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This year, OMA's spring meeting will take place in conjunction with the Oregon Heritage Conference in Pendleton. The 3-day conference will provide a great deal of information, some heritage-specific and some not. I encourage you to take advantage of the workshops. One reason OMA joined the Oregon Heritage Commission for this conference is to learn from experts in fields such as archiving, capturing oral histories, grant-writing, marketing, etc-things we need no matter what genre of museum we represent.

I'll look forward to welcoming each of you to Pendleton. See you next month.
Sincerely,
Julie Reese, President

Spring 2007

Mark Your Calendar!

UPCOMING OMA MEETINGS

Fall 2007
Columbia Maritime Museum, Astoria
October 21 & 22

Spring 2008 TBD

Fall 2008 OMSI, Portland, Date TBD

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If you are interested in submitting a 500 word article of professional, scholarly or political relevance to Oregon museums and museum professionals please contact the Editor. All submissions will be screened by the Editorial Board. Deadline for the Summer 2007 issue is June 1.

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THE OREGON MUSEUM ASSOCIATION & THE OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION

WELCOME YOU
TO THE OMA SPRING MEETING & OREGON HERITAGE CONFERENCE
PENDLETON
MAY 3-5, 2007

"Strengthening the Fabric of Oregon Heritage"

NOTE: All sessions will take place at the Red Lion Inn unless otherwise noted. Events and times are subject to change. For an up-to-date schedule, please refer to the OMA website: http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCDO/OMC/conference.shtml for an up-to-date schedule.

Agenda

Thursday, May 3, 2007
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Oriental History Workshop presented by the Northwest Oral History Association.
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Archives Workshop presented by the State Historic Records Advisory Board. Learn the basics of managing your museum's archives.
1:30 PM
Oregon Heritage Commission meeting
2:00 PM and 3:30 PM
Pendleton Woolen Mills History Tour. The afternoon is also a good time to visit the area's museums.
4:00 PM
OMA Board Meeting. Heritage Station Museum
6 PM
Welcoming Reception. Learn how technology is being used to engage youth in history by attending this reception, titled "Merging New Fabric With the Old: Technology, 4-H Youth and Oregon Century Farms"
7:00 PM (est. time)
No Host Dinner: Rafael's, 233 S.W. 4th, Pendleton. Prices start at $12

Friday, May 4, 2007
7:00 AM
OMA breakfast meeting. The results of the 2006 Oregon Museums Survey will be presented, along with updates on current OMA activities and issues.
8:30 AM
Opening Plenary Session: "Restoring Old Silk: The Discovery, Re-Discovery and Future of the Kam Wah Chung and Co. Museum" Learn about unique challenges and solutions for this museum, located within a National Historic Landmark
10 AM
The State of Oregon Heritage presentations and discussion about key issues and projects, including funding of county museums, the heritage assistance project, collaborative projects
11:45 AM
Luncheon Re-developing Oregon's Historic Main Streets
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Products and Promotions: Giving Visitors Many Reasons To Come Learn how programming, facilities and educational content can synergistically work together (NOTE: this session is located at the Tamaatdiik Cultural Institute)
3:00 PM
Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries meeting
3:15 PM
Getting the Most From Volunteers Panels will relate how they recruit, use and keep volunteers involved in museums and other heritage organizations
6:30 PM
First Annual Heritage Excellence Awards Dinner Awards presented by First Lady Mary Oberst

Saturday, May 5, 2007
8:30 AM
Breakfast: "The Past, Present and Future of Oregon's Historic Trails"
10:00 AM - Noon
Historic Downtown Pendleton Walking Tour
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cemetery Care and Conservation Workshop

Driving Directions

The OMA Spring Meeting and Oregon Heritage Conference will take place at the Red Lion Inn in Pendleton, which features a hilltop location with mountain views! A special conference rate of $79 plus tax is available until April 19. To make your reservation, call 541-276-6111 and request the Oregon Heritage conference rate.

Heading east on I-84, take the 210 exit to OR-11 and drive toward Pendleton / Milton Freewater (approximately 2/10 of a mile). Turn right on SE 3rd Drive, then right again onto SE Nye Avenue and proceed to the Red Lion Inn, 304 SE Nye Avenue.

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Join the Oregon Museums Association and start networking today!

Membership with the Oregon Museums Association

Looking for information about museums in Oregon? Want to learn more about museum program activities? Join the Oregon Museums Association and start networking today!

OMA members network with museum professionals and participate in informative workshops at different locations throughout the state. OMA provides information to its members about legislative matters that effect museum organizations statewide and nationwide.

OMA is an affiliate of the Western Museums Association, and that affiliation is another good reason to join the Oregon Museums Association. Membership benefits include:

- The Dispatch newsletter packed with helpful and timely information
- OMA Website oregonmuseums.org
- Membership meetings in different regions of the state.
- Free behind-the-scenes admission at area museums.
- Professional training opportunities.
- Support of a professional network.

