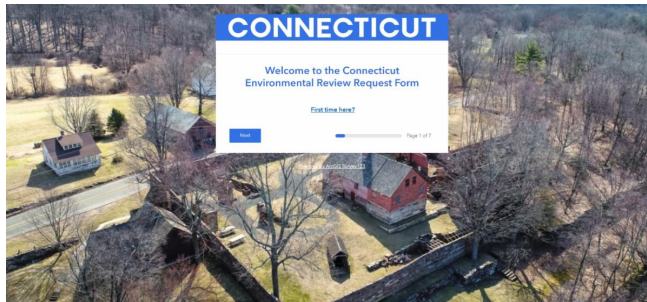




Quarterly News and Updates

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Exciting News from our Regulatory Review Division



SHPO will be implementing a new online submission system for all environmental review requests next month. For more than 50 years, thousands of review requests each year have been mailed or hand delivered to our office. During covid, we had to quickly adapt and respond to a work environment that became increasingly reliant on digital communications. An ad hoc internal system developed, but it lacked the formal storage and tracking we needed. The launch of ConnCRIS,

however, provided a mechanism to support a fully digital review process. After several months of development, we are confident that this digital submission system will improve SHPO workflow, particularly response and retrieval capabilities. A link to the portal will be posted to the [Environmental Review Procedures](#) webpage on July 15, 2024. After that time, we will no longer accept hard copy requests. We look forward to your cooperation in helping us with this transition. If you need additional information or help, please email ctshpoer@ct.gov.

Preservation CT Awards



Last month, Preservation CT presented their 2024 preservation awards of merit. The awards recognize outstanding achievements in historic preservation. The Harlan Griswold award recognizes a person or organization's contributions to the preservation and revitalization of CT's historic places. The SHPO and Preservation CT co-present the award. This year's recipient was the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. Stretching 54 miles from New Haven to Massachusetts, the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail is the state's largest historic site.

Other awardees include the City of New London for their restoration of City Hall, CT State Capitol skylight restoration, and the Sturges House in Fairfield, among others.

Congratulations to all award winners.

Photo courtesy of Ian Christmann

Recent Grant Awards

The **Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ** in **New Haven** received a Survey and Planning Grant for consulting services of a qualified architect to prepare plans and specifications for interior mechanical work at the church.

The **Town of Wethersfield** was awarded a grant for historic preservation education and outreach through support of the publication of ***Preservation In Action***

Preservation Connecticut was awarded a one-year grant to support their Circuit Rider Program through state fiscal year 2025.

News from the Prudence Crandall Museum



The Prudence Crandall Museum received a grant from The Last Green Valley for research and interpretive programming for the upcoming America250 celebrations. The goal of the grant is to explore ways to present the theme of violence against the expansion of equality in education throughout American history. The research will be used in the museum's programming and interpretation and can include historical scholarship and artistic representations.

UPCOMING EVENT



Prudence Crandall Museum, Canterbury CT

MINDFULNESS IN THE MUSEUM

A Practice Series inspired by the History of the Canterbury Female Boarding School

IN HONOR OF JUNETEENTH AND BEYOND

Prudence Crandall and Sarah Harris played a role in striving for equality in education. In 1833, the Canterbury Female Boarding School set an important precedent for inclusive education in the United States by educating young Black and Brown women. The events that took place here played a role in shaping the nation.

Throughout this series, each class will feature mindfulness meditation practices guided by Robin Thompson and stories from museum curator Joanie DiMartino, creating a captivating and dynamic experience.

Date: June 23 - August 11, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. * The first and last class starts at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Prudence Crandall Museum, Canterbury, CT

Cost: \$80 (sliding scale available)



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National Trust Law Conference

Register today for the National Preservation Law Conference in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, September 12! The conference will provide in-depth sessions to enhance your knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for and champion



key preservation issues. An online option is also available! Join the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and a roster of experts to learn about cutting edge issues in historic preservation law. Our distinguished faculty will explore different perspectives and new directions for the future of historic preservation law. With breaks, a networking lunch, and a post-event reception, this is also your chance to make connections to support your work throughout the year. The conference will be held at the D.C. Bar Association and Continuing Legal Education credits will be available. Learn more and register today at <https://savingplaces.org/law-conference>.

News from Henry Whitfield State Museum



Archaeology Dig | Wednesday-Friday through July 19
Watch Dr. Bill Farley and his students from Southern Connecticut State University's Archaeology Field School as they dig on the museum grounds. No admission required.

Nature Stewards Field Day | August 18, 12-4
Discover ways we can be better nature stewards from people doing the work. Free admission.

WelcomeFest | September 15, 12-4
Learn about cultures different from our own, celebrate our similarities and differences, and foster mutual understanding and deeper belonging for all with the UNITY interactive public art project, multicultural performances, and craft activities. Free admission.

For more information and the latest news, visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Photo: from SCSU's Archaeology Field School at the Whitfield House

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine



The museum is open Fridays through Mondays 10:00 – 4:30pm. Below are our upcoming special events!

Gem & Mineral Show with Mining Reenactment
Sunday July 21, 2024 | 10:00 - 4:00

Join us for our annual gem and mineral show, because History Rocks at Old New-Gate! Above ground rock dealers from across New England will have gems and minerals for sale. Below ground, our friends from Minute Man National Park and Eric Sloane Museum will conduct living history presentations in the Copper Mine. Learn more about the early mining that took place at New-Gate and the eventual living conditions that the mine provided for

the incarcerated men.

5th Connecticut Regiment Reenactment
Sunday August 18, 2024 | 10:00 - 4:00

Travel back to the American Revolution with the 5th CT Regiment. Living history interpreters bring the site to life with soldiers and prisoners, and so much more. Visitors can experience a bustling prison yard, and maybe even witness a prison escape!

This Weekend

Lebanon Towne Militia Reenactment

Sunday June 16, 2024 | 10:00 - 4:00

History comes to life with this immersive historical reenactment. The Lebanon Towne Militia joins us in the Prison Yard to present living history demonstrations on crime law & punishment, 18th century music, embroidery, accoutrements of Revolutionary War soldiers, and more. Children will have the opportunity to train in the 1764 manual of arms, and all visitors will be able to watch men at arms drilling and cannon firing.

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