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Grant Workshop for Heritage Barns and Historic Cemeteries

La Conner – Funding for two state grant programs is available for owners of historic barns and for those with stewardship responsibilities over historic cemeteries in Skagit County, Snohomish County, Whatcom County and the surrounding areas. 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 to non-profit organizations for preservation work. Both initiatives are programs of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation.

The Skagit County Historical Museum is hosting a **free** workshop on Wednesday, April 25 from 6 to 7:00 pm at the newly restored Skagit City School for barn owners wishing to learn more about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*. Immediately following, there will be a workshop introducing the new *Cemetery Preservation Program*. Chris Moore, Executive Director with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing documents for both programs. Approximately \$900,000 is available in matching grants to support rehabilitation of barns and cemetery preservation, or about \$450,000 for each program. The deadline to submit applications requesting barn rehabilitation grant funds will be **May 17, 2018** and the deadline for cemetery grants will be **June 29, 2018**.

Come join us to learn more about these wonderful opportunities and the application process.

The Skagit City School is located at 17508 Moore Road on Fir Island. For more information, call 360-466-3365 or visit www.skagitcounty.net/museum.

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/heritagebarngrants>

Additional information about the Historic Cemetery Grant Program can be found at:

<https://dahp.wa.gov/HistoricCemeteryGrant>

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