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Grant Workshop for Heritage Barns and Historic Cemeteries

Port Angeles – Funding for two state grant programs is available for owners of historic barns and for those with stewardship responsibilities over historic cemeteries in Clallam or Jefferson County. The *Heritage Barn 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, in partnership with the Clallam County Heritage Advisory Board, the Sequim Museum and Art Center, the Clallam County Historical Society, Joyce Depot Museum and Friends of Hoko River State Park, will be hosting a **free** workshop on Tuesday, March 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the North Olympic Library for advocates wishing to learn more about both the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*. Chris Moore, Executive Director with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing program documents. Approximately \$450,000 is available in matching grants to support rehabilitation of barns and cemetery preservation, respectively. The deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds will be early May, 2018; the deadline for cemetery grants is to be determined. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and the application process.

The North Olympic Library is located at 2210 S Peabody Street in Port Angeles, WA. For more information about the workshop or the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* call Chris Moore at 206-

624-9449 or visit www.preservewa.org. Additional information about the Heritage Barn Program can be found at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-register>.

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