

PLACES

ELLENSBURG • OCTOBER 6-8, 2026

COMMUNITIES WITH CHARACTER MICHELLE'S ITINERARY



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As someone working with local historic preservation commissions across Washington, my itinerary leans toward preservation-related content. Whether you come to this work through a preservation or a Main Street lens, our historic downtowns are the physical settings for our Main Street communities. Preservation and Main Street are two sides of the same coin.

With that in mind, these are the sessions I'll be prioritizing—and recommend to anyone interested in the intersection of preservation, place, and communities with character.

Itineraries are generally focused on classroom sessions and mobile tours. Some itinerary writers have added special events and restaurants they're looking forward to. You'll also be able to catch them throughout the week at conference-wide events not included on these itineraries.

Please note: Mobile tours (denoted with ) are separately ticketed—be sure to purchase tickets at registration if you'd like to join!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 AM-12:30 PM | LIBERTY: A LIVING GHOST TOWN

Meet at Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) Office

I'll be presenting at this tour, but "Explore Ellensburg's Mid-Century Modern Gems" and "Tracing Downtown Ellensburg from Ashes to Identity" are both going to be amazing as well. You're just going to have to toss a coin!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00-10:00 AM | THE ARCHITECTURE OF DOWNTOWN: ELLENSBURG EDITION

The INK by Gallery One

10:30-11:30 AM | DOUBLE-HEADER: BRIDGING THE TOWN/GOWN DIVIDE AND YOUTH HERITAGE PROJECT

Kittitas County Historical Museum

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | LUNCH

I'll be eating at the Pearl Bar & Grill (402 N Pearl St) today!

OPTION 1

1:30-2:30 PM | PRESERVATION UNDER THREAT

Liberty Bible Church

3:00-4:00 PM | WHAT IS...HISTORIC PRESERVATION?

Liberty Bible Church

OPTION 2

1:30-4:30 PM | KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS: THE PRESERVATION OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGIES AND CULTURE

Kittitas County Historical Museum

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00-10:00 AM | WHEN CODES MEET CHARACTER: TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE

Liberty Bible Church

10:30-11:30 AM | SAVE THESE HISTORIC STRUCTURES: LESSONS FROM THE FIELD

Kittitas County Historical Museum

11:30 AM-1:30 PM | LUNCH

1:30-2:30 PM | EXPANDING PRESERVATION'S ROLE IN MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE FRAMEWORK

Liberty Bible Church

3:00-4:00 PM | INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING ALONG THE COAL MINES TRAIL

Kittitas County Historical Museum