



February 13, 2024

## OMA News



*Oregon Trail video game valentine card by Lindsay Raven*

Happy Valentine's Day to those who celebrate. We're excited to see you in person or online at our upcoming events:

- [February Meet Up - Salem](#) February 29 | 5:00-7:00pm | Willamette Heritage Center
- March: Museum Operations Webinar (more info TBA)
- [Exploring Exhibit Design and Creation from a DIY Perspective](#)  
April 17 | 9:30am-12:30pm | Forest Grove - part of the [2024 Oregon Heritage Conference](#)

In the meantime, you can always visit our program archive to review recordings and slides from past webinars and presentations.

[OMA Program Archive](#)

## Host a meet up in your neck of the woods

We would love new volunteers to [host in-person meet ups](#) around the state. Host at your organization, or at a local bar or restaurant - there is freedom to structure to meet up as you see fit and OMA will provide support. Please reply to this email if you're interested in hosting or if you have questions.

We'll also be launching quarterly online affinity groups this year - stay tuned!

## Calling all blogs

The OMA website features [members' online collections and blogs](#) and we need your help to make sure everyone is included. Please reply to this email with a link or links that you'd like added to the listing.

## Save the date - OMA 2024 Conference

This year's conference will be held September 8-10 in Coos Bay at [The Mill Casino Hotel](#) and will feature preconference activities + two full days of presentations. More details coming soon.

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## Advocacy News



Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon recently hosted an advocacy training to prepare for this year's short legislative session. You can review the [recording of the training](#) as well as recommended [talking points](#) in support of House Bill 4124/Senate Bill 1582, which would distribute funds to arts and culture organizations. Please [contact your legislators](#) to schedule a meeting for February 20 or sooner.

The House and Senate recently held hearings on House Bill 4124 (20 folks signed up to speak on behalf of this bill!) as well as Senate Bill 1531, which would form a commission to formalize planning of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. You can review the recordings of these hearings:

- [HB 4124 hearing](#) discussion begins at 5 minutes and 50 seconds into the video
- [SB 1541 hearing](#) discussion begins at 57 minutes into the video

## National Museums Advocacy Day

The American Alliance of Museums will host Museums Advocacy Day in Washington D.C. and online on February 26-27. [Use these resources](#) to participate online or in your community.

## Industry News

### Black History events and resources

- [Oregon Black Pioneers will host many events around the state this month](#)
- Portland Art Museum's [Black Artists of Oregon exhibition](#) is on view through the end of March
- Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center preserves the history of Black loggers. Check out their [online collections](#) and [traveling exhibition](#)
- The [Albina Community Archive](#) was recently released, featuring extensive music history!



### Last call for 2024 MAP applicants - Deadline February 15

Apply by **this Thursday** to [join this year's MAP cohort](#). Review our [recent webinar](#) for details on the program and process.

### Submit your story of voluntary repatriation, restitution, or reparations - Proposals due February 16

The American Alliance of Museums' [Center for the Future of Museums](#) is seeking stories on voluntary repatriation, restitution, and reparations in museums, aiming to inspire and offer solutions for evolving relationships with descendant communities impacted by historical museum practices. Submissions can take many forms, including formal papers, opinion pieces, or speculative fiction. [Nominate a potential author or propose your own piece](#) by **this Friday**.

### Free Southern Oregon workshop on heritage tourism

Heritage Tourism 201: Telling Authentic Stories  
with Historical Re-enactments

Wednesday, February 21 | 9:00am-3:00pm

Jacksonville City Hall Assembly Room | 206 North 5th Street

[Register](#)

Travel Southern Oregon and The Jackson County Heritage Association recently hosted *Heritage Tourism 101*, a professional development workshop enhancing the skills and knowledge of the travel and hospitality industries, city staff, elected officials, and heritage advocates. Next up is Heritage Tourism 201 on February 21. **[More info on next page]**

**[Southern Oregon workshop, continued]** These workshops aim to develop and improve strategic partnerships at the intersection of heritage, tourism, and economic development. All those interested in history are welcome to attend and participate. There is no cost to attend, and lunch will be provided. Optional walking tours of the Talent Historical Society and Historic Jacksonville, respectively, at the end of the workshop.

