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6 Myths about Preservation Architects

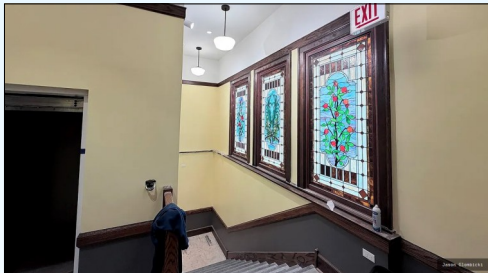
By Amanda E. Moore

Most people grew up seeing Mike Brady (the Brady Bunch) or Ted Mosby (How I Met Your Mother) leaning over a drafting table, drawing new buildings, and think that this is what architects do. While these TV portrayals provide a basic



The north elevation of First Indian Presbyterian Church (Kamiah, Idaho) showing the deteriorated cedar shakes and sagging in the roof caused by the roof structure failure. photo by:Volkhard Graf

idea of an architect's job, they also lead to some misconceptions. This is especially true for architects who work on historic buildings.



The new accessible stairs and elevator under construction with the preserved original stained-glass windows at Wicker Park Lutheran Church (Chicago, Illinois). photo by:Jason Glombicki
The [National Fund for Sacred Places](#) (a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation) grantees can help debunk

some of these myths.

The north elevation of First Indian Presbyterian Church (Kamiah, Idaho) showing the deteriorated cedar shakes and sagging in the roof caused by the roof structure failure.

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Volunteers Needed for Potato Show

The **104th Annual Potato Show** is just shy of two months away. WADA is excited to be



hosting the annual event again but we are seeking volunteers to help us with the event on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday,

October 24th. We are a small board of directors (two do not live in Weston). We are honored to continue this legacy event but we really need the community's assistance to help make it a success.

We need help with set up on Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning. That includes setting up tables, helping vendors move in, and then tear down on Saturday evening.

Judges are needed for the Potato Show entries as well as the new Bake-Off contest. Yes, you get to taste test the Bake-Off entries!

We would like to develop a crew

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Weston Area Development Association

WADA was organized as a nonprofit to assist in obtaining grants, appropriations, donations, and other types of funding to work on historic preservation, economic development, and more in the Weston area — not just downtown.

Weston needs funding to restore the downtown buildings as well as develop economic opportunities for the community. WADA will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources.

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The reconstructed wood turret on the steeple at Vang Lutheran Church (Dennison, Minnesota). photo by: Jay Schmidt

Actually, architects can often help reduce overall project costs by helping keep projects on budget, identifying cost-effective options, and providing design solutions to mitigate cost overruns. The best way an architect can reduce overall project costs is to start with an assessment before any design work begins. [First Indian Presbyterian Church](#) entered the National Fund program with a list of projects the congregation thought needed to be done but had not completed a Building Conditions Assessment, an important planning tool the National Fund recommends for all historic buildings.

During the Building Conditions Assessment, 5/4 Architecture, PLLC discovered cracks in the chords of the roof trusses and some unsupported structural members. This was a serious issue that could have caused the roof to unexpectedly collapse. With their architect's help, they developed a new scope that addressed the building's most urgent issues, fixed the root cause of the problem, and prevented a building col-

lapse.

Myth: Architects are only needed for new construction projects The new accessible stairs and elevator under construction with the preserved original stained-glass windows at Wicker Park Lutheran Church (Chicago, Illinois).

Historic and existing buildings have unique challenges and opportunities, and an architect who understands how to work with historic buildings can help guide a project to successful completion. [Wicker Park](#)



The south wall of Saint Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church (Tucson, Arizona) where the structural engineer designed a steel channel to be installed along the top of the wall to reconnect the adobe to the roof structure. photo by: Ayden Carrell

[Lutheran Church](#) was constructed in 1906, when buildings were not required to be accessible to people with disabilities. To meet the congregation's current needs, they wanted a building entry that could accommodate all people, barrier-free circulation between the two floors, and an all-gender accessible restroom.

