



## Statewide Historic Preservation Conference May 17-18, 2019



We are hard at work planning next year's conference! Tentative sessions for the full-day conference on May 17th include incorporating energy efficiency into historic buildings, the Standards for Rehabilitation, and preparing a scope of work. On May 18th, we will be offering half-day, hands-on workshops on masonry repointing, plaster repair, stone conservation, and more!

Mark your calendars. The conference on May 17th will be in the New Haven area and the workshops on May 18th will be at our very own Henry Whitfield State Museum.

## Recent Grant Awards

The Historic Preservation Council recently awarded the following grants, funded by the Community Investment Account:

- Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford - \$11,000 to hire a qualified consultant to prepare a nomination of the hospital campus to the State Register of Historic Places
- New Britain Public Library, New Britain - \$20,000 to prepare plans and specifications for the exterior restoration of the New Britain Public Library
- Irish American Historical Society - \$2,690 to update the organization's website

In addition, the HPC awarded the Town of New Milford a federal Certified Local Government Grant to help explore a new use for former East Street School. The grant will fund a consultant to facilitate a public discussion of the best reuse of the building.

Funding is available to municipalities and non-profits for planning and restoration of historic resources. In addition, SHPO funds historic

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## New to the National Register of Historic Places



### Laurel Beach Casino, Milford

Laurel Beach Casino was constructed in 1929 for the Laurel Beach Association. The building is significant for its association with the development of seaside resort communities in Connecticut, and specifically, Laurel Beach, a resort neighborhood chartered in 1899. The building has been in continual use by Laurel Beach residents since its construction. Even the indoor bowling alley remains intact.

Congratulations!

## New to the State Register of Historic Places

Earlier this month, the Historic Preservation Council approved two new properties for listing to the State Register of Historic Places. Congratulations to both!



The Emeline Loretta Root Wells House in Middletown was listed as an example of the Queen Anne architectural style and as part of a late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century streetcar suburb.



The Gam, a complex of recreation buildings in Ocean Beach Park in New London, was listed as an early example of a waterfront recreation facility, and the primary public recreational facility in the City of New

## News from the Museums



The season is winding down for our four state museums. Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine and the Eric Sloane Museum & Kent Iron Furnace are now closed until May 2019. Check out Facebook for special hours and events for the [Henry Whitfield State Museum](#) and [Prudence Crandall Museum](#) during the off-season. Thanks to everyone who visited our museums this season!

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