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## Statewide Partners

California Preservation Foundation  
Historic Hawaii Foundation  
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## Statewide Initiative

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation  
Arizona Preservation Foundation  
Preservation Idaho  
Preserve Nevada  
Historic Preservation League of Oregon

## Local Partners

Los Angeles Conservancy  
Save Our Heritage Organisation  
Bosco-Milligan Foundation  
Historic Seattle

## Local Initiative

Preservation Action Council of San Jose  
Fort Apache Heritage Foundation

## Main Street Coordinators

**AZ:** Arizona Main Street Program  
**CA:** California Main Street Program,  
**WA:** Washington State Downtown Revitalization Program

## State Commission Recommends Old Monterey County Jail for National Designation

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the State Historical Resources Commission voted to recommend listing the 73-year-old Monterey County Jail in the National Register of Historic Places, buoying preservationists' efforts to prevent the county from demolishing the building.



Despite opposition from the county, the Commission voted to nominate the vacant jail on West Alisal Street to the National Register.

The old jail garnered national attention during the height of the farm worker labor strikes in 1970, when labor leader Cesar Chavez was incarcerated there for 20 days. Monterey County Judge Gordon Campbell jailed Chavez between December 4 and December 24, 1970 for refusing to call off a boycott of Bud Antle lettuce. Civil rights movement widows Ethel Kennedy and Coretta Scott King were among those who visited Chavez. The jail will be the first site to be listed in the National Register to commemorate Chavez's work and the Farm Labor Movement.

Since approving demolition three years ago, the county has steadfastly denied the jail's significance and is appealing the Commission's recommendation to the Keeper of the National Register. County officials consider

the building a liability and hope to demolish it as part of general remodeling of the entire courthouse complex in Salinas.

The Commission's vote vindicates preservationists who have long maintained that the jail is significant not only for its association

with Chavez, but also for its architecture. In October 2002, the Monterey County Architectural Heritage Association (AHA) filed suit to stave off demolition plans, claiming that the County failed to consider alternatives as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. Listing in the National Register would likely require the county to prepare a full environmental impact report, including thorough consideration of alternatives to demolition.

In a largely symbolic show of support, in early March the Salinas City Council voted 6-1 in favor of the preservation effort. Although gratified by recent events, Mark Norris, President of AHA, cautions that the next step remains a decision from the 6<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals.

For more information AHA and efforts to save the Old Monterey County Jail, go to <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~montereycountyaha/>.

## 2004 Dozen Distinctive Destination



*Photo credit: Courtesy of the City of Astoria*

On March 3, 2004 the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced the selection of its Dozen Distinctive Destinations, an annual list of alternative vacation destinations. At each destination chosen, residents have taken concrete actions to protect their town's uniqueness and character by preserving their historic landmarks and revitalizing their downtowns. Therefore, they are more than just great places to visit; they are models for communities across America that want to make preserving their past a vital part of their future. The Western Office is proud that two of the 12 winners are in the region.

**Astoria, OR (pop. 9,800):** The oldest U.S. settlement west of the Rockies, Astoria has long been revered by residents and visitors alike for its picture-perfect setting on the Columbia River. This port city provides a bounty of historic sites, natural beauty and great seafood.

**Napa, CA (pop. 70,000):** In addition to being the center of a world-famous wine-making region, the city of Napa is a historic and culinary landmark in its own right. Founded in 1847, this beautiful community on the Napa River was a staging site for the Gold Rush of the late

1850s. Today its historic neighborhoods showcase great architecture and enjoyable attractions -- plus an inviting year-round climate.

## Top Prize to a Cool New Design



The National Trust Western Office recently participated in a design competition for a new winter entrance for **Timberline Lodge**, the famed WPA masterpiece high on Oregon's Mount Hood. Anthony Veerkamp was part of a five-member design jury which reviewed over 20 proposals for a new winter entrance to this National Historic Landmark that might replace the Quonset hut which has provided visitors winter access to the WPA lodge for half a century. Anthony's fellow jurors were Jeff Jaqua with the Forest Service, Portland artist Henk Pander, Kingston Heath, new head of the University of Oregon's historic preservation program, and Timberline curator Linn Adamson.

