

Historic district proposals

Clark National Historic District:

Designated in 2002. It includes 174 historic sites on 85.8 acres south of downtown.

Painter's Woods National Historic District (formerly known as Southside District):

An application for designation -- including 42 historic sites on 26.5 acres, south of downtown -- was approved by the Forest Grove City Council in July and forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office, where the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation will consider it this fall. If approved, the state will forward it to the National Register of Historic Places, a division of the National Park Service, for final approval.

Naylor-Walker National Historic District:

This fall, two historic preservation consultants will survey what they hope will become the Naylor-Walker District, west of Pacific University. Kimberli Fitzgerald expects an application to come before the City Council in about two years.

Downtown District:

A fourth potential historic district in Forest Grove would be tackled after the Naylor-Walker District.



Stewart preservation award

Forest Grove has always been filled with historical preservation enthusiasts, including the late Mary Cowan, who helped run the Tualatin Plains Historical Society and coordinated oral histories for the 1985 inventory, Gladys Haines, Carolyn Buan and others who have since moved away.

But Eric Stewart is the only one whose name is attached to an annual city award for outstanding work in preserving the city's history. An archivist by training, Stewart moved to Forest Grove in 1982.

"In the period of one year, he knew more about Forest Grove than people who had lived here their whole lives," said Mayor Richard Kidd, who owned a lithography studio at the time and did restoration work on the photos of historic homes that Stewart was gathering for the 1985 inventory.

Following Stewart's death more than a decade ago, his widow, Thalia, donated the Eric Stewart Collection of historic material to the Forest Grove City Library. The collection contains about 10 file boxes full of notebooks, maps, slides and

more. It is stored in the city's engineering building until it can be cataloged and moved to the library's History Room.

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