I bet it does, so join the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the City of Oregon City and Main Street Oregon City in its grassroots campaign to give your place some local and national attention and celebrate May Preservation Month. Through our This Places Matters campaign, you can share your site with the entire world through the PreservationNation Web site and potentially win a $25 dollar gif certificate from Cypress Restaurant. Oregon City and will be presenting your photos and stories on the city’s website (www.orcity.org) and at various public venues throughout 2009.

One person by him/herself doesn’t attract much attention, but as a group we do. So celebrate a place you love, sound an alarm about a place that is threatened, or just start a conversation about places that matter.
Here’s how to participate in three easy steps:

1. Visit www.PreservationNation.org/ThisPlaceMatters or www.orcity.org to download a sign.
2. Take a photo or make a video at the place that matters to you with the sign (hey, you need to show you’re part of something big). Write 10-300 words about why this place is special to you and upload it to the National Trust website. Don’t have a picture? Don’t know what to say? Just [plant your flag](#) on our This Place Matters Google Map.
3. Now, email your photo and a short (or long) reason why your particular place matters to you to Christina Robertson-Gardiner (crobertson@orcity.org) or Lloyd Purdy (downtownpurdy@gmail.com) by [June 1st](#). The most inspirational photo or story will be awarded a $25 gift certificate from Cypress Restaurant.

Some advice on taking a good photo

- Remember that buildings are big and people are small, so try to balance the scale. Have people stand in the foreground and put the building in the background to ensure that people (and the sign) aren’t overwhelmed.
- Keep an eye on the sun. Try to keep the light on the building’s and people’s faces. When they’re in shadow, it’ll become even darker when they go up on the Internet.
- Creativity captures attention, so gather a group of people (even strangers), take it from an unusual angle, be sure there is some color, make sure people look happy (there’s nothing worse than a glum preservationist).

Help preserve the places that matter to you by spreading the word about preservation and getting your friends and family excited about this successful program.
Celebrate May Preservation Month in Oregon City

Let Us Know What Places Matter To You.
In conjunction with the national program, the city of Oregon City and Main Street Oregon City are collecting photos and stories of places that matter to the people of Oregon City and will be presenting them on the city’s website (www.orcity.org) and at various public venues throughout 2009. Email your photo and a short (or long) reason why your particular place matters to you to Christina Robertson-Gardiner (crobertson@orcity.org) or Lloyd Purdy (downtownpurdy@gmail.com) by June 1st. The most inspirational photo or story will be awarded a $25 gift certificate from Cypress Restaurant.

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