



June 2023 newsletter

OMA Events





How do YOU bend the rules?

Our [2023 Annual Conference "Bending the Rules"](#) is coming up. We'd love to hear about your idea, project or collaboration at the conference!

We are building out the conference content and accepting ideas for presentations and workshops through our [online form](#) **through June 15, 2023**. We are looking for:

- Projects, partnerships, programs and ideas from across the state
- Sessions representing the diversity of museum work across all disciplines/specialties and museum sizes.
- Energized presenters from a variety of backgrounds, including partners from outside the museum field
- Presentations that include interactive components (like facilitated conversations, activities or other ways of involving participants)
- Sessions and activities that address the theme "Bending the Rules"
- A variety of session topics, including but not limited to: community engagement, DEAI (diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion), collaboration, exhibit development, interpretation, collections stewardship, digitization, capital projects, fundraising, museum management and leadership, cultural tourism, facilities and safety, and technology.

Format

- Sessions - Monday & Tuesday (75 minutes)
- Workshops, tours or other fun pre-conference activities in the Bend area - Sunday (2 to 7 hours depending on the activity)

Questions?

Do you have an idea but want some assistance or guidance? We can help!

- How do I turn my idea into a conference session?
- Are there other folks working on similar projects who could be panelists with me?
- How can I be more interactive in my presentation?

Email us at connect@oregonmuseums.org.

[Find out more about the sessions.](#)

[Submit an idea through the online form.](#)

Deadline June 15. 2023.

Sponsor the Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference is an excellent opportunity for Oregon and Pacific Northwest businesses to increase their visibility. Sponsorship gets your name out in front of dozens of potential clients and demonstrates your support of the variety and excellence of the museum community in our state.

- [Learn about sponsorship levels and benefits.](#)

Want to sponsor or have questions? Contact us at connect@oregonmuseums.org

Apply for an Oregon Heritage scholarship for the OMA Annual Conference

Oregon Heritage offers the Elisabeth Walton Potter Preservation Training Scholarship that provides financial assistance for Oregon residents to attend a preservation-related conference, workshop, or training, such as the OMA 2023 Annual Conference. Eligible travel expenses include registration fees, transportation, and lodging.

The application **deadline is July 7, 2023.**

[Find out more](#) and [apply](#).

Don't miss our July webinar: Interpretive training basics and beyond

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 3 - 4:30 pm PST

This webinar will address interpretive training – what it is, why it's effective, and how using it imparts a message to your guests that they can share with others. You'll learn what interpretive options are available and what it means to have an interpretive plan. Join us to gain insight about why an interpretive plan is beneficial, plant the seeds for developing one at your institution, and come away with tips, tricks and handy resources.

Presenter:

Stacy Nalley, Public Outreach Coordinator, Oregon State Capitol and OMA board member.

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



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Register now

Pride Month

In honor of Pride month during June, please enjoy some historic resources.

- [The Oregon Encyclopedia](#) features LGBTQ history in Oregon.
- [The Eugene Lesbian History Project](#) is a community-based, digital humanities project that preserves and shares the unique history of the lesbian community in Eugene, Oregon. The project includes filmed oral histories with 83 narrators, a digital exhibit, and a documentary film.
- [Just Out](#) was a bimonthly newspaper that served as a news platform and editorial voice for the region's LGBTQIA+ community. The Oregon Digital Newspaper Project have made editions from 1983 to 2011 freely available and keyword-searchable online.
- [Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest](#) (GLAPN) helps individuals and groups preserve their own historical data. They try to find a home for historically significant materials when they become available. GLAPN gladly partners with organizations in the community to publicize and celebrate the history of all LGBTQ-identified minorities in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Read "The Queer-Inclusive Museum"



Museums are demonstrating an increased commitment to LGBTQ communities through exhibitions that center their stories. These queer-focused exhibitions are valuable tools for broadening representation, but the messages they carry are only as strong as the institution's commitment to queer inclusion. When queer narratives are limited to temporary exhibitions during Pride Month or isolated in queer-themed galleries, it suggests that they are "special interest" and unimportant. However, with the support of comprehensive queer inclusion, exhibitions can be stronger, more powerful tools for inclusion. This article explores queer inclusion in four tiers: programming, temporary exhibitions, interpretive strategy, and broad institutional commitment.

[Read the article.](#)

Advocacy

Invite Congress to your museum in August

August 14-18, 2023 is Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum week. Since 2012, #InviteCongress has empowered museums of all types and sizes to invite their federal, state, and local legislators and stakeholders into the museum for a firsthand look at the powerful work of museums and museum professionals. As Congress actively considers funding and other issues affecting museums, it is critical that museum advocates continue to make the case for federal, state, and local support for museums to legislators.

Make your plans to participate and get started today with the following American Alliance of Museums (AAM) resources:

- Learn more about [Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum](#)
- Watch [6 Reasons to Invite Congress to Visit Your Museum](#) (2.5 min. video)

Jobs

Eugene Science Center

- [Planetarium Manager](#)
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City of Springfield Public Library and History Museum

- [On-Call Assistant](#)
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Lan Su Chinese Garden

- [Visitor Services Manager](#)
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Oregon Historical Society

- [Digital Collections Librarian](#)
- [Museum Educator](#)

Grants

Oregon Community Foundation

- [Community Grants Program](#). **Deadline July 20, 2023.**
- [Oregon Historic Trails Fund Grant](#). **Deadline August 31, 2023.**

National Park Service

[History of Equal Rights \(HER\)](#) grant program **Deadline July 11, 2023.**

National Endowment for the Arts

[Grants for Arts Projects](#). **Deadline July 6, 2023.**

National Endowment for the Humanities

- [Public Humanities Projects](#). **Deadline August 9, 2023.**
- [Media Projects](#). **Deadline August 9, 2023.**
- [Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations](#). **Deadline June 28, 2023.**

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