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Grant Workshop for Heritage Barns

Colfax – Funding is available for owners of historic barns in Eastern Washington State. 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 initiative is a program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation.

The Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation will be hosting a **free public workshop** on Wednesday, April 4 at 6:00pm at the Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library for anyone wishing to learn more about the history of barns in Washington State and the *Heritage Barn Initiative*. State Architectural Historian, Michael Houser, will take you on a journey across the backroads of state as we explore the history, types, and styles of barns, as well as the technology needed to build them. Houser will also show examples of barns across the state that have recently been rehabilitated through the *Heritage Barn Initiative*, part of the State's effort to preserve our rich agricultural heritage and tell you how to apply for grant funding to preserve your barn. Currently \$450,000 is available in matching grants to support rehabilitating historic barns and the deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds will be **May 17, 2018**.

Come join us to learn more about these wonderful opportunities and the application process. The Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library is located at 102 S Main St in Colfax.

For more information about the full workshop schedule, visit:
<http://www.preservewa.org/barn-cemetery-workshops>.

Additional information about the Heritage Barn Program can be found at:
<http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritagebarngants>.

The Department of Archaeology also recently launched a new Cemetery Preservation Program for capital grants to preserve outstanding examples of historic cemeteries. This new program will not be fully detailed at the workshop, but the grant application process will be similar to the grant process for heritage barns. For more information about the Cemetery Preservation Program, please visit: <https://dahp.wa.gov/HistoricCemeteryGrant>

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