



SKAGIT COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
501 S. 4th Street • La Conner, WA
tel. 360.466.3365 • www.skagitcounty.net/museum

Date: August 30, 2013

From: Jo E. Wolfe
Fundraising/Publicity Coordinator
360.466.3365

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

jwolfe@co.skagit.wa.us

September Skagit Topics: Heritage Barns

La Conner – If you own an old barn in Skagit County, are you aware of the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*? A program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, this initiative established the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns. Owners of historic barns over fifty years old that retain a significant degree of historic integrity can nominate their barn to be designated as a Heritage Barn and be included in the statewide register. Moreover, owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects.

The Skagit County Historical Museum is hosting a **free** workshop on Tuesday, September 10 from 6 to 8 pm for barn owners wishing to learn more about *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* and to assist barn owners in filling out both the *Heritage Barn Nomination Form* as well as the *Heritage Barn Grant Application*. Program staff and advisory board members will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing both documents. The deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is October 1, 2013, with the deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds set for October 28, 2013. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and to obtain assistance in participating in this valuable program.

The Skagit County Historical Museum is located at 501 S 4th Street, at the top of the hill in La Conner. For more information, call 360-466-3365 or visit www.skagitcounty.net/museum. For more information about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* contact Chris Moore at 206-624-9449 or via email at cmoore@preservewa.org. Complete information about the Heritage Barn Program, including nomination and application forms, can be found at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-register>.

###