



2024 OREGON HERITAGE CONFERENCE

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Together again!

It has been 6 years since the last in-person Oregon Heritage Conference and the amount of change across all aspects of life and work coupled with social, political, mental stress, and information overload has certainly impacted individuals, organizations, and the heritage community at large. How do we make space amidst all of the demands for processes, plans, important conversations and projects, collaborations, and caring for ourselves and each other?

The next four days will provide the opportunity to find ways to make space to clear the clutter, set priorities, build relationships, and plan for the time it takes to move important heritage work forward. Some of these ways may be small, practical steps, others might involve a shift in perspective, and some ways may feel uncomfortable. Take this opportunity to engage with Oregon's amazing heritage community to work through ideas and challenges, but also embrace opportunities and successes.



DOWN TOWN FOREST GROVE

In addition to making space, we also encourage you to take time to explore downtown Forest Grove. Throughout the history of this conference, centering Oregon's places has been important. It is with purpose that conference and session venues span an area rather than having one single venue. The intent is to encourage conference guests to connect to the place in between sessions, support local restaurants and businesses, and have moments to notice what makes the community unique in its own way. Many thanks to our local partners, City of Forest Grove, the Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Pacific University, City Club of Forest Grove, and Friends of Historic Forest Grove.

When we center place in the Oregon Heritage Conference planning, it is with the recognition that Indigenous tribes and bands have been with the lands that we inhabit today throughout Oregon and the Northwest since time immemorial and continue to be a vibrant part of Oregon today. Tribal connection cannot be separated from the fabric of Oregon's heritage. Oregon Heritage continually works to develop relationships with tribal governments, organizations, and people and emphasizes the importance of this work across Oregon's heritage preservation community. This ongoing effort was folded into the development of the heritage conference.

Oregon Heritage is a division of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department that includes the State Historic Preservation Office and four statewide commissions and committees. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department values and serves everyone and is committed to providing safe and equitable access to state parks and agency programs. The department will not tolerate racism, harassment, discrimination, or intimidation in any form.

Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Registration open at La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Location:	La Hacienda	Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library & Museum	Old Train Station Museum & Library	Five Oaks Museum
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Planting Seeds of Preservation: Window Workshops to Engage the Community	Oregon Museums Association Workshop: Exploring Exhibit Design and Creations from a DIY Perspective	Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries Meeting	9:30 - 10:15 AM: MentorCorps Meeting (Mentors only)
9:30 AM: Demonstration: Creating Defensible Space for Your Facilities				
11:00 AM: Demonstration: Collections Hazards Assessment				
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM				Learn, Land, Love: Rooting History for Care in the Land
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Doing Oral History on a Shoestring Workshop	Reflective Conversations: Facilitating Challenging Conversations with your Board and Staff	Oregon Heritage Commission Meeting	
2:20 PM - 4:30 PM				Five Oaks Learning Outing
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Opening Reception hosted by the City of Forest Grove, Diversity Café, 2104 Main Street, Forest Grove			



Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM - 4:45 PM	Registration open at Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street				
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Groundbreaker Plenary: A Way with Words, Martha Barnette & Grant Barrett , Taylor-Meade Performing Art Center, McCreedy Hall Auditorium, Pacific University off Pacific Avenue				
9:45 AM - 5:00 PM	Opportunity Hall & Poster Session: open during breaks and 2:45pm-4:45pm table and poster representatives will be available				
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Break: snacks and beverages available at La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street				
Location:	Forest Grove Community Auditorium	La Hacienda	Forest Grove Library	Old Train Station Museum & Library	Learning on the Go!
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Catalyze Your Community Through Cultural Districts	Black Preservation: Bridging the Gap Between Lived Experience & Traditional Practice	Open Opportunity for Enforcing State Cultural Resources Protections	NETWORKING MEETUP: Succession Planning for Small Nonprofits	Robert M. Richmond Memorial Masonic Library and Museum Tour
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch break! Enjoy Forest Grove's downtown restaurants				
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Make Space (and Time) for Valuing and Engaging Diverse Partners	Making space for and with Letitia Carson at OSU and in Oregon	Legacy of Native American Boarding Schools in Oregon.	NETWORKING MEETUP: BIPOC people working in heritage	Forest Grove Historic District Walking Tour
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Break: snacks and beverages available at La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street				
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Mini SHPOlooza	Poster Session/ Opportunity Hall with representatives available	Take a Seat at the Table	NETWORKING MEETUP: Mingle with Mentors	Forest Grove Indian School Memory Walk
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards Reception, Presentation, and Dinner, Venetian Hillsboro, 253 E Main Street, Hillsboro				

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM Registration open at Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM BREAK TIME BONUS!
Old College Hall Open House, 2021 College Way, Pacific University

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Start the day inspired Plenary! **Matika Wilbur, Project 562**
Taylor-Meade Performing Art Center, McCready Hall Auditorium, Pacific University off Pacific Avenue

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Break: snacks and beverages available at La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Location:	Forest Grove Community Auditorium	La Hacienda	Forest Grove Library	Old Train Station Museum & Library	Learning on the Go! Tours
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Making Space for Collective Support of and Advocacy for Heritage	Leveraging Federal Processes for Local Preservation	Oregon Heritage Vitality Study: Brainstorm on Issues Impacting Heritage Work and Solutions	NETWORKING MEETUP: What's in the Works for the 250th	Town & Gown: A Historic Walking Tour of Pacific U. and Downtown Forest Grove
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch break! Enjoy Forest Grove's downtown restaurants				
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Diversifying Oregon Histories through Student-Site Partnership	Making Space for Common Houses: Interpreting Oregon's Small Undocumented Dwellings	Spanish Language as a Way to Increase Community Engagement	NETWORKING MEETUP: Share Affordable and Useful Technology Tools	Fernhill Wetland Storywalk Tour
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Break: snacks and beverages available at La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street				
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Strategies for the Successful Development of Local Community Based Public Archaeology Programs	20 Questions Directors Should Be Asking	Making the Most of MPDs	NETWORKING MEETUP: Creating a great work environment	