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Without an architect to help find a creative solution, the new elevator could have been installed in the sanctuary, dramatically changing the building's most important space, or the new entrance could have been placed at the back of the building, making it hard to enter. Blender Architecture redesigned an underutilized corner in the front of the building to provide accessibility to all people while preserving the building's historic spaces and features. Their architect also ensured that the project met current building codes and the Secretary of the



The sanctuary at The Park Hill United Methodist Church (Denver, Colorado). As part of their project for the National Fund for Sacred Places, new mechanical equipment will be installed to heat and cool this space. photo by:Larry Alexander

Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Myth: Architects are only needed for large or complex projects and not when repairing a historic building In fact, small repair and maintenance projects can have a significant impact on a historic building. If done incorrectly or not in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the repair could damage historic materials, create an ongoing maintenance issue, or significantly alter the historic building. An architect can help ensure that this does not happen. When [Vang Lutheran Church](#) entered the National Fund program, they planned to work directly with a contractor to repair the deteriorated wood structure and ornamentation on its tower.

They thought an architect was unnecessary because the contractor could complete these necessary repairs. They quickly realized they needed help managing the project and hired SMSQ Architects. In addition to project management, their architect completed a focused assessment to identify the extent of the damage and developed a preservation-focused, holistic repair using compatible repair materials. As a result, the restored tower retains its

historic look, and the quality of the repairs will ensure that the building is preserved.

Myth: Architects are not needed to complete a structural repair A structural engineer is important to consult when a structural problem has been identified in a historic building, but it is equally important for an architect to provide oversight to ensure that the structural repair does not damage the building's character-defining features. During a reroofing project at [Saint Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church](#), the building committee discovered that the wood roof structure had separated from the church's unreinforced adobe south wall.

They worked with Hess Structural Engineer, Inc. to perform a structural analysis, determine the cause of the problem, and design a solution. The engineer proposed restraining the facade by installing a steel channel across the south elevation. Vint & Associates Architects, Inc. collaborated with the engineer to further develop the repair detail, so the steel was embedded in the adobe wall making sure that the repair does not affect this important elevation.

Myth: Architects are not needed when updating or installing new building systems (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm, etc.) The sanctuary at The Park Hill United Methodist Church (Denver, Colorado). As part of their project for the National Fund for Sacred Places, new mechanical equipment will be installed to heat and cool this space.

Installing a new building system can drastically impact the appearance of a historic building. If not



The north and east elevations of New Life at Calvary (Cleveland, Ohio). Two of the roofs in poor condition were discovered at the top of the towers. photo by:Kreative Kage Photographer

done thoughtfully, these kinds of projects could result in exposed conduit, piping, or large ductwork running through historically important spaces. Ar-

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architects can work with engineers to ensure that the new system blends into the historic building. National Fund grantee [The Park Hill United Methodist Church](#)-Denver wanted to replace its original 1924 mechanical system with a more energy-efficient one.

Their mechanical engineer, The Ballard Group, designed a new system that met current needs and building codes. RTA Architects identified the best locations for installing the new equipment and ductwork, ensuring that these systems would not affect the historic building's significant spaces. They also detailed methods for repairing walls and ceilings that may be damaged during construction.

Myth: An Architect is not needed during construction The north and east elevations of New Life at Calvary (Cleveland, Ohio). Two of the roofs in poor condition were discovered at the top of the towers.

While it may seem like an architect's work is done once construction begins, that is not the case. During construction, an architect can help ensure the project aligns with the construction documents, review changes, or adjust the design if existing conditions differ from expectations. This was how Perspectus Architecture supported New Life at Calvary when three hard-to-access roofs were found to be in poor condition once construction had already begun.

Coon Restoration & Sealants, Inc. was completing masonry repairs when they made the discovery. The contractor recommended that the roofs be repaired, but after consulting with their archi-

tect, the congregation realized replacement was the better option. Perspectus Architecture developed a roof plan using a longer-lasting product that could be installed cost-effectively while the construction project was already underway using the lifts already on site.

