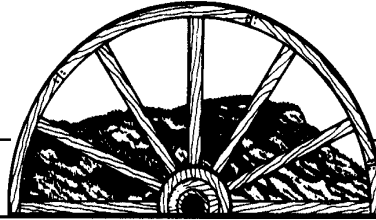

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Northeast Oregon Preservation Workshop brings historic building resources to community

LA GRANDE, Ore. – Jan. 24, 2020 – The City of La Grande and La Grande Landmarks Commission announce the **Northeast Oregon Preservation Workshop: Materials, Methods, and Marketing for Historic Downtowns** on Friday, March 6 at Art Center East in La Grande. With a series of sessions crafted to appeal to contractors, owners of historic buildings, developers, real estate professionals, history buffs, and homeowners, the full-day workshop is an opportunity for the Northeast Oregon community to build knowledge about maintaining and restoring historic buildings.

“The La Grande commercial historic district includes 82 buildings built prior to 1948, and all need some degree of tender loving care,” said La Grande Landmarks Commission Chair Cassie Hibbert. “Our neighboring communities throughout Eastern Oregon also have downtown historic districts from a similar time period. We hope the preservation resources presented at this workshop will help our historic districts continue to thrive while honoring the stories our buildings tell us about our past.”

The workshop – starting at 8 a.m. and concluding with a happy hour case study from 3-4 p.m. – will include sessions on the following topics:

- Debut of designs from the City of La Grande’s Fall 2019 Conceptual Design program
- Preservation construction techniques, tools, and materials
- Wood window restoration
- Masonry repair
- Marketing commercial and residential historic real estate
- Historic tax credits
- Energy efficiency and incentives
- Happy hour case study and Q&A featuring the historic Haskell Building in Baker City, which recently received a \$200,000 grant from Oregon Main Street

Space is limited and advance registration is recommended. Cost for the full-day workshop is \$10 and includes lunch. Continuing education credits for an additional fee are available for contractors and real estate brokers.

For more information on the schedule and presenters, or to register for the event, please visit the Union County Chamber of Commerce news page:

<https://visitunioncounty.org/2020/01/15/northeast-oregon-preservation-workshop/>

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