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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 Wednesday, September 2 from 6 to 7:30 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*. 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. The next deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is September 25, 2015, with the deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds set for October 21, 2015. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and the application process.

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>.

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