

# October 2019 newsletter: OMA conference recap, Inclusive Historian's Handbook, fundraising for millenials, feedback on Oregon Heritage Plan, jobs, grants, more

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## October 2019 newsletter



**OMA 2019 Annual Conference was a huge success!**

Thanks to you, our fabulous members, our [2019 conference](#) in John Day was a huge success! We had 74 attendees at the beautiful Grant County Regional Airport, and close to 50 attended the Sunday night meet up and the Monday evening Canyon City BBQ and walkabout.

- Watch the [video welcome from Senator Jeff Merkley](#).
- See [slides from presentations](#).
- Read [brief essays from scholarship recipients](#).
- Find out what people thought about the conference in our [evaluation results](#).
- See [photos from the conference](#).

*"This was my first conference! It was fun. The board members were great at helping an introvert like me mingle. :)"*

*"This conference was a big step up in professionalism and impact. Quality of the sessions was particularly high. OMA fulfills an important niche in strengthening relationships across the state."*

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the conference. I found all sessions to be very engaging and relevant. It was absolutely invigorating!"*

*"Great job! This was a great conference, I'm excited for years to come!"*

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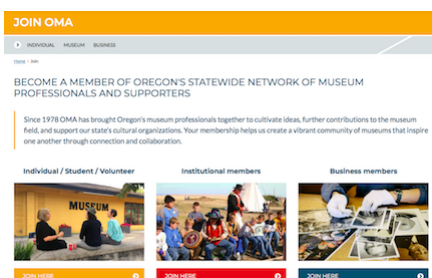
## Network with the OMA member forum

If you attended the 2019 conference, continue those great conversations; if you didn't get a chance to attend this year, ask questions and get feedback using the OMA member forum. [Subscribe to the forum](#) to post and read comments. NOTE: you must log in to the OMA website before you can subscribe.

Subscribe to the forum

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## OMA membership special



Join OMA or renew your membership now and your membership will be valid until the end of 2020 (that's 3 months free!).

**Sign up today!**

## News

### Inclusive Historian's Handbook now online

*The Inclusive Historian's Handbook* is a free and open digital resource co-sponsored by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and the National Council on Public History (NCPH). Authored by experienced practitioners, the *Handbook's* entries on topics ranging from Accessibility and Civic Engagement to Outdoor History Museums and US Founders combine practical advice with critical reflections and telling examples. Because it is a multi-author project, it does not speak with a single, authoritative voice. Rather, authors offer their perspectives and share ideas and recommendations drawn from experiences in the field.



It is hoped that the *Handbook* will serve as an entry point for many different types of history practitioners who are looking to center equity, inclusion, diversity, and service in their work. To this end, each entry offers multiple links to resources as well as suggested readings, such as articles in history news, technical leaflets, books, and websites.

[Visit the \*Handbook\*.](#)

Photo: "Women Barbers at Tule Lake Segregation Center," [Library of Congress](#)

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### 7 steps to fundraising for millenials

This [TechSoup](#) article outlines what drives millenials when it comes to charitable giving. At about 80 million strong, millennials represent a big part of the future of fundraising. That's music to the ears of many nonprofit development professionals, because studies indicate that this generation tends to be much more cause-driven than previous generations.

[Find out more.](#)

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### Sharing the Value of Heritage Toolkit

#### Oregon Heritage

Oregon Heritage is launching the Sharing the Value of Heritage Toolkit. The toolkit is a set of adaptable resources to help heritage groups recognize and communicate the value of their work. The more we all articulate heritage values and impacts, the more we strengthen public perception of heritage efforts, expand funding opportunities, and encourage long-term support for Oregon's heritage.

Tools will be added on an on-going basis to provide state and national data, resources to collect, local and organizational data, and guidance on how to use each tool.

[Find out more.](#)

## Events

### Oregon Heritage Commission seeks feedback on proposed 2020 Oregon Heritage Plan

The Oregon Heritage Commission is developing goals for the 2020-2025 Oregon Heritage Plan. The [proposed 2020 Heritage Plan is a call to action](#) for individuals and organizations leading heritage efforts across the state. In 2020, the Heritage Commission is proposing four statewide goals and asking individuals and organizations to work toward them. Because success depends on your participation, we invite you to provide feedback on the proposed goals and share how these goals overlap with your current and future efforts.

Provide feedback in the following ways:

1. [Submit written comments through an online survey.](#)
2. Provide public comment at the October 18 Heritage Commission meeting in Salem ([see agenda for details](#)).

[Find out more about the Heritage Plan.](#)

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### Oregon Humanities discussion facilitation training

**November 14-15, 2019, Portland**

[Oregon Humanities' facilitation training](#) prepares people to plan and facilitate conversations about vital issues and ideas across differences, beliefs, and backgrounds. These discussions help build strong relationships within organizations and among communities.



The trainings will strengthen your skills to plan and facilitate conversations about the big questions that drive your work in the world both at work and within the broader community. During the training, you will participate in reflective discussions in large and small groups and deepen your knowledge of techniques to lead them. All participants have the opportunity to plan a conversation and receive feedback from trainers and other participants.

The next 2-day training is November 14-15, 2019 in Portland, OR. **Please note that**

although the cost for the training is \$450, there are scholarships available for a pay-what-you-can rate.

[Find out more.](#)

Photo: Oregon Humanities training, Joseph Glode

## Jobs

### Director of Philanthropy - High Desert Museum

The Director of Philanthropy creates and oversees the implementation of a strategic approach to fundraising which may include major gifts, annual fund, planned giving, corporate donations, grant solicitation, capital campaigns, special events, membership and in-kind resources in collaboration with the Associate Director, Executive Director, and Board of Trustees.

[Find out more.](#)

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## Grants

### IMLS grant for small museums

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. The grant amount is \$5,000-\$50,000 for up to two years. This special initiative is designed to inspire small museums to apply for funding to implement projects that address priorities identified in their strategic plans. Inspire! has three project categories: Lifelong Learning; Community Anchors and Catalysts; and Collections Stewardship and Public Access. **Application deadline is November 15, 2019.**

[Find out more.](#)

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### Oregon Humanities' Grants

**Responsive Program Grants.** These grants enable nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes in Oregon to address urgent or timely issues in their communities. Awards of up to \$1,000 are given on a rolling basis until the allocated funds have been fully awarded. Oregon Humanities has allocated additional funds for grants in our current fiscal year to find ways to respond to the causes and effects of the recent escalation of violence and hatred towards members of our communities at local, state, and national levels. An additional \$5,000 is available for programs taking place before December 31, 2019 and we are inviting community

groups affected by this escalation of violence to apply now through **October 20, 2019**.

[Public Program Grants](#). These grants between \$1,000 and \$10,000 are in support of programs across Oregon that explore challenging topics and strive for just communities. Letters of interest for 2020 grants are open now and due on **October 16, 2019**.

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### **National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant**

[Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives FY 2021](#). For projects that will significantly improve public discovery and use of major historical records collections. Preliminary proposals due **January 26, 2020**.

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