

## Save the date - SHPO Statewide Conference

**May 16, 2018!**

Under the theme of *Shared Stewardship*, this year's SHPO statewide conference will explore ways communities, governments and advocates can reinforce existing partnerships and build new connections to enhance our state through historic preservation.



Join us for the day at the Sheraton Hartford South in Rocky Hill.

More details to follow.

## Save America's Treasures

The National Park Service is accepting applications for Save America's Treasures grants. Five million dollars in funding is available for matching grant proposals. The deadline to apply is February 21, 2018. Visit the NPS [program web page here](#) for more information on how to apply.

## 2017 Success Stories

As we close the book on 2017, we want to highlight just a few of the successful projects we invested in during the year.

### Soapstone Quarry Archaeological Preserve

In recent years, SHPO has renewed its commitment to the identification, evaluation, and designation of State Archaeological Preserves. As the name suggests, these significant archaeological resources are essentially left in place with no plans for further investigation or development on the property. Further, any proposed work or archaeological investigation on a preserve requires a permit from SHPO. Once a resource is designated, funding is available from SHPO to produce an Archaeological Preserve Booklet. In 2017, SHPO gave grant funds to the Barkhamsted Historical Society to design and print a booklet for the Soapstone Quarry at People's State Forest.



To view booklets produced for other preserves [click here](#).



### **Talcott Brothers' Mill, Vernon**

The rehabilitation of the Talcott Mill in Vernon was awarded state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits at the end of 2017. After almost a decade in development, the completed rehabilitation created 83 apartments within the four remaining historic industrial buildings the oldest of which dates to the early nineteenth century. Overlooking the scenic Tankerhoosen River, the complex is enjoying a new life at the center of the Talcottville Historic District.

Read more about the completed rehabilitation [here](#).

Other projects include: **HRF grant** awards for a slate roof replacement at **St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington** and the restoration of Mystic Seaport's steamboat, **Sabino**, National Register of Historic Places listing of the **Dr. Mary B. Moody House in New Haven** and the **O'Connell and Bingham Schools in Bristol**.

## **New to the State Register of Historic Places**



Happy New Year and Happy New SR Listing! At the January HPC Meeting, the council unanimously approved the application for the Glenn B. and Mary C. Fitzgerald House in Wilton. Constructed in 1956, the house is a modernist movement residential structure, employing primarily glass and cypress wood to create the characteristic box design. The Fitzgerald House joins the over 75,000 other State Register Listings. Congratulations!

## **News from the Museums**



### **Prudence Crandall Museum**

Staff members from the Abiel Smith School, a historic site in Boston run by the National Park

Service, visited the Prudence Crandall Museum in early December. The Abiel Smith School was built between 1834 and 1835 by the City of Boston to house the African School and was one of the earliest buildings designed by architect Richard Upjohn. Crandall museum curator Kaz Kozlowski gave NPS staffers a tour of the house followed by an in-depth look at the museum's extensive collection of archaeological findings from excavations done onsite. "I couldn't be more excited about the connections made and the possibly collaborations down the road," said Kozlowski.



## Henry Whitfield State Museum

Visitors to the Firelight Festival at the Henry Whitfield Museum on December 1, 2017 enjoyed stories, chestnuts roasted over an open fire by staff member Michelle Parrish assisted by volunteer Mitchell Shapiro-Albert, self-guided tours of the Whitfield House by candlelight, and crafts activities including painting pinecones.



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## Upcoming Events

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