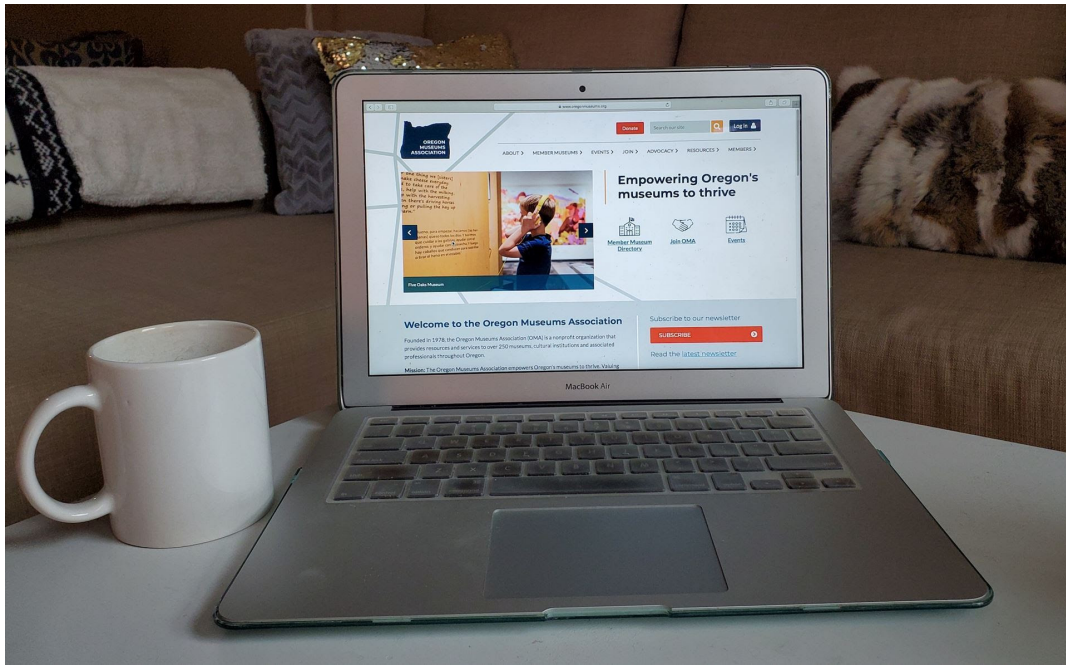


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**Thriving: 2021 year in review**

**We've been busy!**



2021 was a busy year for the Oregon Museums Association. In partnership with our members and collaborators, we accomplished so much! Our mission is "encouraging Oregon's museums to thrive" and we rely on YOU, our members, to help us thrive. Please consider donating to OMA so that our important work can continue in 2022.

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## Our Board of Directors changed and grew

Our board voted to increase our membership from 10 to up to 13 board members.

We said goodbye to three members.

- Sarah Baylinson, Vice President, and past Conference Chair
- Dan Ruby
- Nicole Yasuhara, Membership Committee Chair

We welcomed four new members. [See our new board.](#)

- **Caitlin Armi**, Executive Director, Crater Rock Museum, Central Point, OR
- **Jennifer Fang**, Director of Interpretation & Community Engagement, Pittock Mansion, Portland, OR
- **Peter Kukla**, Planetarium Manager, Eugene Science Center, Eugene, OR
- **Ariel Peasley**, Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, Coos History Museum, Coos Bay, OR

We welcomed new positions.

- Janice Crane, Membership Chair and Vice President

## We exponentially increased our program offerings



*Presenter Stephanie Littlebird in February webinar "Listening to help integrate values-based equity: Guest curator Stephanie Littlebird in conversation with Five Oaks Museum."*

In 2021 we continued our COVID-19 pandemic-inspired virtual offerings, with more than 125 attendees. We hosted:

- [5 networking meet ups](#)
- [3 professional development webinars](#)
- [1 workshop with Oregon Heritage](#)

### Program archive

We debuted an online archive of past webinars for members who did not get to attend in person. Past webinars are \$5 for members to view.

- [See the program archive.](#)

## We collaborated with WaMA to present our first virtual conference



*Keynote speaker Jackie Peterson*

In September, we collaborated with [Washington Museum Association](#) (WaMA) to host a virtual, 3-day conference, [A Changed Landscape, A Changed Museum](#). This virtual conference was a first for OMA and WaMA! The conference featured:

- 12 sessions
- 2 workshops and 2 roundtables
- 2 keynote speakers
- 2 performances
- 7 in-person meet ups
- 20 sponsors
- [See the conference program](#)

We had 162 people register for the conference. See the [results of the registration survey questions](#).

*“I found the conference overall very interesting and appreciated the level of involvement between speakers and the audience.”*

## We advocated for museums

OMA signed on to the following advocacy letters:

- [Cultural Advocacy Coalition](#) letter to Governor Brown's office to advocate for museums to be categorized similar to a retail operation rather than indoor entertainment venue. (April 2021)
- [American Alliance of Museums](#) letter urging the House and Senate to ensure museums are eligible to receive funding for projects that address infrastructure needs. (July 2021)
- [Charitable Giving Coalition](#) letter urging federal congressional leaders to support expanding and extending the universal charitable deduction in year-end legislation. (December 2021)

## We can't do it without you!

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