While the TV architects do not show the wide range of skills and knowledge architects bring to preservation projects, the National Fund grantees do recognize these skills and the important role they play.

Find out more about what architects do and who else is involved in a preservation project through the National Fund article "Who Does What: A Guide to Your Team on a Capital Construction Project." <https://tinyurl.com/25sjpzyw>

Potato Show To Be Nov. 10-11

WESTON, Sept 29 – The first fall meeting of the Weston Chamber of Commerce was held in the community hall Wednesday evening with an attendance of 75. The speaker of the evening was Lt. C.J. Corbett, army aviator from Walla Walla, who has completed 54 combat missions in North Africa and the European area, and was awarded a number of decorations.

Dates were set for the East Umatilla County Potato Show, Nov. 10-11. The committee named on general arrangements for the show included Marvin Price, Albert O'Harra, C.M. Sly, Ernest Haney, Miller Ray-born and E.E. Tucker. It was announced that the sum of \$300 had been secured from the county to assist in financing the event.

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Seeking Weston Area Historic Preservation Advocates!

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) was organized as a nonprofit to encourage restoration and revitalization in downtown Weston and the general area that results in economic development and a positive sense of community. We have a vision to preserve and enhance the historic charm and uniqueness of the history of Weston.

The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources as well as other organizations and individuals.

Interested persons should be at least eighteen years of age, live in Weston preferably but not required. The WADA Board looks for members who are willing to commit time and energy to our Mission and Vision.

Board of Director positions are 3-year terms beginning in the corporate year of January to December. The Board meets monthly via Zoom.

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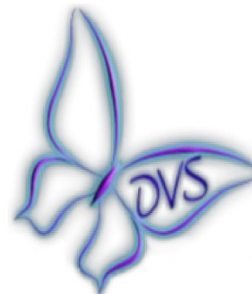
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that we can depend on for future Potato Shows. We have informal job descriptions for what is needed so that volunteers have an idea of what is needed. We also have scorecards for the judges to make it easier for to score entries.

The schedule is still pending. Sadly, the FOWL Book Sale has been canceled this year. We are still looking for volunteers who would be interested in hosting activities for children such as face painting and games (indoor and outdoor). WADA has potato-themed coloring pages and crayons to hand out to the younger children but .

Table rentals have started. Table rentals deadline is Wednesday, October 21st to allow to map out the hall for tables. **Sponsorships** are being accepted as well with the deadline being October 5th. The sponsorships help support the Potato Show.

There will be **cash prizes** for 1st thru 4th Place in each category of the Potato Show and the Bake-Off contest!

Area Nonprofits and school organizations are encouraged to participate. The Potato Show has always been a great fundraising event for local organizations.

Information on the Potato Show is available on pages 14-15 and at www.WestonOregon.com.



*While there are already spaces reserved,
more spaces can be added!*

*Information on Sponsorships can be found
online at www.WestonOregon.com*

Deadline for sponsorship is October 5, 2026. Checks should be made out to Weston Area Development Association and mailed to PO Box 256, Weston, OR 97886 or payment can be made online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2hyyz6>

Looking Back to 1944

Prize List For Show Increased

WESTON, Nov. 6 – There will be a substantial increase in the prizes to be given at Weston's annual Potato Show, slated for Nov. 10-11 in the Community hall. By arrangement of the committee in charge of the event, there will be three classes of commercial and three classes of seed potatoes, and prizes for single farm displays are to be increased. In the women's work division classes were added for quilts and for woolen crochet.

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Annual Weston Spud Show Set

Weston, Oct. 27 – The twenty-first annual Umatilla county Potato show will be held Nov. 12-13. The committee on general arrangements is composed of Miller Rayborn, C.M. Sly, Ernest Haney, E.E. Tucker, Marvin Price, E.E. Tucker, Walter Rayborn and Albert O'Harra.

