Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month! We’re celebrating by adding a new webinar during Volunteer Appreciation Week, which will feature co-panelists representing the volunteer coordinator perspective and the volunteer perspective.

### Volunteer Appreciation Webinar
April 22 | 11:00am-12:30pm

As part of this webinar we would love your feedback on your experiences as a volunteer, or as a volunteer coordinator, or both. What types of perks does your organization offer to volunteers? Do you host an annual volunteer appreciation event? If you’re a volunteer, what types of perks are meaningful for you? Please let us know your thoughts by either filling out this brief survey or replying to this email. We’ll share your response during the webinar – or if you’re able to attend live, we would love for you to share your response yourself during the discussion.

### New affinity groups

Join us for the launch of our new online affinity group meet ups, starting in May:

**Affinity Group Meet Up: Directors & Senior Staff**
May 1 | 9:00am-10:00am

Additional affinity groups will launch soon on the following themes: Development & marketing, partnerships & outreach, volunteers & volunteer management, and emerging museum professionals. Each group will be hosted by an OMA board member and will meet on Zoom once per quarter. All groups are open to folks of all experience levels and backgrounds. If you have an idea for an affinity group theme that is not on the list, or if you’re interested in volunteering to host a group, please reply to this email.
Conference update
The call for proposals for Ebb & Flow, our annual conference to be held September 8-10 in Coos Bay, will be released soon. In the meantime, we are actively seeking sponsors! Information on our various sponsorship levels and benefits is available on the conference webpage. We appreciate your consideration and please feel free to spread the word if there is an organization or business that you think may be interested in supporting us.

New board members
We were delighted to recently vote in three new members of the OMA board of directors. Welcome to Rebekah Averette of the Deschutes County Museum, Jessica Hougen of the Benton County Historical Society, and Kathryn Sinor of the Oswego Heritage Council! Learn more about them here.

DEAI Spotlight

Oregon Historical Society
Oregon OHS recently hosted a public conversation with Erica Naito-Campbell, author of Portland’s Audacious Champion: How Bill Naito Overcame Anti-Japanese Hate and Became an Intrepid Civic Leader. The event was recorded and can be viewed here.

Independence Heritage Museum
The Heritage Museum will host two Autism Acceptance Month events:

- Autism Community Information Event with Creating Opportunities. Spanish interpretation provided. April 18 | 5-7pm | Free
- Sensory Friendly Afternoon featuring sensory kits provided by the Autism Society of Oregon. Admission to the museum is always free. April 24 | 2-6pm

This section highlights work by OMA members that promotes diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion. Please reply to this email if you have a program or resource you’d like shared here!
Industry News

Oregon Heritage Vitality Study + 2024 Conference

Oregon Heritage is hosting workshops to follow up on the recent Vitality Study survey that was completed by organizations around the state. The goal of the workshops is to brainstorm changes and resources that would better support your work. Light refreshments or a light lunch will be provided. Please fill out this registration form if you are able to attend. Note: You can attend the Forest Grove workshop without registering for Oregon Heritage's conference that is taking place at the same time.

Speaking of which, the Oregon Heritage 2024 Conference is coming up next week in Forest Grove! There’s still time to register for the full conference, specific days of the conference, and/or OMA's pre-conference workshop.

Oregon Heritage Conference
April 17-20

Exploring Exhibit Design & Creation from a DIY Perspective presented by OMA

Registrar volunteers needed at WaMA conference

The Washington Museum Association is seeking collections care specialists to join Registrars to the Rescue, a WaMA pre-conference event on June 12 9am-4pm in Vancouver. Each year, sponsored by Art Works Fine Art Services, registrars and collections care specialists come together for a day of volunteerism at sites local to where the WaMA Annual Conference is being held. Volunteers will help museums catch up on projects that would benefit from the help of trained professionals, such as inventory, condition reporting, and rehousing objects. Volunteers must be available for the whole day.

We are thankful for our core of loyal repeat volunteers, but this year we need some additional help, especially from the Southwest Washington/Portland area to meet the needs of our projects. Please submit this application to rengelhardt@museumofglass.org by May 15.

Oregon nonprofit surveys

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon is currently conducting two surveys of organizations based in Oregon. Use the links to learn more and to participate.

- Compensation and Benefits Survey Deadline April 12 at 5pm
- Northwest Nonprofit Capacity Survey Deadline May 3 at 5pm
History affinity groups

The American Association for State and Local History has created new Google groups where you can connect with peers in the areas of:

- Climate and Sustainability
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Educators and Interpreters
- Historic House Museums
- History in Our Parks
- Military History
- Religious History
- Small Museums
- Women’s History

To join a group, use the links above and then click the “Ask to Join Group” button.

More news

- Oregon Cultural Trust seeks grant reviewers
- Host a historic cemetery cleanup day – webinar April 25
- Participate in National Historic Marker Day on April 26
- Western Museums Association conference scholarships available – apply by May 31
- New FEMA guidance for arts and culture organizations
- Oregon ranks #9 in 2023 Arts Vibrancy Index

Free webinars and trainings

- State Strategies for Fostering Arts Vibrancy in Rural Communities by SMU DataArts | April 11 | 10am PT
- In-Person Conservation Demonstrations at Hallie Ford Museum of Art April 16, 23, and 30 | 1-3pm PT
- NAGPRA Compliance, Meaningful Collaboration, and Transparency in Exhibitions by George Washington University Museum & Textile Museum | April 17 | 3pm PT
- Reducing Bias: Equitable Hiring Practices in the Arts and Culture Sectors by California Association of Museums | April 17 | 10am PT
- Wildfires & Air Quality - Providing a Relevant Portal to Get Audiences Invested in the Conversation by National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE) | April 30 | 11am PT
- Legal Issues in Collections Care: Abandoned Property by Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts | May 16 | 9am PT
- Multiple webinars by Nonprofit Learning Lab
- Multiple recorded trainings by National NAGPRA Program
- Finding New Sources of Funding in Challenging Times: An Introduction On-demand course by National Preservation Institute
Jobs

Aurora Colony Museum
  • Seasonal Interpreter

Eugene Science Center
  • Full-time Educator
  • Summer Camp Instructors & Floater

Rice Museum
  • Development Manager

Grants

Oregon Heritage
  • Preserving Oregon Letter of intent Deadline April 11
  • Diamonds in the Rough Deadline May 1

Council on Library and Information Resources
  • Recordings at Risk Deadline April 17

Thesis Foundation
  • Portland Metro Deadline April 19

Oregon Cultural Trust
  • FY2025 Cultural Development Deadline May 8 at 5pm

Oregon Arts Commission
  • Arts Learning Deadline May 15
  • Arts Access Reimbursement Rolling Deadline

National Endowment for the Humanities
  • Research and Development Deadline May 21; Optional draft due April 9
  • Cultural and Community Resilience Deadline May 21 Optional draft due April 11
  • Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations Deadline June 12 Optional draft due May 8
  • Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Deadline July 16 Optional draft due June 4