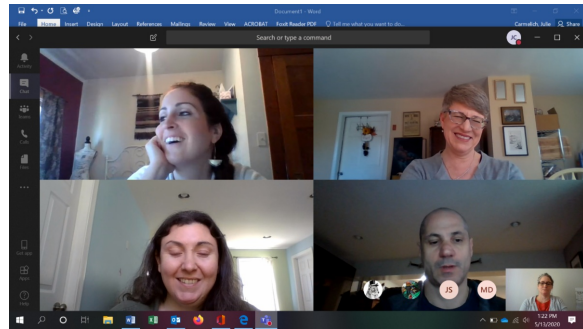


On-going SHPO Operations

As SHPO staff continues to work remotely, we want to remind everyone of the following changes to our programs and services.

- Historic rehabilitation tax credit applications, grant applications, and environmental review requests must be submitted electronically through email, Dropbox or other file sharing service. **Please do not send mail or hand deliver anything to the office until further notice.**
- The SHPO is **closed to researchers**. We understand the inconvenience this will cause; however, SHPO staff will have access to digital files and can provide information to researchers as available.
- All site visits and in-person meetings are on hold until further notice.
- **NEW! To assist researchers, we added a list of on-line databases and resources to our website [here](#).**
- **NEW! Keep reading below for an announcement on our SHPO grants.**



Any questions concerning the SHPO's programs and procedures should be directed to the relevant staff person. A list of SHPO contacts can be found [here](#).

Thanks to all our constituents for your patience and cooperation during this time. Be safe and healthy!

Welcome Aboard!

The SHPO and Museum Division would like to extend a warm, yet socially distant, welcome to our newest member, Andrew Rowand. Andrew was hired last month as Museum Assistant to the Eric Sloane Museum in Kent.

Andrew is originally from West Virginia, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education from



Shepherd University. He has worked in the public history field for many years at sites like Harper's Ferry National Park, South Mountain State Battlefield for the Maryland Park Service, and most recently Henricus Historical Park, where he managed their recreation of a 17th century Virginia colonial farm. In his spare time, Andrew is an avid agriculturalist, supporter of historic trades, and may be found climbing the lines, working aboard tall ships. Andrew is very excited to be joining the team and honored to be one of the stewards of Connecticut's valuable cultural resources.

Important Announcement: SHPO Grants

Funding match temporarily suspended for Survey and Planning and Partners In Preservation Grants

In response to economic difficulties faced by many of our non-profit and municipal partners as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Historic Preservation Council has agreed to waive the match required for the Survey and Planning and Partners in Preservation grants. This decision applies to all applications received from the May 6, 2020 through the December 2, 2020 HPC meeting.

Temporary relief for stewards of designated historic resources

SHPO is launching a new **Stewardship Relief Grant** this month. The purpose of this funding is to encourage and support the continued safeguarding of historic resources at a time when many organizations are experiencing economic distress because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Eligible reimbursable expenses are those related to the basic utility costs associated with operating or maintaining a property listed on the state or National Register of Historic Places.
- Eligible applicants: 501 c 3 non-profit organizations
- Grant amounts are between \$500 and \$1,000.
- The application and guidelines will be available on our website by May 18, 2020.
- The program is retroactive to March 1, 2020.
- The Historic Preservation Council will award grants at its regular monthly meeting.
- SHPO accepts applications on a rolling basis for as long as funding is available.
- Funds are provided by the Community Investment Act.
- Please contact Mary Dunne at mary.dunne@ct.gov for more information.

New to the State and National Register of Historic Places



Congratulations are in order to the Town of East Haven for the recent listing of the former **East Haven High School** to the National Register of Historic Places. East Haven High School is locally significant for its contribution to the national Public High School Movement during the early 20th century. The movement focused on providing practical skills and job preparedness.

The high school is currently undergoing a substantial rehabilitation into housing using state and federal historic tax credits.

Listed this month on the State Register of Historic Places is the former **United Presbyterian Church** in Enfield.

United Presbyterian Church was listed as an example of a church built to serve the immigrant population arriving from Scotland to work in the mills of the Thompsonville Carpet Manufacturing Company. The church was also listed for its architecture as an example of the work of the architectural firm of Chickering & O'Connell, who were well known throughout New England for their ecclesiastical designs.



News from the Museums



Our state museums are closed for now, but you can still catch up on all the latest news on our website and the museums' social media pages.

Henry Whitfield State Museum

While the museum is temporarily closed, you can still:

- 1) **[Take a virtual tour](#)** through

Connecticut's oldest house!
Explore all 3 floors, including angles and corners not accessible in person. Zoom in to see things close up. Hover on a tag for more information. And if you have Virtual Reality goggles, you can tour the house in VR.



2) [Follow the museum on Facebook](#) for fun and educational content, including the weekly posts GUILFORD GOES GLOBAL (virtual travelogue) and WHITFIELD WEDNESDAYS (collection spotlight with activity suggestions for young and old).

3) Search for museum treasures in [Connecticut Collections](#) – more items from the Henry Whitfield State Museum are being added weekly.

4) Visit the museum grounds – see the historic buildings in person, enjoy over 8 acres of lawns featuring stone walls and a short spur of the [New England Trail](#), have a picnic, play catch, draw, paint, take photographs, or dance. Of course, please practice safe physical distancing and avoid others visiting the museum grounds.

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine

Sheldon's Diary

What happens when there are no visitors and a single bat is left to explore the museum on his own? Join us on this exciting adventure as we go behind the scenes with Sheldon the bat and experience our beloved museum through his dynamic diary entries. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) to keep up with Sheldon. **Preview:** Dear Diary, Day 6... Still No Visitors. Everyone is staying home and I am stuck at Old New-Gate. Oh the misery... the loneliness...



Old News from New-Gate

In the latest Old News from New-Gate segment we reported on the beginning of New-Gate's tumultuous prison years. 17 years of fires, escapes, closures, and re-openings; history doesn't get more dramatic than this. [Old News from New-Gate: Fire, Escape, Repeat](#). Previously we uncovered what life was like for the imprisoned men living in the abandoned copper mine. [Old News from New-Gate: Prisoners Housed in Mine](#)

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