



Back to Basics - Statewide Conference Recap



Thanks to everyone who came to this year's statewide historic preservation conference, Back to Basics! And a special thanks to all our speakers, presenters, and exhibitors.

We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. Check out our photo album on Facebook. We will be posting videos of the panels and more to the SHPO YouTube channel soon.

[View the Photo Album](#)

2019 SHPO Fellowships Awards

The SHPO is pleased to announce the recipients of our annual professional development fellowships. The fellowships are designed to enhance historic preservation work in Connecticut by providing new practitioners access to learning opportunities. Please join us in congratulating this year's awardees!



Christina Volpe, Communications Director at the Connecticut League of History Organizations & Connecticut Freedom Trail Secretary, will be attending the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Past Forward conference in Denver, Colorado this fall. Ms. Volpe hopes to engage in sessions regarding heritage stewardship strategies, particularly as they relate to community-based preservation advocacy.



Daniel Wilcox, is a Connecticut archaeologist who will use the fellowship to research prehistoric trade routes of Indigenous People in Connecticut by studying soapstone quarries. As part of this process, Mr. Wilcox will take physical samples from the quarries to study the geochemical properties of the soapstone. His research findings, which will be publicly accessible, addresses an important information gap in the field of New England archaeology.

Programming Announcement

Due to a current staffing shortage, the SHPO has temporarily suspended two programs.

No new applications to the [Historic Restoration Fund Grant](#) will be accepted. Existing grants with active contracts will be processed as usual. For questions or additional information, please email HRFgrants@ct.gov.

Also, suspended is the [Historic Homes Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program](#). New applications to the program will not be accepted. Applications will be processed as usual for property owners with a previously approved Part 2 Application and active tax credit reservation. For questions or additional information, please email Homestaxcredits@ct.gov.

Thank you for your patience, we hope to restart the programs in Fall 2019.

News from the Museums



Prudence Crandall Museum

Would you like to visit the Prudence Crandall Museum for FREE this summer? Here are some ways to save a little and learn a lot—of history!

State Museum Sundays: The Prudence Crandall Museum will be open FREE to CT residents the 3rd Sunday of each month through August (6/16, 7/21, 8/18).

CT Open-House Day: On Saturday, June 8th the Prudence Crandall Museum will be FREE and open to all visitors.

Blue Star Museum: Active military personnel and their families visit the Prudence Crandall Museum for FREE all summer.

Hours for the Prudence Crandall Museum are 10 am to 4 pm, Thursdays—Sundays through September 1st. For more information, email crandall.museum@ct.gov.

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