Memberships in the Oregon Museums Association (OMA) expire at the end of each calendar year. If you have not renewed, or just have questions about your membership, please contact Ray Vandiver, Membership Chair, at 503/797-4540 or rvandiver@omsi.edu

2007 OREGON MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Organization name (if different) ______________________

Mailing address ______________________

City ______________________ State ______ Zip ______

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Work phone ______________________ Home phone ______________________

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2007 OREGON MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please send completed membership application and check (payable to Oregon Museums Association or OMA) to: Oregon Museums Association, 703 Box 1718, Portland, OR 97207-1718. Thank you.

All OMA memberships are on a calendar year and expire on December 31st. If you have questions, please contact Ray Vandiver, Membership Chair, at 503/797-4540 or rvandiver@omsi.edu

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Champagne Friends Get New Director, Award
Friends of Historic Champoeg in St. Paul recently hired a new executive director. Charlotte Lehan, current three-term mayor of Wilsonville and board member for the organization, has recently received third place honors in the National Association of Interpretation’s annual media awards for the park newspaper, Champoeg in the Present. Produced by volunteers Ann and Brian Snyder since its debut more than six years ago, the newspaper has evolved into a more professional publication that includes articles about natural and cultural history, events, and park visitor services.

Gill Stays as Coordinator of Historic Cemeteries
Kari Gill has started work as the Historic Cemeteries Program Coordinator with the Heritage Programs Division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. She is looking forward to working with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, ORPFD staff and the public to preserve and enhance Oregon’s historic cemeteries.

Gill grew up in Oregon, traveling in and around the state. She is familiar with regional history and credits her early travels with her interest in heritage preservation. She holds a Masters Degree in Anthropology from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Eastern Washington University. She has worked for many years with the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries and to provide useful, quality resources for those who are preserving, interpreting and promoting historic cemeteries. The next Oregon Cemetery History Workshop will take place on March 23 in Salem. For information or input, contact Kari at Kari.Gill@state.or.us or (503) 986-0685.

Yamhill County Museum Hires First Director
During its February meeting, the Yamhill County Historical Society Board of Directors took a huge step forward when they voted to hire Katherine Huit as their first staff member. Hiring Huit as Executive Director is a major milestone for the fifty year old organization, which has been managed by volunteers since 1957.

As a life-long resident of Yamhill County, a professional historian, and a knows what to expect in terms of site preservation, Kari has much to offer the organization as it embarks on a new chapter and a capital campaign for building a new museum complex. Recently retired, Katherine will work for the organization from her home in Brownsville. For the last six years, she served as Curator and Education Coordinator at Mission Mill Museum in Salem where she gained experience in building and structure preservation.

She hopes to create an immediate and long range plan for the program, including the expansion of educational cemeteries and to provide useful, quality resources for those who are preserving, interpreting and promoting historic cemeteries. The next Oregon Cemetery History Workshop will take place on March 23 in Salem. For information or input, contact Kari at Kari.Gill@state.or.us or (503) 986-0685.

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The full roster of the Oregon 150 Board, including 29 citizen members, can be found on their website: www.oregon150.org. Members of Oregon 150 will help guide critical program and funding decisions for our 2009 sesquicentennial, and that the sesquicentennial will contribute to the welfare of Oregon through sustainable legacies in our communities.

The Board’s mission statement is supported by a strong set of values, including ensuring that Oregonians across the state of every age, income, and ethnic background participate in the sesquicentennial, and that the sesquicentennial will contribute to the welfare of Oregon through sustainable legacies in our communities.

Attention OMA Member Museums! The new and improved Oregon Museums website now features all member museums. Check your museum’s web page during the OMA breakfast meeting and learn about uploading new information, photos and more!

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Heritage Conference Workshop Highlights
Two full-day and one half-day workshops are among the activities scheduled at the 2007 Oregon Heritage Conference.

Highlights include:

A full-day oral history workshop, presented by the Northwest Oral History Association, will be presented May 3. The workshop is designed for those starting in oral history or brushing-up on their skills. The participants will learn about oral history project planning, research, equipment, interviewing techniques, and legal and ethical considerations.

The half-day archives management workshop will be presented May 4. Archives management will conduct this workshop. The workshop is a basic overview of archival best practice, focusing on setting up and maintaining institutional archives.

The Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries will present a full-day workshop May 5 on cemetery care and management. The Cemetery Preservation Basics Workshop will be geared towards people or groups that want to know the basics about how to plan and care for historic grave markers. The sessions, some of which will take place in a historic cemetery, will include surveying objects, planning for repair work, identifying and cleaning various types of headstones, and basic repair.

Pottser Scholarship Applications Available
Application forms for the 2007 Elisabeth Walton Potter Historic Preservation Scholarship are now available. These awards provide funding for individuals to aid them in meeting their travel expenses to a conference or workshop that will help them in their preservation advocacy and/or education efforts in their local community.

