

# CONNECTICUT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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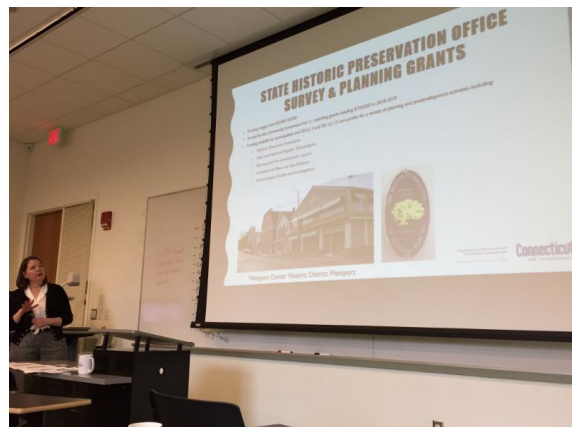
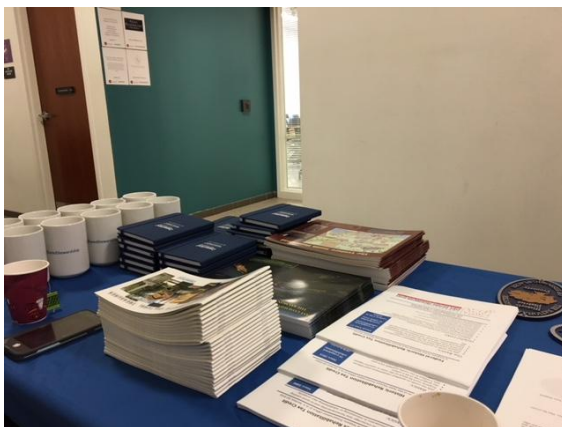
## SHPO Conference Recap

The SHPO hosted our 2nd annual statewide historic preservation conference last month. A special thank you to all our presenters, panelists and exhibitors - we could not have done it without you!

To everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you!



## SHPO Staff Out & About



SHPO staff is always spreading the word about our programs and funding opportunities. In the past month, SHPO staff ran two exhibit tables, one at a downtown Waterbury symposium and the other at the CT League of History Organizations' annual conference. Feel free to stop by and say hello whenever you see our big blue tablecloth!

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Speaking of the CLHO conference, SHPO staff member Mary Dunne participated in a panel about funding opportunities for the care of historic properties and the history organizations looking to identify and promote them.

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## Milestones

As many of you may know, John Herzan recently retired from the New Haven Preservation Trust. John was a long-time employee of the CT SHPO before moving on to NHPT as their Preservation Services Officer. Congratulations on your retirement, John, and thank you for all you've done to promote historic preservation in the state!

The SHPO is also excited to welcome John's successor, Elizabeth Holt. Elizabeth was one of two recipients of the CT SHPO's inaugural Fellowship Program; she will use the fellowship funds to attend the Grant Training Center in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth holds a M.S. in Historic Preservation from the Pratt Institute and a B.S. from Middle Tennessee State University. We look forward to collaborating with Elizabeth on projects, programming, and more!

Speaking of programming, we were excited to learn that the NHPT established a lecture fund in honor of John. To learn more about the Herzan Lecture Fund and to donate [click here](#).

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## Hip Hip Hooray!

SHPO was recently honored at several events for staffs' work to recognize important historic places.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, SHPO was honored to jointly accept two awards with the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for the Making Places: Historic Mills of Connecticut project. The joint initiative involved the documentation of more than 1,470 historic industrial properties throughout the state and the creation of a website that combines survey data with land use information. Awards for the project were presented at the Connecticut League of History Organizations Annual Conference (pictured) and Award of Merit Reception at Central Connecticut State University and the CT Main Street Awards of Excellence Ceremony at The Palace in Danbury.