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Weston Show To Open On Friday

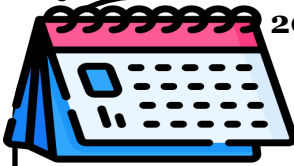
With \$350 in prizes, and with 54 classifications including potatoes, other vegetables, grains and domestic science exhibits, the twenty-second annual Weston Potato show will be held Friday and Saturday in the Weston Memorial hall, sponsored jointly by the Umatilla county fair board and the Weston chamber of commerce.

The show, open daily at 9 a.m. and to continue through the afternoon and evening, will have for judges Vic Nigren of Milton, United States fruit inspector who will judge vegetables; Frank Price, manager of the Weston Grain growers, who will judge wheat and other grains, and Mrs. Allen Everson, home economics teacher in Mac Hi, who will judge needlework, home canning and baking.

Co-chairmen for the show are Marvin Price and Albert O'Harra, assisted by Walter Rayborn, president of the chamber of commerce, Miller Rayborn, C.M. Sly, E.E. Tucker and Ernest Haney.

For an 8 o'clock program Friday night, Mrs. Hattie Orwick, Miss Anna Bray, Mrs. Marie Considine and Mrs. Otha Eggleson are in charge.

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2026 Weston Calendar

Weston History Exhibit Opens at the Long Branch Cafe—Come view the exhibit's photos and related historical research. Sponsored by WADA.

October 24—104th Annual Potato Show

AA Meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Weston Community Church. All are welcome!

Weston City Council meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6pm.

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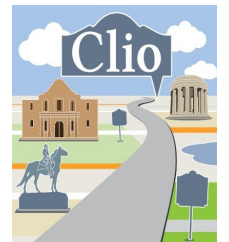
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The Saling House Cookbook was Published 29 Years Ago

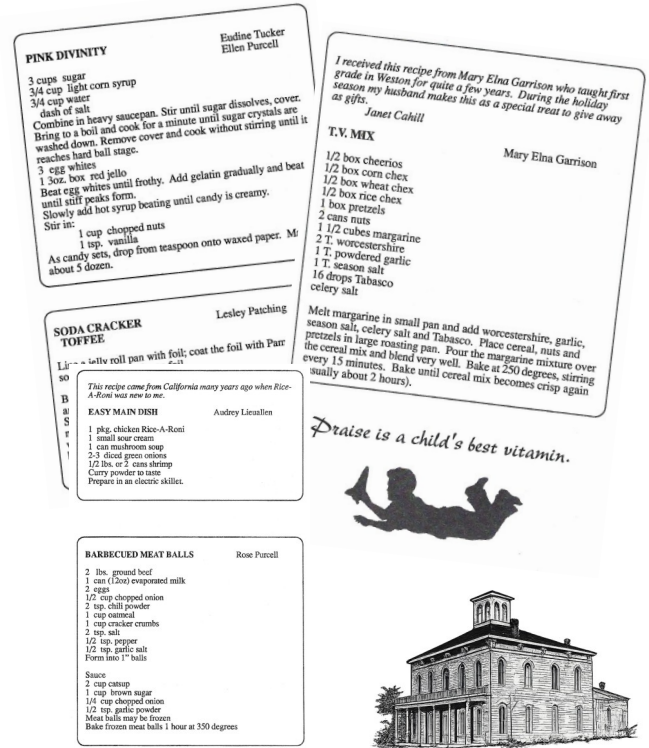
The Saling House Restoration Committee published a cookbook containing 174 recipes in 1997 as a fundraiser. WADA is republishing the cookbook to raise funds for the Isham Saling House restoration.

WADA chose to republish the Saling House Cookbook that contains a variety of recipes from appetizers, breads, meals, desserts, and more. The recipes come from committee members and local residents.

The cookbooks will be on sale at this year's 104th Annual Umatilla County Potato Show for \$12.00 each. All proceeds will go towards restoration of the house. After the show, they will be available on Amazon.com at \$15.00 each.