## Collections Assessment for Preservation program - Deadline February 28

Applications are now open for the The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation's 2024 Collections Assessment for Preservation program. This program provides small museums with support for a general conservation assessment, which is a study of all the institution's collections, buildings, and building systems, as well as its policies and procedures relating to collections care. Participants who complete the program receive an assessment report with prioritized recommendations to improve collections care. [More information and application instructions here.](#)

## New Teacher Advisory Group

Clackamas County Historical Society is seeking elementary, middle, and high school teachers for a new advisory group that will review content for two new exhibits. Meetings will take place on Zoom and a stipend is included. [Please review this flyer for more details.](#)

## Historic cemetery cleanup days

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries is teaming up with [SOLVE](#) to support caretakers hosting clean-up days during April and May in historic cemeteries throughout Oregon. Cemeteries register with SOLVE to receive promotional and organizational support including event day liability coverage, flyer templates and volunteer sign up. To register, contact Haley Morris at [haley.morris@solveoregon.org](mailto:haley.morris@solveoregon.org) or (971) 346-2708. You can also [sign up to volunteer](#) at an event near you.

## Northwest Archivists 2024 Annual Meeting

The Northwest Archivists' annual meeting will be held May 8-10 in Spokane. The theme is Seeking Balance: Sustainability and Adaptation. [Learn more here.](#) You can submit a poster presentation by March 1 [using this form.](#)

## U.S. 250th Field Guide

The American Association for State and Local History has created Making History at 250: The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial to help the history community prepare exhibits, programs, and events for 2026. The 250th anniversary of the U.S. in 2026 is a chance for history organizations to deepen their impact by broadening engagement with the communities they serve.

Download the field guide  
in English or Spanish:



## The Conversation Project with Oregon Humanities

Oregon Humanities offers Reflective Conversation facilitators to lead discussions at community organizations around the state. [Learn more about the program & the catalog of conversation topics.](#)

## Free webinars

### [Centering Equity: Commitment/Accountability](#)

February 22 | 9:30-11:00am

Presented by the California Association of Museums

Create a free account at [calmuseums.org](https://calmuseums.org) to register

Recordings of recent webinars:

- [Rock On! Storing Your Geological Materials](#)
- [Summary Findings of the Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Museum Survey Pilot](#)

## Jobs

### Benton County Historical Society

- [Marketing, Communications, & Development Assistant](#)  
**Deadline February 14**

### Aurora Colony Museum

- [Program Coordinator](#)

### Columbia River Maritime Museum

- [Office Clerk](#)

### Lane County History Museum

- [Visitor Services Coordinator](#)

### Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at the University of Oregon

- [Senior Associate Director of Development I](#)

### The History Museum of Hood River County

- [Museum Assistant](#)

### Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

- [Multiple positions](#)

## Residencies

### Sitka Center for Art and Ecology

- [Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Residencies](#) Deadline March 15

## Grants

### Regional Arts & Culture Council

- [Arts3C Grant](#)  
**Deadline February 14 at 5pm**

### Institute of Museum and Library Services

- [21st Century Museum Professionals Program](#) Deadline March 1
- [American Latino Museum Internship and Fellowship Initiative](#) Deadline March 1

### National Park Service

- [Semiquincentennial Grant Program](#)  
Deadline March 5

### Oregon Humanities

- [Public Program Grant](#) Deadline March 8

### Bloomberg Philanthropies

- [Digital Accelerator Program](#)  
Deadline March 13

### Frankenthaler Climate Initiative

- [Multiple grants for visual arts institutions](#)  
Deadline March 15

### Oregon Heritage

- [Oregon Museum Grant](#) Deadline April 2
- [Preserving Oregon Grant](#)  
Letter of Intent Deadline April 11
- [Diamonds in the Rough Grant](#)  
Deadline May 1
- [Historic Cemetery Grant](#) Deadline TBA

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