



March 2023 newsletter

OMA News

Meet Up March!

Welcome to Meet Up March! Come to our OMA-sponsored in-person meet ups in Portland and Eugene this month to enjoy the company of your museum peers!

We're hoping also to coordinate a Meet Up May, so if you are interested in organizing an event this May, please email us at connect@oregonmuseums.org.



March in-person meet up: Eugene

Monday, March 20, 2023, 4 - 6 pm PST
Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, Eugene

Join your colleagues for networking and socializing at [Shelton McMurphey Johnson House](#) in Eugene.

Hosted by Leah Murray, OMA member and Director of SMJ House.

This event is free to attend, but please register to receive further details.

[Register now](#)

March in-person meet up: Portland

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 4 - 7 pm PST
Migration Brewing, Portland

Join your colleagues for networking and socializing at Migration Brewing in Portland.

Hosted by Ariel Peasley, OMA Board Secretary.

This event is free to attend, but please register to receive further details.

[Register now](#)

OMA webinar - You are not alone! Working with consultants to support your museum

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm PST

Join our panel of experts in the Oregon museum community to hear about how to work with consultants: how to find them, fund them, work with them and get the expert support you want. We'll also hear from a small, all-volunteer museum on their experience with consultants.

Attendees will have at least 30 minutes to ask questions and talk with consultants in breakout groups. Come prepared with your questions!

Presenters

- Kyrie Kellet, [Mason Bee Interpretive Planning](#)
- Alan Ransenberg, [Alchemy of Design](#)
- Patti Ball, [Jefferson Historical Society and Museum](#)

Registration

- OMA members: \$15
- Non-members: \$25

[Register now](#)

Advocacy

Oregon Advocacy Day

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Virtual or in-person

The Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon is hosting Oregon Advocacy Day. With a new legislature in session and new leadership in Salem, now is the time to unite our voices, align our priorities, and remind our elected officials that the pandemic-related hardships felt throughout our sector are not going away anytime soon.

Save the date for Wednesday, April 19 when we will spend the morning together virtually. We'll dig into our collective priorities, receive some fabulous advocacy training, hear from special guests, and refine our impact stories. In the afternoon, we ask that you set up a virtual or in-person meeting with your district's elected officials where you can share your story and put your brand-new advocacy skills into action.

[Find out more and register.](#)

Participate in Oregon campaign to expand broadband access statewide



Oregonians are encouraged to submit internet data to [Faster Internet Oregon](#) campaign speed test survey which will inform future broadband funding and planning to improve broadband internet access. As more museums, organizations and businesses rely on digital content, ensuring internet access is key.

The Faster Internet Oregon speed test and survey, offered in both English and Spanish, is easy, free, and safe to complete. The information provided will help secure infrastructure funding across the state and ensure that funding is allocated equitably so every Oregon resident has access to fast, affordable internet service.

[Find out more and start the speed test and survey.](#)

Oregon Events and Opportunities

2023 Oregon Heritage Virtual Summit - Investing in your volunteers: Engage, sustain, value

April 27-28, 2023

A [report released by the Oregon Heritage Commission in 2020](#) demonstrates that the work volunteers do within heritage organizations is indispensable to the preservation of Oregon's heritage. In fact, most heritage organizations are operated primarily by volunteers and the world clearly saw the impact the pandemic had on volunteer programs across the nonprofit field. Building back these critical stakeholder groups is key to continuing to carry out the mission of heritage organizations across the state.

Join Oregon Heritage April 27-28, 2023 for facilitated conversations about how community engagement impacts volunteer strategies; panel discussions featuring fellow volunteer managers and volunteers; and a practical workshop to help you engage, retain, and value volunteers in a way that impacts both volunteers and organizations. Registration is only \$5 per person!

[Find out more and register.](#)

Host *Bridging Divides, Defending Dignity* in your community



Bridging Divides, Defending Dignity: How rural Oregonians have moved democracy forward since 1992! is a traveling exhibit from the [Rural Organizing Project](#) (ROP) that highlights powerful organizing from the last 30 years in rural Oregon. Your museum or organization can host the exhibit to kick-start a conversation about organizing for human dignity and democracy in small-town and rural Oregon.

Bridging Divides, Defending Dignity consists of eight free-standing panels that share stories of powerful rural organizing, from defeating Ballot Measure 9 to saving hundreds of rural post offices from closure, and taking action in defense of Black Lives in every corner of the state. The exhibit design was specifically created to be easily set up at the ends of library bookshelves, in a community center or grange hall, or out on a park path. The panels are double-sided, with Spanish on one side and English on the other.

[Find out more.](#)

Join Oregon Heritage MentorCorps: Be the ‘me’ in mentor

Oregon Heritage seeks professionals from all experience and backgrounds to join their [MentorCorps](#) team. This volunteer team provides one-on-one guidance and advice to heritage organizations around the state that often includes a multitude of collections care topics. It can also mean addressing some more difficult conversations around strategic planning and organizational governance, disaster planning, diversity, equity, & inclusion work, and a plethora of other organizational challenges that we all face. If you have one year or more of experience conducting heritage work in non-profits, museums, government entities, libraries, archives, or other arena, consider applying today.

Find out more about what being a mentor entails at these virtual sessions.

