

# 2016 HALS Challenge

## Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes

The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) was created in 2000 to document our country's dynamic landscapes. Much progress has been made in identifying cultural landscapes but more is needed to document these designed and vernacular places.

We are pleased to celebrate the National Historic Preservation Act's 50th birthday in 2016. The NHPA is a cornerstone of American historic preservation. It was created in the belief that too many important historic places were being lost to post-World War II development and construction, and that the federal government could (and should) play an important role in protecting places that embody the United States' cultural heritage.

<http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/NHPA-50.htm>

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<http://preservation50.org/>

For the **7th annual HALS Challenge**, we invite you to document National Register listed landscapes from your region of the country. Authorized by the NHPA, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Currently there are 90,540 total listings with 1,752,995 total contributing resources. Many of these listings represent or include landscapes.

How to search for National Register listings in your area:

<http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/>

National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Today, just over 2,500 historic places bear this national distinction. All NHLs are also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

How to search for NHLs in your area:

<http://www.nps.gov/nhl/find/intro.htm>

People from every state are hereby challenged to complete at least one HALS *short format* history to document these significant American landscapes.

*Preservation Through Documentation!*

**Short format histories\* should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2016. For more information, contact Chris Stevens, 202-354-2146, [Chris\\_Stevens@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)**

**Cash prizes\*\* will be awarded to the top 3 entries. See next page for tips and important copyright information.**



**Please help us celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act by documenting the landscape of a NHL or National Register Listing for HALS!**



**Grandma Prisbrey's Bottle Village, HALS CA-42, Simi Valley, CA**



**St. Elizabeths Hospital West Campus, HALS DC-7, Washington, DC**

\* HALS Short Format History guidelines, brochure and digital template may be downloaded from the HALS website: [www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm)

\*\* Winners will be announced at the HALS Subcommittee meeting at the 2016 Annual ASLA Meeting and Expo in New Orleans.

Employees of the National Park Service, American Society of Landscape Architects, and Library of Congress may submit HALS Short Format Historical Reports, but are ineligible for prizes.

\*\*\* The NR or NHL nomination will be a useful source in preparing your HALS short format historical report - please cite it in your sources.

## **2016 HALS CHALLENGE: DOCUMENTING NATIONAL REGISTER LISTED LANDSCAPES**

Please contact your state ASLA Chapter's volunteer HALS Liaison if possible when you have selected a site to document for the HALS Challenge to be sure no one else is already preparing a HALS historic report for it. HALS Liaisons' contact information may be found by clicking the orange HALS Chapter Liaisons tab on the following website: <http://asla.org/HALS.aspx>. If your chapter's volunteer HALS Liaison position is vacant, please consider volunteering yourself or suggesting it to a colleague who may be interested.

### **TIPS REGARDING THE HALS SHORT FORMAT HISTORY TEMPLATE**

Please do not stray from the formatting supplied in the HALS Short Format History Template. This digital template is intended to maintain consistency among all donated HALS short format historical reports and simplify the process for you. The template is a table, and you may enter text and graphics in the appropriate cells. You may insert rows as necessary depending on the amount of graphics/captions. There is no need to add "section breaks." Please delete the provided instructions from the template as you go.

Please submit your final report(s) in MSWord Format (not PDF). If your file is too large for email please use a service like Google Drive, Hightail, or make arrangements with the HALS office to use the NPS ftp site.

### **TIPS REGARDING THE HALS COPYRIGHT RELEASE FORM**

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**When in doubt, please leave copyright or usage-restricted graphic out!**

If you have any questions about how to use the template or copyright issues please contact Chris Stevens, NPS-HALS, [chris\\_stevens@nps.gov](mailto:chris_stevens@nps.gov)

### **JUDGING AND RATING SCALE**

#### **Judging**

The jury will consist of historians from the NPS HABS/HAER/HALS programs.

**Rating Scale** (100 POINT MAXIMUM + up to 5 point BONUS)

**Appropriate Statement of Significance and Site History (25 Point Maximum)**

**Appropriate Physical Description of Landscape (25 Point Maximum)**

**Clarity and Supporting Nature of Graphic(s) and Caption(s) Accompanied by Signed Copy(s) of HALS Release Form as Necessary. Please judiciously limit the number of graphics and only choose ones that are free of copyright and usage restrictions. (10 Points Maximum)**

**Depth of Research and Proper Citations/Sources (20 Points Maximum)**

**Overall Quality and Clarity of Writing (20 Points Maximum)**

#### **Bonus Points (5)**

Measured/Interpretive Drawings and/or Large Format Photography to accompany the history