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“Over Here!”



Machine Shop, Mare Island

Victory and Liberty ships, coastal defense batteries, and ports of embarkation, these resources provide tangible evidence of the impact of wartime mobilization. Although some sites have been lost over time, many remain virtually intact and open to the public, most notably in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the recently-established Rosie the Riveter National Park. Several other properties are threatened by abandonment, neglect or insensitive redevelopment.

The Western Office has embarked on a multi-year initiative--entitled “Over Here! The Western Home Front in the Bay Area”--to promote collaboration among Bay Area communities with historic resources relating to WWII mobilization, and thereby attract private and public funding for their preservation. Many former shipyards, military bases and coastal fortifications are along

The Bay Area is rich in buildings, sites, and landscapes that make the World War II Home Front mobilization effort visible. Ranging from dry docks, cranes, and shipbuilding facilities, to

the Baytrail--a bike route planned to encircle San Francisco Bay--present opportunities for federal transportation enhancements funding for preservation projects. The recent passage of California's Prop 40 is another potential source of funding.

In partnership with the National Park Service, the Western Office is publishing a brochure and developing a website on over three-dozen Home Front sites in the Bay Area. With the support of the San Francisco Community Foundation, the National Trust hired an intern to develop a database of historic properties and sites, determine the degree of public access, identify preservation projects in need of funding, and compile a list of stakeholders--including elected officials, redevelopment agencies, private developers, veterans' groups, museums, and preservation organizations. The Western Office has convened two planning meetings with various stakeholders, with a mock-up of the brochure currently being distributed for comment.



Fort Berry, GGNRA

February Preservation Services Fund Grants

Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska, Inc.

(ROSSIA), Anchorage, AK:

\$3,982 to hire consultants to perform a condition assessment of St. Sergius Chapel in Chuathbaluk (1891, NHL, NR) and cost estimates for its restoration and the restoration of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Rectory in Juneau (1910).

Ahakhav Tribal Preserve, Parker, AZ: **\$2,000** to hire a



St. Nicholas, Juneau, Alaska

consultant to facilitate a three-day, two-night workshop to develop strategies to restore and preserve the existing Poston Internment Camp buildings (1942-1945, State).

Whatcom County Historical Society, Bellingham, WA:

\$2,500 to hire a consultant to produce an Historic Structures Report and an engineering study of the Whatcom County Territorial Courthouse (1858, State, HABS).

Future Secured: Angel Island Immigration Station

A National Historic Landmark and located in a California State Park, Angel Island Immigration Station was the *Guardian of the Western Gate* and processed approximately one million immigrants and emigrants. Established in 1910 and in operation until 1940, the Immigration Station covers 14.3 acres and comprises numerous buildings. Although all nationalities were received at the island, the Immigration Station has particular poignancy for the Asian American community because of immigration restrictions imposed by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which was amended, extended, and expanded between 1888 and 1943. Enforcement of the Chinese Exclusion Act transformed the *Ellis Island of the West* from a non-residential processing center into a detention facility for many Chinese nationals. Immigrants from other countries were also detained, but usually for shorter periods of time.

In October 1998 the Western Office began its association with *Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation* (AIISF) <http://www.aiisf.org/> by providing a \$4,000 Preservation Services Fund grant to the organization. Initial funds were used to hire a consultant to produce a fundraising plan for the organization. Subsequently, AIISF received additional support from the National Trust:

June 1999: Angel Island State Park is listed as a National Trust Eleven Most Endangered Site, representing the plight of historic sites in the 265-unit California State Park system;

January 2000: A \$50,000 planning grant from a special *Save America's Treasures* grant round, funded by the Getty Foundation and administered by the National Trust ; and

April 2000: \$10,000 from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors and \$5,000 from the Johanna Favrot Memorial Fund to fund building assessments.

Sometimes the complexity or scale of the threat to a specific historic property demands a team effort, uniting staff and resources across offices, departments, and agencies. Between 1998 and 2003 AIISF secured \$15 million in public funding through a voter-approved bond measure; formed a unique partnership with California State Parks and the National Parks Service; and was awarded a federal \$500,000 *Save America's Treasures* grant. AIISF's remarkable fundraising and planning achievements to date exemplify the results that can be achieved through organizational persistence, creative collaboration, leveraged funding, and public outreach.

Despite the natural beauty of its setting in San Francisco Bay, Angel Island reminds us of the hardships faced by generations of



the west's Asian immigrants, particularly Chinese. The Immigration Station became a symbolic final bottleneck, an ultimate gauntlet, beyond which stretched the golden west. Over the years the victims of race-based exclusionary laws were detained on the island for an average of three weeks, sometimes for months and even years. The Immigration Station's cramped barracks of tiered bunks served as a provisional home to detainees, providing the first, and sometimes only, foothold in a hostile country. The Immigration Station's walls bear witness to the human tide they sheltered over the years: numerous inscriptions and carved poems serve as a tangible monument to injustice, determination, and the lure of immigration.

The Immigration Station's future is now secure. Having produced a comprehensive planning document, AIISF and its partners find themselves ready to embark upon Phase II of their project, in which preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Angel Island Immigration Station will proceed over an eight-year period at an estimated cost of more than \$30 million. The site will be preserved as a world-class site. The lives and stories that still mark the walls of the Immigration Station will now find a wider audience.

Apply now for the **Federal Save America's Treasures Grants**. SAT grants are administered by the **National Park Service** in collaboration with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) and the [President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities](#). For more information, go to www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures/index.htm.

Deadline: May 20, 2003

APPROACHING DEADLINES

The National Trust is now accepting applications for its **internship program**. The 10-week program will run June 9th and through August 15th. The majority of available internships are at NTHP Headquarters in Washington, D.C. To apply, e-mail a cover letter and resume to: Office of Human Resources at jobs@nthp.org (please specify "Internships" in the subject line)

Deadline: March 31, 2003

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 **York, Pennsylvania June 14—21, 2003**. For more information and to download an application go to www.nationaltrust.org/plt.

Deadline: April 11, 2003

The National Trust invites you to participate in the celebration of the best of historic preservation by nominating those individuals, organizations, and agencies you believe are most deserving of a **National Preservation Award**. The application (as a .pdf) is available at: http://www.nationaltrust.org/preservation_awards/

Deadline: postmarked by May 1, 2003.

Applications are now available for the **Emerging Preservation Leaders (EPL) Scholarship Program**. The program helps preservationists from diverse, racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds attend our **National Preservation Conference, September 30—October 5, 2003 in Denver, Colorado**. To obtain an application go to http://www.nthpconference.org/PDFFiles/EPL_Application2003.pdf or email to scholarships@nthp.org.

Deadline: June 1, 2003.

Applications for the National Trust's **Preservation Services Fund Grants** are being accepted until **June 1, 2003**.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Western Office prior to submitting an application. For additional information regarding these grants contact Anne Gailliot, Field Service Coordinator, anne_gailliot@nthp.org