Pre-sales run September 1-October 5 by ordering online or send a check for the price of the cookbook to be picked up at the Potato Show. Copies can be mailed for \$6.00 or contact WADA in advance for shipping costs on multiple copies.

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Despite its enduring legacy, the rear of the building—especially the south side—faces serious threats due to severe weathering and ground settlement, exacerbated by its proximity to Pine Creek.

Repairs made in the 1970s unfortunately used the wrong type of mortar, resulting in rapid deterioration. While restoration work in 2012 utilized \$190,000 from the city's contingency fund, this was the first such effort in 25 years and did not fully address all necessary repairs.

The City of Weston urgently seeks public support to stabilize the mortar and complete the vital tuck-pointing repairs on the south wall.



The exterior was recently completed for this round of repairs and is awaiting waterproofing once the mortar has cured properly. That should be completed in June.

HOW TO GIVE: DONATION INSTRUCTIONS



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INAUGURAL NORTHEAST OREGON SILENT FILM FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 13th at 3pm

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Admission includes both shows plus a catered meal by **Wallowa RiverSand** consisting of a BBQ pork sandwich, cowboy beans, coleslaw, a beverage, and a discussion of these silent stars with ties to northeast Oregon. A no host cider and wine bar by **Blagmead** will be available at our historic Star Saloon bar. This is a fundraiser for the ongoing programming development at the historic Athena Gem Theatre.

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Information on Burials including photos of headstones, some obituaries, and other related historical information can be found on this website. There is also a map on the website. The original website was a labor of love by Bob Gilliland. It was a miracle that it could be recovered from an archive website with only a few items not recoverable as the domain had expired. **New digital map is online!**



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Here Are Ways to Support Our Mission & Programs

- ◆ **Become a Member!** Join today!
WADA depends on memberships and donations to cover administrative costs such as insurance, publishing the monthly The Blue Mountain Dispatch, postage, phone, memberships in organizations that benefit WADA, and more.
<https://tinyurl.com/48unenka>
- ◆ **Support the Isham Saling House Restoration Project**
WADA became the Stewards of the Isham Saling House during 2024. While restoration projects have been accomplished, there is more that needs to be done. Your support of this project saves an important Weston icon.
<https://tinyurl.com/hhnvrnu9>
- ◆ **Oregon Cultural Trust**
For more than two decades, the Oregon Cultural Trust has played a vital role in enriching our state's cultural resources, supporting more than 1,600 nonprofits across Oregon. We have woven a unique and awe-inspiring cultural tapestry, united by artistry, defined by stories and guided by wisdom. We are listed as *Weston Area Development Association*.
<https://www.culturaltrust.org>
- ◆ **Leave Your Legacy or Donate Stock Shares** Your legacy lives on with a designated contribution through your Will whether it is a one-time donation or an endowment fund. Donation of stock shares is also a way to support WADA. Please contact us for more information.
WADA97886@gmail.com
- ◆ **Advocate for WADA and Historic Preservation!** Contact your local leaders and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community. Contact your state legislators and congressional leaders to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community as well as state-wide. Historic Preservation projects benefit the local economy.
- ◆ **Employer Gift Match Program** Does your employer offer a matching gift program to allow you to double your donation to a non-profit? We welcome your support. Please contact us for our tax information!

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Support Historic Preservation in Weston!



Scan QR code to donate

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Donations may be mailed to:
Weston Area Development Association
PO Box 256
Weston, OR 97886
or online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/yckn3uv7>
Registered with Benevity for donations.

City of Weston
PO Box 579
114 Main Street
Weston OR 97886
<https://www.CityofWeston.org>

Phone: (541) 566-3313
Fax: (541) 566-2792
Recorder@CityofWestonoregon.com

City Hall Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Closed 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Weston Public Library: 541-566-2378
www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library

Police/Dispatch: 541-966-3651
Fire: 541-566-2311
Public Works: 541-566-3976

Payments can be made via phone (debit/credit), online, or the drop box on the side of City Hall.

