state and local governments, and inspire local communities, organizations, and individuals to action."

For a link to join the meeting, please email Julie.Carmelich@ct.gov. We look forward to seeing you there!

Advocacy Week

Federal Historic Preservation Advocacy



Week returned to Washington D.C. in person this year from March 6th-March 8th! State Historic Preservation Officer Jonathan Kinney and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Cathy Labadia traveled to the event, which was co-hosted by the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) and Preservation Action.

On Monday, Jonathan and Cathy attended the NCSHPO annual meeting, where representatives from 44 SHPO's (including those from Guam and Puerto Rico) met to share information, discuss the current federal historic preservation landscape, and to hear updates from many of our federal partners, including the National Park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Alliance of Preservation Commission. Tuesday's programming included a number of wonderful speakers at the historic Saint Mark's church on Capitol Hill, including the two co-chairs of the House Historic Preservation Caucus, Representatives Earl Blumenauer of Oregon and Representative Michael Turner of Ohio, followed by a variety of tour offerings. On Wednesday, Jonathan and Cathy, joined by Executive Director Jane Montanaro of Preservation Connecticut and Ernest Andreoli III, a UCONN law student and intern at the ACHP, visited the offices of all seven members of Connecticut's congressional delegation and spoke with their staff on a number of preservation related topic. The two primary legislative topics discussed were the importance of a permanent reauthorization of the federal Historic Preservation Fund, which is expiring this Fall, and the importance of passing the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act (HTC-GO). The event was capped off by a reception with short presentations by four members of Congress and an amazing behind-the-scenes tour of the U.S. Capitol Building!

Photo from left: Jonathan Kinney, Representative John Larson, Cathy Labadia, Jane Montanaro, and Ernest Andreoli

Touch a Trade Event for Kids



In alignment with our goal of promoting trades education, the Eric Sloane Museum once again partnered with Touch a Trade for an after-school program at the New Milford Library. The students learned the basics of carpentry including using hammers, saws, measuring tapes as well as various power tools. Students hung drywall, cut and attached trim and learned construction safety basics. The museum looks forward to offering more of these opportunities with Touch a Trade in the future.

Recent Grant Awards

Wood Memorial Library

Survey and Planning Grant for Consulting services of a CFR-qualified Architect and team to develop bid level plans and specifications to support restoration projects

for the Wood Memorial Library (1927) 783 Main Street, South Windsor

Hebron Historical Society

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Architect and team to prepare a condition assessment report for Old Town Hall (1838) 26 Main Street, Hebron and Burrows Hill School (c. 1750) School Road, Hebron

New London Cemetery Association

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architectural historian to prepare a National Register nomination for Cedar Grove Cemetery (1851) 638 Broad Street, New London

New Haven Preservation Trust

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architectural historian to prepare a National Register nomination for Long Wharf Pier (1810) Long Wharf Drive, New Haven

First Congregational Church of Madison

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect to prepare construction level documents to support an Historic Restoration Fund grant for the First Congregational Church of Madison (1838) 26 Meetinghouse Lane, Madison

Mather Homestead Foundation

Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified architect to prepare construction level documents to support an Historic Restoration Fund grant for the Mather Homestead (1778) 19 Stephen Mather Road, Darien

Middlesex County Historical Society

Survey and Planning Grant for Consulting services of a CFR-qualified landscape architect to prepare a cultural landscape report and landscape master plan for the General Mansfield House (1810) 151 Main Street, Middletown

Bushnell Park Conservancy, Inc.

Survey and Planning Grant for Phase 2 condition assessment for the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch and Ford Street Bridge (1885) 99 Trinity Street, Hartford

Wilton Historical Society

Survey and Planning Grant for geophysical Survey for Human Burials at Spruce Bank Cemetery site (1749) 331 Danbury Road, Wilton

Town of Guilford

Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant for consulting services of a CFR-qualified Preservation Planning team to coordinate public engagement and prepare a Municipal Historic Preservation Plan for the Town of Guilford

New Grant Initiative for Archaeology

SHPO is pleased to announce the launch of a new non-matching Survey and Planning Grant for geophysical surveys. The purpose of this survey is to use remote sensing techniques to identify unmarked or unidentified burials that are more than 100 years old. The specific techniques used may include Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), Electromagnetic Conductivity, and/or Magnetometry equipment. Geophysical surveys are an excellent tool to help define, manage, and protect burial grounds. This grant can fund the survey of an area up to one acre in size and can include both marked and unmarked burial grounds. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000. The final deliverable will be a small report

including the images and interpretation, but it does not cover verification of identified anomalies. Additional information on the Survey and Planning Grant program can be found here: https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Historic-Preservation/02_Review_Funding_Opportunities/Grant-Opportunities/Survey-and-Planning-Grants

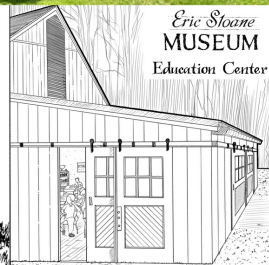
News From the Eric Sloane Museum

Opening Weekend May 6th-7th



2023 is shaping up to be another exciting year at the Eric Sloane Museum! The museum will reopen to the public on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. After May 6th, the museum's hours of operation will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The staff has worked hard creating new exhibits and displays over the off-season, and we look forward to the new visitor experiences, including special events and hands-on workshops!

Historic Trades Day June 10th



Mark your calendars for June 10th, 2023, for Historic Trades Day as part of CT Open House Day. Join us to learn about historic trades and crafts featuring demonstrations throughout the day. The Connecticut Antique Tools and Trades

Society will be holding an antique tool sale at the Eric Sloane Museum. Admission is free! We hope to see you there!

Have you heard? We are partnering with the Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum to add a much-needed education center to the museum. The expansion will create a space to serve as a classroom and visiting artisan workshop. The new education center will allow the museum to host larger student groups and continue to offer additional hands-on workshops and classes for all ages! Learn more about this exciting project by visiting the [Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum's website.](#)

Stay up to date with everything happening at the museum by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Registration Open



Registration for the 2023 National Docomomo symposium is now open!

The symposium will take place June 21-24 in New Haven. And remember, the SHPO is subsidizing registration for a limited number of Connecticut residents. Discounts are applied at the registration.

[Register Here](#)

Research Fellowship Opportunity

The Friends of Fairsted are pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for the Charles E. Beveridge Research Fellowship.

Named in honor of the eminent Olmsted scholar and Series Editor of the Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, the Beveridge Fellowship seeks to connect students and professionals engaged in art or architectural history, landscape architecture, architecture, urban planning, historic preservation, engineering, American studies, or related disciplines with the archival collections of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Applications are due April 30, 2023, with notification to applicants on June 1, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine



Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine is excited to announce that we will re-open for the season on May 12th. Museum hours will include Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 10:00 – 4:30. Thursdays will be reserved for group visits. If you are interested in booking a field trip, please submit a request [here](#). We look forward to a fun-filled season and hope you can visit us.

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