



Author Irene Bennett Brown Scheduled for Book Signing Dec. 22 The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill

For Immediate Release

Well-known for her historical novels for children and adults, Irene Bennett Brown's newest book, *Where Gable Slept*, is the first book in a new series and a page-turning cozy mystery.

Widowed Celia Landrey, innkeeper and walking-tour guide, holds nothing so dear as her small historic town of Pass Creek, Oregon. A mysterious woman has arrived with the intent to buy and then destroy their most famous structure, the house where actor Clark Gable lived as a young man. Taking on an additional role as sleuth, Celia struggles through a complicated and sometimes humorous maze of secrets and lies, murder and romance, to save Gable House, her town, and her life.

Irene Bennett Brown's past awards and such include a Western Writers of America Spur Award and Mark Twain Award nomination for her young adult novel, *Before The Lark*. Her first adult historical, *The Plainswoman*, was a finalist for the Western Writers of America Spur Award. She is also a recipient of the Oregon Library Association's Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award. Born in Kansas, Brown has made the Willamette Valley home since the age of nine. She and her husband, Bob, live in Jefferson.

For more information about the author, visit www.irenebennettbrown.com

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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