

OMA September 2019 newsletter: Membership special, partnering for diversity, jobs, grants, more

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Countdown to the OMA 2019 Annual Conference

OMA is busily preparing for our [2019 conference](#) in John Day, September 15-17. The conference program is now online. If you can't make the conference, don't worry. We'll be

posting slides and handouts from many of the sessions after the conference. And our scholarship recipients will write brief essays about their experience.

OMA moves to electronic ballot

If you are an OMA member, you should have received an email requesting your approval for two new members of the Board of Directors, and a new Secretary.

This year, we have moved to an online process. In past years, we have conducted voting in person, at the members meeting during the annual conference. The electronic process allows every OMA member to have a voice, whether or not they attend the conference. This allows for greater inclusion in the approval process.

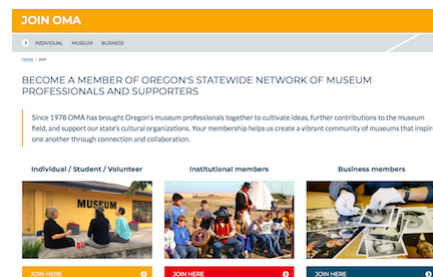
We have amended our bylaws to reflect the change to electronic voting.

[See the new bylaws.](#)

OMA membership special

Join OMA or renew your membership now and your membership will be valid until the end of 2020 (that's 4 months free!).

[Sign up today!](#)



News

Take the Race to Lead survey

Every few years the Building Movement Project (BMP) conducts a nonprofit, leadership and race survey. This year, the Race to Lead Survey has been revamped to shed more light on the challenges facing people of color interested in top-level leadership, as well as to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies and solutions that organizations may be pursuing.

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) is partnering with BMP to bring Oregon nonprofits the opportunity to participate in BMP's 2019 survey. NAO believes that the findings in this survey will provide rich information about race and leadership in Oregon's nonprofit sector, as well as contribute to one of the largest existing data sets in the nonprofit sector nationally.

[Take the survey.](#)

Family Connections: welcoming families of color new to Oregon

[Partners in Diversity](#) and the [Portland Children's Museum](#) have teamed up to put on the second ever *Family Connections* program. *Family Connections* is designed to welcome families of color who recently moved to Oregon or SW Washington and introduce them to fun community events in the region.

As part of the program, on the weekend of September 21 and 22, the Portland Children's Museum is hosting their first annual Building Bridges Family Music Festival.

[Find out more.](#)

Events

Western Museums Association Conference

October 4-7, 2019 | Boise, ID

WMA 2019 will be held in Boise, Idaho on October 4-7 in partnership with the Idaho Association of Museums. The program promises to provide a multitude of perspectives representative of today's museum landscape, and continue the WMA's rich tradition of provocative programming and educational opportunities. With the theme of *ENGAGE*, WMA 2019 will focus on the ways museums engage with their communities, staff, and other museums.

[Find out more.](#)

Sharing Our Stories: Community-Based Heritage Planning Workshop

Free workshops from Oregon Heritage

Are you aiming to create or rejuvenate an exhibit, Main Street signage project, walking tour, website, annual event, or other heritage-related project? This interactive workshop offers new ideas and best practices for interpreting your community's history from multiple viewpoints and perspectives. Imagine ways to go beyond the standard timeline approach, focusing on people, places, and experiences that continue to shape and influence life in your community.

October 14, 1-4:30pm, Deschutes Historical Society, Bend
October 21, 1-4:30pm, Cannon Beach Historical Society
October 28, 9:30am - 1pm, Coos History Museum, Coos Bay
November 4, 9:30am - 1pm, Klamath County Museum, Klamath Falls
November 18, 9:30am - 1pm, Tualatin Historical Society

Workshops are free, but you must register. [Find out more.](#)

Jobs

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.](#)

Oregon Humanities Responsive Program Grants

Responsive Program Grants offer up to \$1,000 in funding to nonprofits and federally recognized tribes in support of programs addressing issues and events in their communities. These grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Oregon Humanities is committed to making humanities programming available in communities that have historically lacked access to funding opportunities. **Application deadline is September 30, 2019.**

[Find out more.](#)

Oregon Heritage Grant

The Oregon Heritage Commission is offering grants for qualified projects for the conservation, development and interpretation of Oregon's cultural heritage. Awards typically range between \$5,000 and \$20,000. Projects can include anything

related to Oregon heritage, and priority will be given to projects that preserve, develop or interpret threatened heritage resources or heritage resources of statewide significance. **Application deadline is October 1, 2019.**

[Find out more.](#)

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