The Friends of Timberline Lodge convened the competition, seeking a new design that would be compatible with the lodge and be convenient and economical to assemble, disassemble, and store. For three decades, the Friends group has raised the money to restore artworks, replace custom-woven drapes and upholstery and create guides to the building and art.

The \$5,000 first prize went to Peter Nylen and Ean Eldred of NE Works, who propose an entrance in the form of wavy, 20-foot-high parabolic arches, evoking both a snow drift and an ice cave. The structure is to be built out of computer-cut curves of aluminum channels supporting a double skin of translucent, high-strength Lexan plastic. The design's lightweight 30-inch sections will be bolted together, responding to the need for quick and easy assembly and summer storage.

Anthony and his fellow jurors recognized that the avant-garde design might generate some controversy, but they felt the contemporary design responded to the site and weather conditions without detracting from the grandeur of the

lodge. The \$2,500 second prize went to Hennebery Eddy Architects, who proposed a simple tent of Teflon-coated fabric rising from a base lined with stacked firewood.

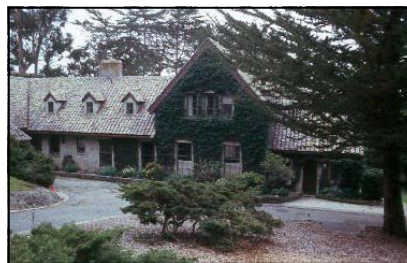
The competition was for concepts only. Now, Nylen and Eldred need to refine their proposal, while the Friends need to raise the funds to make it a reality.

## February Preservation Services Fund Grants



**City of Astoria, OR** was awarded a **\$2,000** grant to conduct a feasibility study assessing the structural capacity and potential use for a historic waterfront building - Union Fishermen's Coop Depot (ca. 1900, Local). The feasibility study will provide an analysis of this historic 30,000 square foot building and propose alternative uses.

**City of Olympia, WA** received a **\$4,000** grant to hire a consultant to assist the Olympia Heritage Commission (OHC) and the City in their public outreach efforts as they develop a new Historic Preservation Plan. The City of Olympia is beginning to re-examine its 20-year old preservation ordinance and the City Comprehensive Plan.



**The Flanders Foundation, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA** was awarded a **\$1,000** grant to hire a consultant to develop a professional community outreach & educational program informing the public about the history and the community value of the Flanders Mansion, also known as Outlands (1924, NR).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Please join Home & Garden Television, Save America's Treasures and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a special preview of HGTV's **Restore America: A Salute to Preservation** video segment on the magnificent Conservatory of Flowers.

Enjoy afternoon tea, horticultural demonstrations, and a tour of the oldest public conservatory in the Western Hemisphere.



*Photo credit: Kevin J. Frost*

**Thursday, April 1, 2004, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Conservatory of Flowers**  
**John F. Kennedy Drive**  
**Golden Gate Park**  
**San Francisco**

Please **RSVP** to: **415-666-7001** or  
**info@conservatoryofflowers.org**

(Visit [www.conservatoryofflowers.org](http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org) for directions and parking information.)

The **Restore America: A Salute to Preservation** episode that features the **Conservatory of Flowers** will air on **April 7, 2004 at 11:30 p.m. ET/PT** on **HGTV**. Additional air times: **April 08, 2004 3:30 a.m. ET/PT, April 25, 2004 12:30 p.m. ET/PT**.

### Two ways to keep up with the Western Office!

Join our mailing list by sending an email to [wro@nthp.org](mailto:wro@nthp.org) or visit the National Trust's website at: [http://www.nationaltrust.org/about\\_the\\_trust/western.html](http://www.nationaltrust.org/about_the_trust/western.html)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The **Fourth Biennial Preserving the Historic Road in America Conference**, will take place in **Portland, Oregon**, April 22-25, 2004. Join historic roads advocates from across North America and overseas for four days of tours, educational sessions, dialogue and debate during the only national conference addressing the identification, preservation and management of historic roads. For additional information regarding the conference go to <http://www.historicroads.org/>.



Make your plans now to join us for the **29th Annual California Preservation Conference, April 28-May 1, 2004**, in **San Francisco, California**. Join the architects, engineers, entrepreneurs, government officials, representatives of preservation organizations and interested individuals from all walks of California's preservation community for four days of educational sessions and tours. Go to <http://www.californiapreservation.org/calendar.html> to register and to learn more about the conference. Registrations must be received by **April 19, 2004**.