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WCDC Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/3766z53n>

The OREGON Treasures Quest

When things feel hard, there's one thing that's still true: we live in the best paradise to be found on the planet. One of my favorite ways to restore my soul is to hit the road and explore Oregon.

Even now, in the midst of devastating fires -- and let's all thank devoted heroes by wildland firefighters -- there are many, wonderful places to visit.

If your summer plans include seeing new places in Oregon or revisiting tried-and-true gems, join the Oregon Treasures Quest Challenge!

Each one of Oregon's 36 counties has exciting and rewarding places to explore. Summer is the perfect time to keep visiting sites as a part of the **2026 Oregon Treasures Quest!** <https://tinyurl.com/4eydybft>

Here's how it works: Visit at least 10 different counties between January 1, 2026 and October 15, 2026 to participate in the Oregon Treasures Quest Challenge. Document your visits by taking selfies with the sites in the background, and then submit those selfies [using the official submission form](#). If you visit at least 10 sites in 10 counties, you'll win an invitation to the 2026 Oregon Treasures Quest party, to be held November 14.

I encourage folks to check before their travels for local conditions and possible closures. As you explore the state, please take any necessary precautions and keep a close eye on weather and wildfire conditions. Some of Oregon's treasures may be inaccessible or unsafe due to wildfire.

We want to hear about your adventures. Please share your experiences, questions, or suggestions with Team Merkley by emailing OregonTreasuresQuest@merkley.senate.gov or calling our office at (503) 326-3386.



★ WE NEED ★ VOLUNTEERS!

*Help strengthen our community —
your time makes a difference.*

GET INVOLVED

Whether you can volunteer once or take on a larger role, we'd love to have you join us.

✉ WADA97886@gmail.com

☎ (541) 626-7229

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WADA Board Members and Advisors

Provide leadership and help guide community initiatives.



Isham Saling House Open House

Assist with welcoming visitors and event coordination.



Annual Potato Show

Be part of a fun local tradition — help with setup, activities, and more.



Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner

Support this special evening honoring community members.



Grant Writer and Fundraiser

Help secure funding and resources to support our community projects and events.



Together, we can make it happen!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026**



**9:00 A.M.
TO 5:00 P.M.**



**MEMORIAL HALL
WESTON, OREGON**

POTATO SHOW FAIR & BAKE-OFF CONTEST



- ★ Come view the entries in the Annual Potato Show Fair!
- ★ Vegetables, Baked Goods, Crafts, and More!
- ★ Bake-Off Contest – **NEW THIS YEAR!** Anything goes! Enter your best pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and other homemade treats.
- ★ Ribbons awarded in all categories!

WESTON HISTORY & COMMUNITY



THE HERITAGE ROOM FEATURING WESTON HISTORY

Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Weston Area Development Association
& Weston Cemetery Maintenance District 2



QUIET NEIGHBORS GUIDED TOUR OF THE WESTON CEMETERY

Starts at 2:00 P.M. at the cemetery



SHOP ARTISAN BOOTHS & EXHIBITS

Check out information booths and more!
Visit with old friends
and make new ones!

FOOD & FUNDRAISERS



EVERYTHING POTATO LUNCHEON

By Weston Food Pantry

Meal cost is \$
Soup, roll, pie or cookie,
coffee, lemonade, water.
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
or until sold out



THIS YEAR'S EVENT SUPPORTS THE WESTON FOOD PANTRY!

Please donate nonperishable food items.
Containers at front door
and in the dining room.
Monetary donations accepted
at the Heritage Room.



FRIENDS OF THE WESTON LIBRARY

BOOK SALE CANCELED
Memorial Hall, Club Room
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
\$1.00 per bag sale at 3:00 P.M.

FUN FOR KIDS & FAMILIES



FACE PAINTING ★ INDOOR ACTIVITIES
(Times TBD)

APPLE PRESSING BY MONSTRIOUS!

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Bring a small container for cider to take home.
Weather permitting.

PONY CART RIDES

After apple pressing. Weather permitting.