Finally, a big CONGRATS! to Jenny Scofield who received a Certificate of Appreciation from Connecticut Valley Hospital for her commitment in

documenting the history of social stigma related to mental illness. In partnership with the hospital, Jenny cultivated a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the cemetery, where poor and indigent patients were buried from 1878 to 1957 in numbered graves. Hospital CEO Helene Vartelas presented the award at the annual patient cemetery ceremony on May 23.

## News from the Museums



### Eric Sloane Museum

Attention all Artists! The Eric Sloane Museum and the Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum are pleased to invite you to participate in our community centered art show this summer. The theme this year is "Noah Blake and His Wonderful Cabin." Artists may submit up to three pieces of artwork that relate to the theme. Work will be collected June 22-24 and will be on display from June 29th-July 8th.

For more information contact the museum at 860-927-3849 by May 11th or send an email to [Barbara.Russ@ct.gov](mailto:Barbara.Russ@ct.gov).

The museum is open Friday-Sunday, 10 to 4. Follow us on [Facebook](#)

### Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

Work has begun to stabilize the stone foundation at Viets Tavern. This is a delicate process that involves mechanically lifting the house to relieve the pressure from the bulging foundation wall. Once lifted, the masons are able to dismantle and reset the stones. The project will go a long way towards preserving the tavern.



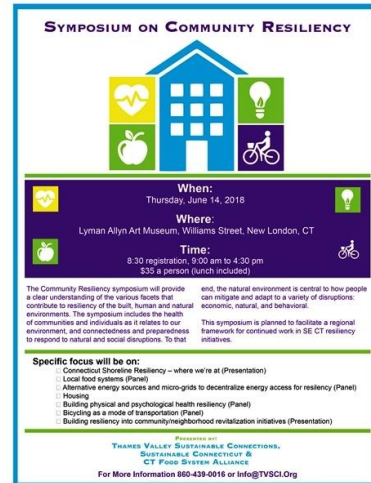
AND REMEMBER - Mark your calendars! Old New-Gate will officially open on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. More details about opening day will come soon! Follow on [Facebook](#)

## Henry Whitfield State Museum

The museum will be participating in Make Music New Haven on Thursday, June 21. Starting at 4:00 p.m., the museum will transform into a museum venue for half a dozen performers and music groups. [Check out the line-up](#) and see you there!

## Upcoming Events

Thames Valley Sustainable Connections in conjunction with Sustainable Connecticut and CT Food System Alliance is presenting a day-long symposium on community resiliency on Thursday June 14, 2018 at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. The symposium will provide a clear understanding of the various facets that contribute to resiliency of the built, human and natural environments. To register or for more information, [click here](#).



**SYMPOSIUM ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCY**

**When:** Thursday, June 14, 2018

**Where:** Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Williams Street, New London, CT

**Time:** 8:30 registration, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
\$35 a person (lunch included)

The Community Resiliency symposium will provide a clear understanding of the various facets that contribute to resiliency of the built, human and natural environments. The symposium includes the health of communities and individuals as it relates to our environment, and connectedness and preparedness to respond to natural and social disruptions. To that end, the natural environment is central to how people can mitigate and adapt to a variety of disruptions economic, natural, and behavioral. This symposium is planned to facilitate a regional framework for continued work in SE CT resiliency initiatives.

**Specific focus will be on:**

- Connecticut Shoreline Resiliency – where we're at (Presentation)
- Local food systems (Panel)
- Alternative energy sources and micro-grids to decentralize energy access for resiliency (Panel)
- Housing
- Building physical and psychological health resiliency (Panel)
- Bicycling as a mode of transportation (Panel)
- Building resiliency into community/neighborhood revitalization initiatives (Presentation)

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On Wednesday, July 25, at 6pm the Town of Old Saybrook and the State Historic Preservation Office will host a workshop about the Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit program at the Vicki G. Duffy Pavilion at Saybrook Point (155 College Street). The tax credit program provides for a 30% return on expenses associated with rehabilitating owner-occupied one- to four-family homes listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places. This workshop will detail the program's benefits, qualifying work, and application process.