- [April 20, 2023, 8 am](#)
- [May 11, 2023, 1 pm](#)

[Apply now.](#)

Museum news

Participate in the National Week of Conversation

April 17-23, 2023

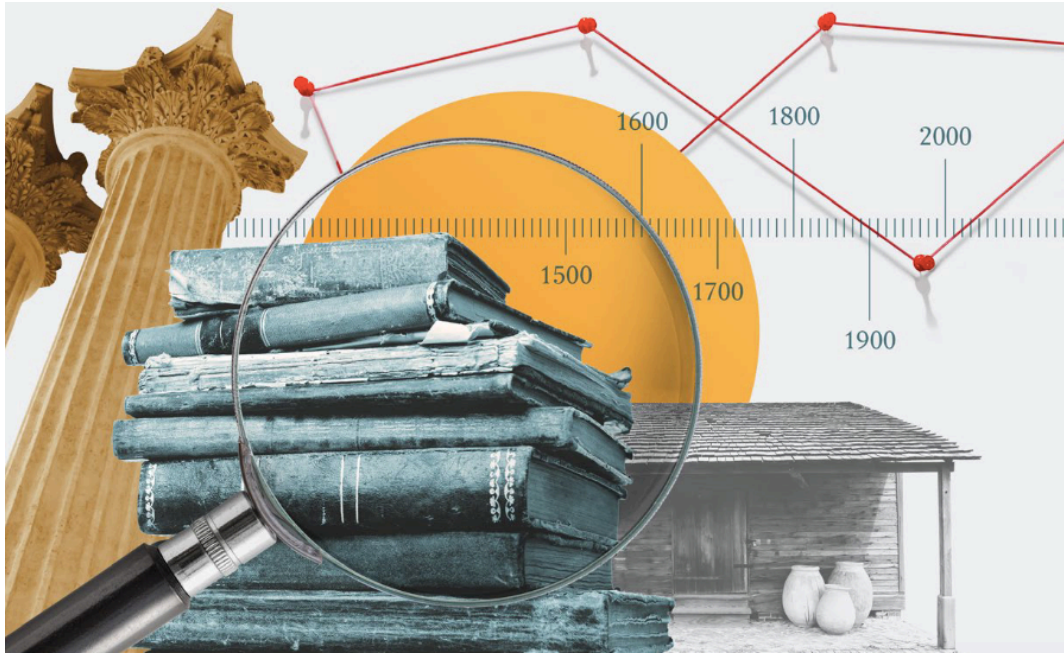
Guided, face-to-face conversation across differences are one of the most powerful tools available to remove biases, stereotypes, and misperceptions. [National Week of Conversation](#) provides a simple, powerful, and proven opportunity to gain this fresh and healing perspective.

Museums and historic sites are the keepers and communicators of our nation's multifaceted history with high public trust, and are important spaces for exploring, discussing, and understanding our shared, complex, and sometimes contested history. You can participate in the National Week of Conversation in person or virtually by:

- Hosting an event
- Starting a historical conversation
- Taking part in the Finding the Way Out challenge.

[Find out more.](#)

Report and resources from *Reframing History*



One year ago, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) launched the [Reframing History](#) initiative to help you understand how Americans think about history and how we can more effectively communicate what inclusive history is and why it is important for everyone. This initiative remains extremely important in the midst of a campaign across the country to censor what is taught in public schools and universities, the material available at libraries, and the programs held at museums.

"Communicators shift the conversation about history from being about abstract truth to critical engagement with the past. This shift can help quiet the endless polarization and debate evoked by the concept of a single "truth" about what happened in the past and build the public's understanding of the importance of learning from the past to create a more just future."

- [Read the report](#)
- [Use the toolkit](#)
- [Listen to the podcast](#)
- [Watch the webinars](#)

Elevating sustainability efforts in museum dining operations

As museums encourage visitors to learn and think about what is possible, sustainability is no longer a behind-the-scenes activity. One example of this is in on-site dining and food retail programs. Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, museums and cultural institutions are adopting new standards based on concepts like responsible consumption and production, sustainable food processing, and resilient agriculture, to make an impact both locally and globally.

[Read the blog article](#) from the American Alliance of Museums.

Jobs

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals

- [Development Manager](#)
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Cascade Locks Historical Museum

- [Museum Coordinator](#)
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Old Aurora Colony Museum

- [Program Coordinator](#)
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ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum

- [Museum Director](#)
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Arts Council of Lake Oswego

- [Communications Manager & Development Support](#)
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Japanese American Museum of Oregon

- [Executive Director](#)

Grants

Oregon Heritage

- [Diamonds in the Rough Grant](#). **Deadline May 8, 2023.**
- [Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant](#). **Deadline April 12, 2023**
- [Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant](#). **Deadline March 16, 2023**
- [Oregon Museum Grant](#). **Deadline April 12, 2023**
- [Preserving Oregon Grant](#). **Deadline April 11, 2023**
- [Veterans and War Memorials Grant](#). **Deadline March 31, 2023.**

Oregon Arts Commission

[Oregon Media Arts Fellowship](#). **Deadline March 31, 2023.**

Oregon Cultural Foundation

[2023 Community Grants program](#). **Deadline for LOI March 20, 2023.**

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Cultural and Community Resilience](#) supports community-based efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience. **Deadline May 16, 2023.**

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