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Title: New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage. Celebrate Preservation Month 2014

Oregon City, Oregon— Citizens in **Oregon City, Oregon** will join thousands of individuals across the country to celebrate [National Preservation Month](#) this May. “New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage is the theme of the month-long celebration sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in America, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, in 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country’s cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

Here in Oregon City Preservation Month, 2014 will be observed by Awarding the [Ruth McBride Powers Preservation Award](#) at the May 7, 2014 City Commission Meeting and kicking off the [3rd annual photo contest](#).

The City of Oregon City and the Clackamas County Historical Society have partnered again this year to present a city wide photo contest in recognition of National Preservation month. Sponsored by Citizens Bank. So Embark on a trip through Oregon City, find an historic building, home, garden or artifact that Inspires you and Engage with our theme by taking a photograph between May 1 and June 15 and submitting it to the contest. No fee to enter.

There will be one winner in each of three categories: Adult, Teen and Youth with cash prizes of \$75 for Adult, \$50 for Teen and \$25 for Youth. Full contest rules and entry forms will be available on the city website www.orccity.org/planning, or at www.clackamashistory.org in May. Photos may be submitted through June 15, 2014. Winners will be announced at the first City Commission meeting in July.

Learn more about National Preservation Month at www.PreservationNation.org/PreservationMonth.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (www.PreservationNation.org) is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, nine regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America’s stories.