Do It Yourself (DIY) Heritage Workshops Start September 17 at the Willamette Heritage Center

For Immediate Release

The Willamette Heritage Center’s popular Do It Yourself workshops are back! These interactive and informational Saturday workshops are offered several times in the Fall, Winter and Spring. The first two workshops are:

**Getting Started with Oral History**
**WHEN:** Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 am to Noon
**WHERE:** Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR
**COST:** $10 for members, $13 for non-members per workshop

Led by the Center’s collections manager, Kylie Pine, this interactive workshop introduced participants to the best ways to get started with collecting oral histories. Topics covered include: equipment, methods, transcription, authentication and preservation. Tips for structuring questions and conducting interviews will be offered. Limited to 20 people. Pre-registration by Wednesday, September 14 is required.

**Finding Value in Your Family’s Hidden Gems**
**WHEN:** Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 am to Noon
**WHERE:** Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR
**COST:** $10 for members, $13 for non-members per workshop

Have you wondered if your cherished heirlooms might be truly valuable treasures? In this program, professional appraiser Cindy Day of Etcetera Antiques will teach you how to navigate the world of appraisal. Then museum collections manager, Kylie Pine, will share some effective, simple, and inexpensive preservation strategies that you can use to keep your valuable treasures safe. Limited to 20 people. Pre-registration by Wednesday, November 9 is required.

For more information, call 503-585-7012 or email Kyliep@missionmill.org.

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The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an American Treasure by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon’s history. The museum’s histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children’s programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit http://www.missionmill.org.

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