Looking back on 2019 and ahead to 2020

OMA 2019 year-end review

2019 has been an exciting year, full of change and renewal. None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you to all our members and friends.

We rebranded

We redesigned our logo, materials, and website, including an advocacy page and member's forum.
We welcomed four new board members

New members

* Dan Ruby
* Deana Dartt
* Kyle Weissman-Yee
* Eleanor Sandys

And thanked two departing board members

* Erika Leppmann
* Ann Dowdy

Dan Ruby

Deana Dartt, PhD
We hosted a spring workshop in Philomath on handling hazardous materials

Thanks to the Benton County Museum for hosting our workshop.

We convened in John Day for our annual conference in September

- Kathleen Daly received the OMA recognition award
- We gave six scholarships
- Senator Merkley welcomed us by video
- The evaluation results were positive
We supported **meet-ups across the state**

- PDX meet-ups throughout the Portland, OR area
- SWOMA, Florence, OR
- John Day, OR
- Museums of the Gorge, Klickitat, WA

We increased our advocacy work

- **2019 Museums Advocacy Day** in Washington, DC
- Arts and Culture Advocacy Day in Salem
- **Advocacy web page**

We increased our membership

At the end of 2019, we had 223 members, an all-time high for OMA. **Join or renew now!**
For 2020, we have even more exciting plans

- **We are updating our strategic plan.** We will be meeting in April to discuss the future of OMA. Do you have thoughts or input? Contact us with any suggestions.

- **We are partnering with Western Museums Association** to co-host the 2020 WMA Annual Meeting.

- **We are partnering with Oregon Heritage** and other Oregon and western states organizations to bring more educational and networking opportunities to our members.

- **We will host a workshop on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)** during the 2020 Heritage Conference: *Harness the Power of Heritage!* in Corvallis on April 22, 2020.