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Workshops Offered for “Green” Holiday Decorating

BAKER CITY, Ore. – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is offering workshops and activities over the next month to help develop holiday traditions and decorations that are friendly to the environment. Workshops are offered Wednesday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 19, to create decorations using recycled materials. The annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, will feature decorations made from “greener” designs and reclaimed materials.

Paper ornament workshops will be offered Wednesday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 19. The workshop on Nov. 16 will be held in downtown Baker City at 1937 Main Street from noon to 2 p.m. It is free and open to all; no registration is required. The workshop on Nov. 19 is at the Interpretive Center from noon to 2 p.m. and is free with general admission. Supplies are provided, but workshop attendees may also bring colorful paper from home or photographs to create simple boxes, stars, flowers, and more.

The Interpretive Center is working with several local elementary schools using recycled materials to make decorations which will be featured in the Flagstaff Gallery during the month of December. The annual Holiday Open House at the Interpretive Center is scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. and includes live entertainment, craft activities, refreshments, and a silent auction.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon, on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Interpretive Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$5. Seniors are \$3.50. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit oregontrail.blm.gov for more information about the Interpretive Center, or call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on this and other events in Baker County, Oregon, call 1 (800) 523-1235.

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