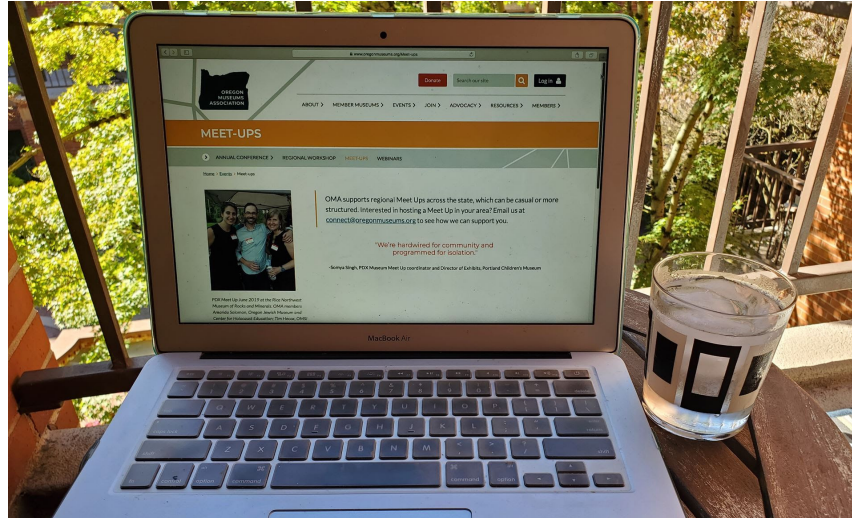


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December 2020 newsletter



Help us provide programming for 2021

OMA is planning our virtual webinars and workshops for 2021 and we need your input! We are looking for both topic suggestions and colleagues who would like to share their expertise in professional development webinars tailored to OMA members and institutions. Presenters receive honoraria.

- Are you an expert, or know one, who would like to present a webinar?
- What topics do you want to hear about?

Please [email us at connect@oregonmuseums.org](mailto:connect@oregonmuseums.org) if you'd like to suggest a presenter or topic.

OMA releases equity statement

The OMA board created this statement as part of our 2020 strategic plan, in an effort to become a more equitable and inclusive community-serving organization. We will look to our statement to guide us in developing new programs, recruiting new board members, and ensuring that our membership is reflective of Oregon's diverse museum community.

The Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is committed to advancing diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion. For Oregon's museums to build stronger connections with community members and support a more educated and culturally vibrant society, museums must address historical and contemporary systems of oppression. OMA pledges to use our platform and resources to dismantle systems, celebrate diversity, and amplify the voices of underrepresented communities.



Photo: Shelton McMurphey Johnson House

Prescribing culture to build health and well-being

The Mass Cultural Council started [CultureRx](#), a pilot program focused on advancing the role of culture as a protective factor for the health of everyone in Massachusetts. The initiative brought together partners in public health, social services, and the cultural sector to make the case for cultural experiences as an essential investment in well-being.

One health clinic gave referrals (social prescriptions) to museums, theaters and cultural venues for specific health reasons such as social isolation, depression, and hypertension. The pilot was a success (even during a global pandemic) and will advance statewide next year.

[Find out more.](#)

Dutch government to explore unconditional return of looted objects

The [Dutch government has promised to create a new policy on restitution](#), after an official report urged the unconditional return of looted museum objects to their countries of origin.

According to the report, "The recognition of injustice and the willingness to rectify it as far as possible should be the key principles of the policy on colonial collections in Dutch museums. The Netherlands must therefore be willing to return unconditionally any cultural objects looted in former Dutch colonies if the source country so requests."

[Read the full report.](#)

Training

AASLH History Leadership Institute Seminar applications open

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) is accepting applications for the [2021 History Leadership Institute Seminar](#). The seminar is the field's best professional development opportunity for mid-career professionals at history organizations of all types and sizes. Applications are due December 31, 2020.

[Find out more.](#)

NPI's NAGPRA grant proposal development webinar

The National Preservation Institute (NPI) presents a two-part webinar series for developing a proposal for the National NAGPRA Program grants, January 6 and 13, 2021. The grants fund projects that further Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) implementation. In this two-part webinar series, Part 1 lays the groundwork for the development of a successful grant application project by identifying fundable projects through a needs assessment seminar. Part 2 continues the process by covering the essential aspects of budget and project narratives.

[Find out more.](#)



Photo: OMA 2019 Spring Workshop, Benton County Museum

AASLH upcoming online courses

The [American Association for State and Local History \(AASLH\)](#) has several [online courses](#) starting in 2021. Courses are typically 4-8 weeks long.

- [Basics of Archives](#) (Jan 25 - Feb 28, 2021). Beginning level course for professional staff and volunteers who have little to no experience with archival materials.
- [Collections Management](#) (Jan 25 - March 21, 2021). Beginning level course for professional staff and volunteers who have little to no experience with collections management. Participants will be asked to select five objects from their museum to work with throughout the eight weeks.
- [Introduction to Financial Management](#) (Jan 25 - Feb 22, 2021). For staff and volunteers of all abilities and organizations of all sizes, this course provides an accessible, clear, and even fun introduction to financial concepts.
- [Museum Education and Outreach](#) (Jan 25 - March 21, 2021). Beginning level course for professional staff and volunteers who have little to no experience with developing education programs and goals for museums.

Jobs

Interim Director - Aurora Colony Historical Society

Aurora Colony Historical Society is seeking a full time Interim Director responsible for leading revenue and marketing functions.

[Find out more.](#)

Executive Director - Benton County Historical Society

Benton County Historical Society in Philomath, OR, seeks a highly creative, innovative thinker as Executive Director for the Historical Society's two museums: the Corvallis Museum in Corvallis, OR, and the Philomath Museum in Philomath, OR. **Deadline is January 31, 2021.**

[Find out more](#)

Technology Coordinator - Southern Oregon Historical Society

The Southern Oregon Historical Society seeks a Technology Coordinator to oversee computer networks, including Internet connectivity, at the History Center and Hanley Farm. **Deadline is December 20, 2020.**

[Find out more.](#)

Grants

National Parks Service grants

[Save America's Treasures](#) grants are for National Historic Landmarks and those on the National Register of Historic Places. **Deadline January 15, 2021.**

[History of Equal Rights](#) grants will preserve sites related to the struggle to achieve the ideal of equal rights in America. **Deadline December 15, 2020.**

[African American Civil Rights](#) grants will document, interpret, and preserve sites telling the full story of the long struggle for African American civil rights. **Deadline December 15, 2020.**

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