HISTORY MAKER AWARD NOMINATION FORM

2025 SPRINGFIELD HERITAGE AWARDS

The Springfield Heritage Awards are presented annually to recognize significant achievements in stewardship of the physical and cultural heritage of the geographic area we now call Springfield, Oregon.

Presented by the Springfield Historic Commission and the Springfield History Museum, these awards recognize a broad array of stewardship activities that increase awareness, appreciation, and support an inclusive perspective of local heritage.

Award recipients are selected by the Mayor. The Mayor's award will be informed by input from a jury that includes representatives of the Historic Commission and the History Museum Committee and members of the community selected by the Mayor. This is a recognition award promoting exceptional commitment and achievement; no monetary awards are associated with this program. Up to 3 awards per category may be presented each year, at the discretion of the Mayor with input from the jury.

The History Maker Award honors an individual/organization/company/public agency who has made significant contributions to the enrichment, conservation, knowledge and dissemination of local heritage. Reasons to nominate include:

- Demonstrated leadership in preserving and fostering appreciation of local heritage.
- Revitalization of a history-related organization.
- Efforts to engage underrepresented communities in history-related activities.
- For scholarship, public service, conservation and preservation efforts, special events, and teaching.
- For those who have had a positive impact on the ways in which audiences and/or communities are engaged in history.

Eligibility Criteria:

Nominee is not required to be located in Springfield, but their body of work must demonstrate a strong focus and/or impact within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) of Springfield. Any individual, organization, company, or local, state or federal agency involved in historic preservation is eligible for nomination.

Nomination Information: (self- nominations are accepted)

Project Name: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Nominator Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

How did you hear about this award?

Consent Statement:

The nominee ___ is aware ___ is not aware of this nomination. (Self-nominations should mark "is aware".) If the nominee is aware of this nomination, I represent that I have the nominee's consent to submit the nomination form and supporting materials, including the nominee's likeness and any photographs, documents, or other content submitted with this nomination ("nomination submission package"). As the submitter, I consent to the City's nonexclusive use, reproduction, alteration, distribution, and/or public display of any or all components of the nomination submission package. If the nominee is not aware of the nomination, the City will obtain nominee's consent before displaying or publishing their likeness.

Submission is subject to Oregon Public Records Law

Narrative/Contributions: (Required. 400 words max, each question; submit as separate attachment)

1. What heritage activities has the nominee taken part in? Describe the nominee's role.

2. How has the nominee gone above and beyond the ordinary call of duty?

3. How do the nominee's activities impact the local community and its heritage?

4. How has the nominee made the most of available resources and skill?

5. Did the nominee use new ideas, approaches or innovations? Please describe.

Letters of Support: (Required)

Please submit two letters of support for this nomination.

Promotional Images: (Required. The City may follow up with award winners to obtain promotional images. These images may be used for online and printed media for awards publicity. Please include photo credits where applicable. All materials subject to a trademark or copyright must be clearly indicated)

Please include one headshot of the nominee (or representatives of the entity/organization) and one image that demonstrates their body of work.

Supplemental Materials: (Not Required)

Include any additional relevant materials, such as photos/descriptions of significant projects, resume/CV, or other content that supports the nomination.

Evaluation Criteria:

Have the nominee's activities impacted the local community?

Has the nominee gone above and beyond the ordinary call of duty to increase awareness, appreciation, and support an inclusive perspective of local heritage?

Has the nominee made the most of available resources and skill, and/or used new ideas, approaches or innovations?

Nomination Submission & Deadline

Nomination deadline 5:00 pm, Monday July 21, 2025

Nominations to be submitted by email to tsievers@springfield-or.gov.

For questions and more information, contact Tom Sievers, Historic Commission Staff Liaison, at tsievers@springfield-or.gov or 541.726.2333.