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Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Seeks Input on Preservation Plan in a Series of Public Meetings

As part of its mission, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in partnership with the community creates a statewide historic preservation plan every five years to identify what is special about Oregon and how best to preserve it for future generations. The plan addresses identifying and preserving historic places, educating the public about the State's history, and building support for the organizations that curate our cultural legacy.

This spring Oregon SHPO is asking Oregonians what makes Oregon's heritage special to them in a series of 90 minute public meetings across the state. Participants will identify what issues matter most and how to best preserve our history. The first set of meetings took place in February and March in Eugene and La Grande. The following meetings will take place in April:

April 4, 2017, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
White Stag Building, Room 105, 70 NW Couch, Portland

April 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 1095 Duane Street, Astoria

April 12, 2017, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
City Hall, 411 SW 9th Street, Redmond

April 19, 2017, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Medford Carnegie Library, 413 W. Main Street, Medford

Those interested in or associated with Oregon historic preservation efforts, museums, governments, cemeteries, archaeology, archives, historic trails, Main Street and other Oregon heritage related interests are encouraged to attend.

Can't make a meeting? Comment online! Our short survey asks for feedback on our services. Go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ORHeritagePartnerSurvey.

Oregon Heritage, a Division of Oregon State Parks, includes the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Oregon SHPO locally administers National Park Service (NPS) programs created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, including the identification and designation of historic properties and archaeological sites; tax and grant programs; and the Certified Local Government Program (CLG), a partnership program between local jurisdictions and the state and federal government. The SHPO also coordinates closely with Oregon Heritage programs, including the Heritage Commission and Main Street, Cemetery Commission, Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Commission, and various grant and technical assistance programs. The SHPO office is funded in part through a grant from NPS. A copy of the 2011-2016 plan can be found here: http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/SHPO/docs/historic_preservation_plan_11-16.pdf . To learn more about the Oregon SHPO and Oregon Heritage programs, visit www.oregonheritage.org.

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