A total of $7,500 is slated to be shared among award recipients. The Oregon SHPO is encouraging applications from all across Oregon. Individuals can nominate themselves or be nominated by another person. Completed applications are due no later than April 30 and application forms are available online at http://egov.oregon.gov/ORPFD/News/news.shtml

Century Farm, Ranch Applications Available
The Oregon Century Farm & Century Ranch Program, a statewide program honoring farmers and ranchers who have worked the same land for at least 100 years, is taking applications for its 2007 recognition program. Applications are available online at http://egov.oregon.gov/ORPFD/News/news.shtml

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation has honored more than 1,000 farms and ranches across the state with the distinction. Oregon has one of the oldest agricultural heritage programs in the type of entire nation.

Successful applicants receive a certificate signed by the governor. A durable metal road sign to identify their property as having historic Century Farm or Century Ranch status is also available. Additionally, each family is honored during a special ceremony and reception at the Oregon State Fair. A formal application process is required for properties to be considered for the program. The deadline to apply for Century Farm & Ranch status is April 30, 2007. Application forms are available on the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation’s website: http://egov.oregon.gov/ORPFD/News/news.shtml

A PDF version of the Century Farm & Ranch application and other program information is available at http://www.oregonheritage.org/program/century_farm_ranch.shtml. For hard copies, contact program coordinator Glenn Mason at centenary@juno.com or 503-297-5892.

Pack your bags for the OMA Spring Meeting in Pendleton. Wheat is the main agricultural crop in the Pendleton area, and this photo from the Umatilla County Historical Society’s Heritage Station shows how it was once transported.

You will also learn about some of the exemplary individuals, projects and organizations in the state as the first Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards are presented with the assistance of First Lady Mary Ober. Pendleton has been a meeting place for millennia and hosts this year’s OMA spring meeting. It’s a great time to travel and appreciate Pendleton, whether you come by car, truck or even bus.

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Pendleton Photographer Lee Moorhouse and the Real West Heritage Station
108 SW Prazer Avenue, www.heritagestations.org

This traveling exhibition, organized by the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, features 60 of more than 9,000 images Lee Moorhouse has captured as an amateur photographer covering the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Moorhouse images belong to the division of Special Collections and University Archives of the University of Oregon Libraries. Highlights of this exhibit include local agricultural scenes, famous Pendleton Round-Up, Pendleton and Umatilla County, and the Umatilla Indian community.
Museum and Heritage Sites in Pendleton:

Umatilla County Historical Society Heritage Station
108 SW Frazer Avenue, www.heritagestationmuseum.org

Tamatskikt Cultural Institute
72789 Highway 331, just off Interstate 84 at Exit 216

Children’s Museum of Eastern Oregon
400 South Main St. www.cmeo.org

Pendleton Roundup Hall of Fame
1114 Court Street

Pendleton Center for the Arts
214 North Main. www.pendletonarts.org

Pendleton Underground Tours, 37 SE Emigrant www.pendletonundergoundtours.org

Oregon Trail
Signs throughout the area show where the trail was located.

Historic District Walks and Other Activities
Pick up brochures for the walks at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce office, 501 S. Main Street

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Your OMA Board at Work
Next time you see an Oregon Museum Association Board member, be sure to thank them! In between member meetings, our dedicated Board continues to work behind the scenes on programs and marketing materials to enhance the learning and sharing opportunities for Oregon’s museum professionals.

The Board continues its work on the updated version of the biannual Guidebook to Oregon Museums. If you haven’t already renewed your institutional membership, now is the time to do so and ensure inclusion in this valuable marketing tool! For membership information, contact Ray Vandiver at 503.797.4540, rvandiver@omsi.edu.

A benefit of membership, this website will feature:
On-line meeting registration
The ability to join or renew memberships online
Member Museum web pages and links, with the opportunity to post current information about events and exhibits.

Visit today!

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Registration Form for May 3-5 Meeting
REGISTRATION DEADLINE is APRIL 28, 2007

Name ___________________________________________ Organization ________________________________
Address __________________________________________ City __________________________ Zip ________
Phone __________________________ Fax __________________________ Email __________________________

I am an OMA Member __________ I would like to join (Please use the form on page 7)

Special OMA Member Rates:
- Full Conference Registration Fee (OMA Members), $85.00
- Thursday Only Registration Fee (OMA Members), $15.00
- Friday Only Registration Fee (OMA Members), $60.00
- Awards Banquet Only (OMA Members), $25.00
- Saturday Only Registration Fee (OMA Members), $15.00

(Non-Members, please visit http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/conference.shtml for regular rates)

To help us to make adequate arrangements, please check which of the following you plan to attend:
- Oral History Workshop
- Archives Workshop
- Woolen Mills Tour 2 PM
- Woolen Mills Tour 3:30 PM
- Opening Reception
- OMA Breakfast Meeting
- Awards Dinner
- Cemetery Workshop (limited size)
- Downtown Walking Tour
- OMA Board Meeting
- OMA No Host Dinner

Total enclosed: $ __________________________

Check __________ Money Order (payable to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department)

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Number: _______ Exp. Date: __________

Please send your complete registration form and payment to:
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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C
Salem OR 97301-1266

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