PETTING ZOO This is weather permitting.



THROUGHOUT THE DAY

PETTING ZOO ★ FACE PAINTING ★ PLAY OUTDOOR GAMES ★ PLAY GROUND FUN ★ CHECK OUT INFORMATION BOOTHS AND MORE!



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QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION

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forms, vendor info,
and more!

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Please support the businesses that support our community!

104th ANNUAL

UMATILLA COUNTY POTATO SHOW

CELEBRATING 104 YEARS

of Community Tradition

SINCE 1922 ★ WESTON, OREGON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

MEMORIAL HALL ★ WESTON, OREGON

*Honoring our agricultural roots while celebrating
community, creativity, and local talent.*

★ SPONSORS NEEDED ★

Help preserve a 104-year
community tradition.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- ★ GOLD SPONSOR \$500
- ★ SILVER SPONSOR \$250
- ★ BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

Your support helps fund ribbons,
awards, advertising,
and event operations.

★ VENDORS & EXHIBITORS WANTED ★

Showcase your talents
and products.

Seeking:

- Craft Vendors
- Food Vendors
- Handmade Goods
- Produce & Garden Entries
- Canning & Preserved Foods
- Handiwork & Hobbies

*Blue ribbons and
bragging rights await!*

★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ★

Be part of this historic event.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Setup
- Registration
- Judging Assistance
- Hospitality
- Cleanup

*Even a few hours
makes a difference.*



SUPPORTING THE WESTON FOOD PANTRY

Enjoy the famous Everything Potato Lunch & Dessert
while helping support local families through food pantry donations.

★ HOSTED BY ★

**WESTON AREA
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?



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TO VISIT

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Preserving Our Heritage. SAVING WESTON'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Preserve Today. Protect Tomorrow.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS



INDIVIDUAL / HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

- ☐ \$15 Student
- ☐ \$25 Individual
- ☐ \$45 Household
- ☐ \$50 Preservation Friend
- ☐ \$100 Preservation Contributor
- ☐ \$250 Preservation Advocate
- ☐ Other \$ _____



BUSINESS / NON-PROFIT / GOVERNMENT MEMBER

- ☐ \$45 (Non-profits & government agencies)
- ☐ \$100 Preservation Contributor
- ☐ \$250 Preservation Advocate
- ☐ \$500 Preservation Patron
- ☐ \$1000 Preservation Circle
- ☐ Other \$ _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

*Your email address will ensure that you receive timely communications from us
and helps save postage costs. We do not share your information.*

OTHER GIVING

- ☐ WADA (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.) \$ _____
- ☐ Isham Saling House (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.) Online: ishamsalinghouse.com/donations/ \$ _____
- ☐ Historic Preservation Fund for future projects \$ _____
- ☐ Please send me information about including WADA in my Will or making gifts of stock.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ Enclosed is a check payable to Weston Area Development Association. Total: \$ _____
Send check or money order to:
PO Box 256, Weston, OR 97886
- ☐ Pay online at: WestonOregon.com/support-wada/
(Secure site)

*All donations to WADA are tax deductible as allowable by law.
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TELL US MORE! I AM:

- ☐ Historic homeowner
- ☐ Historic building owner
- ☐ Historic Society member
- ☐ Architect/Engineer
- ☐ Contractor/Consultant
- ☐ Part of an historic district
- ☐ Preservation Assoc. Member
- ☐ Non-profit
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission Member
- ☐ Planning/Zoning Board Member
- ☐ Government
- ☐ I am interested in volunteering to support WADA's mission



INTERESTED IN HELPING LEAD WADA?

We welcome community members interested in serving on the
Weston Area Development Association Board of Directors.

Learn more and complete our
Board of Directors Interest Form:

<https://tinyurl.com/2vehz79j>



Gold
Transparency
2026

Candid.

Be a Part of Weston's Future!

Search GuideStar for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.
<https://www.GuideStar.org>

Become a member
or donate online:

