



Travel Information Council and Oregon Heritage Tree Program  
**HERITAGE TREE HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**NOMINATION FORM**

Oregon is a state renowned for its magnificent trees, many of which have ties to Oregon's history. To increase awareness of the connection these legacy trees have to Oregon's past, the Oregon Heritage Tree Program was established in 1995. It was the first state-sponsored heritage tree program in the nation. The goals of the program are to educate Oregonians about the Oregon history each of these trees represent and to promote appreciation of these trees as "arboreal historians."

This award recognizes individuals and groups that view Oregon's history from the perspective of the trees that witnessed/are witnessing it. Tell us about an inspirational individual or organization that is engaging communities through education about the importance of trees and raising awareness about Oregon's history told through trees and forests. We encourage nominations that tell the stories of historically under-represented communities whose contributions are an integral part of Oregon's history.

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Nominee's Name:

Date Submitted:

Organization (if applicable):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone number(s):

Email address:

Website:

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

Name:

Mailing address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

**NOMINATION NARRATIVE**

**Please attach the nomination narrative and any supporting material about the nominee or group.** (See nomination instructions on the next page for directions)

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

To nominate a person or group for this award, please complete the form on the previous page. (Attach extra sheets as necessary to answer the questions fully.) **Application deadline is Arbor Day- the last Friday in April.** Any applications received after the deadline will be kept on file and considered for the next year's award. Award designees will be notified in June and recognized at an award presentation ceremony at a date to be determined by the award winner and the committee. Emailed nominations are preferred. Your completed nomination form may be sent to:

Oregon Heritage Tree Program  
Travel Information Council  
1500 Liberty St SE, Ste. 150  
Salem, OR 97302  
503-378-4508  
[anniev@oregontic.com](mailto:anniev@oregontic.com)

## NOMINATION NARRATIVE

Tell us why this person or group should receive this award. The nomination could include:

- The approximate timeframe of activities/project (i.e., when they occurred; for how long)
- Describe the nature and scope of activities the nominee (or group) has participated in to promote heritage trees, and the nominee's role in those activities.  
*Examples may include, but are not limited to: local libraries that have promoted Oregon history through tree book suggestions; city/community/county historic tree program committees/coordinators; community tree-walk docents that include Oregon history into their presentations; cultural groups that show how trees traditionally relate to their cultural identity; writers, poets, filmmakers, teachers, historians, etc. with works in this area; Scouts and students with projects about trees and their connection to state history.*
- Outline how the nominee's (or group's) activities have made the connection between trees and Oregon's history; assisted communities with preserving their heritage trees; and/ raised awareness and knowledge about Oregon's history told from trees and forests.
- Note: Applications completed and submitted electronically – typed, emailed – on the following form are appreciated, but not required.

## SUPPORTING MATERIAL

- Supporting material is encouraged for submission with the cover sheet and nomination information. Such material should establish the merits of the person or group being nominated. Types of material to support the nomination could include: Samples and/or photographs of the nominee's work, the resume or vitae, photographs showing the nominee (digital preferred), letters of critical testimony or support, short videos, etc.)