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OMA News

2024 Conference

The theme for our conference in Coos Bay will be *Ebb and Flow*. (You may recall that the theme for last year's conference in Bend was *Bending the Rules* – we are considering a long-term commitment to puns.)

2024 Oregon Museums Association Conference: Ebb and Flow
September 8-10 | [The Mill Casino Hotel](#) | Coos Bay



The board recently traveled from around the state to meet in Eugene and work on a new five-year strategic plan for OMA. Thanks to OMA member Eugene Science Center for hosting us! We'll share the final draft of the strategic plan at the annual members meeting, which will be held during the conference in September.

Advocacy News

Updates on HB 4124/SB 1582 and SB 1531

This year's short legislative session recently ended without passing House Bill 4124/Senate Bill 1582, which would have created a grant program to distribute resiliency funding to Oregon arts and cultural organizations, was not passed. However, much of the funding that was requested through HB 4124/SB 1582 was passed instead through SB 5701, which is a general end-of-year spending bill. More details on SB 5701's arts and culture funding are discussed in [this article from the Oregonian](#).

Senate Bill 1531 also passed - it allocates \$250,000 to establish a semiquincentennial commission to be known as the America 250 Oregon Commission. [Learn more about America 250 - the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission](#).

Industry News

Conversations with Funders

Oregon Cultural Trust will host "Conversations with Funders" around the state March 26-April 4. Come and learn about the funding and programming resources that are here to support cultural nonprofits.

Portland March 26 | Eugene March 27 | Bend March 29
Pendleton April 2 | Medford April 4
[Details and Registration](#)

WMA Conference Proposals – Deadline March 29



The Western Museums Association 2024 conference will be held September 25-28 in Tucson, AZ. The conference theme is *Balance*. Proposals for sessions, posters, and more will be accepted until March 29. [Please review this page](#) for more information on types of submissions and instructions for submitting a proposal.

Northwest Archivists' Archivist-in-Residence – Deadline April 1

NWA is offering a \$7,000 stipend for a graduate student or recent graduate for the Archivist-in-Residence position. The residency may last up to 12 weeks, to be completed by the end of the current calendar year. Apply by April 1. [More information and application instructions here.](#)

Oregon Heritage Vitality Study and Conference

Oregon Heritage recently completed the first phase of the 2024 Vitality Study. The next phase will involve conducting regional focus groups based on these findings. Stay tuned for more info on a focus group in your neck of the woods or online.

And, OH's 2024 conference is coming up in April! OMA will host a workshop as part of the conference.

Oregon Heritage Conference: Make Space
April 17-20 | Forest Grove
[Details and Registration](#)
[OMA Workshop Details and Registration](#)

National Heritage Responders Volunteer Corps

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation's National Heritage Responders Volunteer Corps responds to the needs of cultural institutions and community members during emergencies and disasters through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors, and the public. [More information here.](#)

New state task force may affect nonprofits

The Oregon Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting will meet monthly through September 2024. It will make specific recommendations on administrative and legislative changes, with the goal of leading to better processes and higher wages for nonprofits. [Details on the task force here.](#)

Podcasts and free webinars

- [Can We Talk About...? Season 1: Racial Equity at the Board Level](#)
Podcast by Philanthropy Northwest and The Giving Practice
- [Technical Preservation Services - Advanced Training for Frequent Tax Incentives Program Users](#)
Webinar series by National Park Service | Multiple Dates in March and April
- [Critical Toolkits for Crowdsourcing and Community Engagement](#)
Workshop by eLaboratories | March 21 | 11am-12:30pm PT/2-3:30pm ET
- [How Do You Know You're Ready for a Capital Campaign? Where Do You Start?](#)
Webinar by American Alliance of Museums | March 27 | 11am-12pm PT/2-3pm ET
- [Multiple webinars and webinar recordings](#) by Museum Study
- [Multiple upcoming webinars](#) by Nonprofit Learning Lab

Jobs

Oregon Aviation Historical Society & Museum

- [Museum Assistant](#)

Eugene Science Center

- [Education Director](#)

McLoughlin Memorial Association

- [Association Administrator](#)

High Desert Museum

- [Associate Curator of Living History](#)

Oregon Museums of Science and Industry (OMSI)

- [Multiple positions](#)

Grants

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association

- [Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture](#) **Deadline March 15**

Oregon Arts Commission

- [Small Operating Grants](#)
Deadline March 27 at 5pm
- [Operating Support Grants](#)
Deadline March 27 at 5pm

Oregon Heritage

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

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