If you are interested in volunteering during the Conference please contact Kathleen Forrest at 415-561-2758, or email her at [kforrest@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:kforrest@presidiotrust.gov)

## APPROACHING DEADLINES

Applications for the *National Trust's internship program* are being accepted until **March 31, 2004**. The 10-week program will begin June 7th and will run through August 13th. The majority of available internships are at NTHP Headquarters in Washington, D.C. To find more information about the program go to [http://www.nationaltrust.org/about\\_the\\_trust/jobs/internships.html](http://www.nationaltrust.org/about_the_trust/jobs/internships.html). To apply for an internship, send a cover letter and resume to: Office of Human Resources, e-mail: [jobs@nthp.org](mailto:jobs@nthp.org) (please specify "Internships" in the subject line).

Apply now for *Preservation Leadership Training (PLT)*. PLT is an intensive one-week workshop tailored to develop and strengthen leaders of state and local historic preservation organizations and commissions. The next PLT will be in **Astoria, OR, June 5-12, 2004**. For more information and to download an application go to [www.nationaltrust.org/plt](http://www.nationaltrust.org/plt). **Deadline: April 1, 2004**

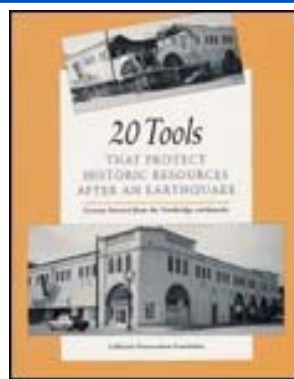
Nominations are now open for the **2004 National Preservation Awards**, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Home & Garden Television (HGTV). Individuals who have been involved in an outstanding preservation project completed in the past three years - or those who know of a company, organization or individual that has helped save a part of America's local or national heritage - are encouraged to submit a nomination. The applications are available at: [http://www.nationaltrust.org/preservation\\_awards/](http://www.nationaltrust.org/preservation_awards/) **Deadline: May 1, 2004.**

Applications are now available for the **Diversity Scholarship Program** formerly known as the **Emerging Preservation Leaders (EPL) Program**. The program helps preservationists from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds attend our **National Preservation Conference, September 28—October 3, 2004** in **Louisville, Kentucky**. Participants will gain knowledge and tools to strengthen their ability to preserve historic places and revitalize their communities through plenary, educational and field sessions, and discussion groups. Scholarship awards will pay for registration and accommodation costs. To obtain an application go to [http://www.nthpconference.org/PDF/Files/Scholarship\\_2004.pdf](http://www.nthpconference.org/PDF/Files/Scholarship_2004.pdf) or email to [scholarships@nthp.org](mailto:scholarships@nthp.org). **Deadline: June 1, 2004.**

Applications for the National Trust's *Preservation Services Fund Grants* are being accepted until **June 1, 2004**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Western Office prior to submitting an application. For additional information regarding these grants contact Anne Gailliot, Field Representative, [anne\\_gailliot@nthp.org](mailto:anne_gailliot@nthp.org).

### "Restore America: Communities at a Crossroads"

National Preservation Conference in **Louisville, Kentucky, September 28 - October 3, 2004**. The preliminary program and on-line registration will be available from **June 1, 2004**. To learn more about the conference and to register go to <http://www.nthpconference.org/>. Deadline for early-bird registration rates is **July 31, 2004**.



### 20 Tools That Protect Historic Resources After An Earthquake: Lessons Learned From the Northridge Earthquake, by Jeff Eichenfield

This is an easy-to-use booklet that includes information on: giving historic preservation an early, organized and visible presence; understanding how buildings are inspected and tagged; adopting preservation-sensitive emergency ordinances; emergency provisions in the California Environmental Quality Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; educational materials for local officials and property owners; plus, a model damage assessment form.

This book is available from California Preservation Foundation for \$10.00 plus postage and handling. CPF members can take advantage of a 15% discount on price of book only. To order a copy, visit CPF website at <http://www.californiapreservation.org/books.html> or call 415-495-0349.