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## Grant Workshop for Heritage Barns and Historic Cemeteries

Centralia – Funding for two state grant programs is available for owners of historic barns and for those with stewardship responsibilities over historic cemeteries in Southwest Washington. The *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* established the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns. Owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants available to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects. The newly established *Cemetery Preservation Program* is intended to support outstanding examples of historic cemeteries through capital grants aimed at preservation. Both initiatives are programs of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation will be hosting a **free public workshop** on Monday, April 9 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Centralia Timberland Library for anyone wishing to learn more about both the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* or the *Cemetery Preservation Program*. The first hour (5:00pm-6:00pm) will be dedicated to information and questions about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* and the second hour (6:00pm-7:00pm) will be dedicated to questions and information about the *Cemetery Preservation Program*.

Jennifer Mortensen, Preservation Services Coordinator with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing program documents. Approximately \$900,000 is available in matching grants to support rehabilitation of barns and cemetery preservation, or about \$450,000 for each program. The deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds will be **May 17, 2018** and the deadline for cemetery grants will be **June 29, 2018**.

Come join us to learn more about these wonderful opportunities and the application process. The Centralia Timberland Library is located at 110 S. Silver Street in Centralia, WA 98531.

For more information about the full workshop schedule, visit:

<http://www.preserveawa.org/barn-cemetery-workshops>.

Additional information about the Heritage Barn Program can be found at:

<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritagebarngrants>

Additional information about the Historic Cemetery Grant Program can be found at:

<https://dahp.wa.gov/HistoricCemeteryGrant>

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