Saturday, April 20

10:00 AM - 3:45 PM Cemetery Assessment & Repair, Hills Cemetery, 1300 SW Spring Hill Road, Gaston

Plenary Speakers

GROUNDBREAKER PLENARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 8:30 AM

A WAY WITH WORDS! MARTHA BARNETTE & GRANT BARRETT

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McCready Hall Auditorium, Pacific
University off Pacific Avenue**

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mainstream dialects — with plenty of time for Q&A. Find out more about the show at waywordradio.org.



START THE DAY INSPIRED PLENARY!

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8:30 AM

MATIKA WILBUR, PROJECT 562

**Taylor-Meade Performing Art Center,
McCready Hall Auditorium, Pacific
University off Pacific Avenue**

Matika Wilbur is from the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes. She is the founder and photographer of Project 562, a documentary project dedicated to changing the way we see Native America. Her goal is to move beyond appropriation and objectification of indigenous images and offer honest representations. Matika will kick off the closing day of the conference, leaving us ready to persevere in our work to explore the human experience in Oregon, preserve the objects, stories, and practices that reflect it, and share them with people to better understand it. This Plenary session is sponsored in part by the partners of the Oregon Cultural Trust.



2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards Presentation & Dinner

Join friends and colleagues for a reception, awards presentation, and dinner at the 2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards to celebrate heritage achievements. Awards will be presented to individuals, organizations and projects that have made the most of their available resources to make exceptional contributions to preserving Oregon's heritage.

The 2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards are sponsored by Oregon Historical Society.



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Videos created to honor each of the awardees will be available at www.oregonheritage.org following the event to view and share.



THE ICONIC AWARDS

Oregon Heritage would like to thank Jeanne Henry, the artist behind the iconic Heritage Excellence Award Plaques that have been placed in the hands of awardees over the course of the last fifteen years. Jeanne's ceramic art reflects Oregon's diverse landscapes and aptly complimented Oregon Heritage's efforts to honor excellence in heritage work. Thank you, Jeanne, for sharing the intersection of art and heritage with the heritage preservation community.



2018 OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARDEES.

Networking Opportunities

Take advantage of several of the opportunities to connect, network, brainstorm, and share with others in the heritage space:

NETWORKING MEETUPS

During every concurrent session time in the schedule you will see a topical networking meetup opportunity. If you have a question, opportunity, perspective, or resource related to one of the Network Meetup topics or want to absorb and listen, just head to the Old Train Station Library & Museum to engage and network.

EVENING EVENTS

Two evening events offer opportunities to socially engage and decompress from a full day of conference events with fellow heritage preservation community members: The Opening Reception on Wednesday, April 17, and the Heritage Excellence Awards event Thursday, April 18.

BREAKS

There is plenty of time between sessions to head over to La Hacienda for snacks and mingling and a conference shuttle moving between venues allows you to spend just a few minutes longer if a conversation is kickstarted.

OPPORTUNITY HALL

Be sure to head over to the Opportunity Hall on Thursday, April 18, during breaks, but most especially during 2:45-4:45 when organization representatives will be available to discuss resources and programs that can help move heritage work forward. 2024 Oregon Heritage Fellows and other poster session presenters will be available to discuss their heritage related project.



Downtown Forest Grove



1. La Hacienda - 2020 Main Street
2. Forest Grove Library - 2114 Pacific Avenue
3. Forest Grove Community Room - 1915 Main Street
4. Old Train Station Museum & Library - 1936 19th Avenue
5. Diversity Cafe - 2104 Main Street
6. Pacific University - McCready Hall Auditorium, Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center
7. Pacific University - Old College Hall, 2021 College Way

ADDITIONAL VENUES:

PCC Rock Creek Campus: Five Oaks Museum - 17677 NW Springville Road (30 min drive from downtown Forest Grove).

Forest Grove: Robert M Richmond Memorial Library & Museum - 2240 Masonic Way

Hillsboro : 2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards Reception, Presentation, and Dinner - Venetian Hillsboro, 253 E Main Street, Hillsboro

CONFERENCE PARKING

The City of Forest Grove has been very generous to offer the following parking areas for attendees to make use of without citation during Conference events. These areas are also indicated on the map:

- A.** The parking lot South of Pacific Avenue, between Council Street and Ash Street. There are two parking lots here, one is paved and marked two-hour and the other is gravel and unmarked.
- B.** The parking behind the Library, South of Pacific Avenue, between Birch and Ash Street.
- C.** The parking lot on the Corner of 19th Ave and Birch Street. This is a gravel lot and is unmarked.

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MENTOR**

- ASSIST OTHER HERITAGE ORGANIZATIONS
- DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
- NETWORK ACROSS OREGON
- BENEFITS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Shuttle Bus Schedule

We will be offering the following options for transportation during the conference on Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19:

- Shuttle bus between the downtown Forest Grove conference sites
- Buses from Hillsboro conference hotels and Forest Grove Conference hotels to the Heritage Excellence Awards Presentation & Dinner evening event on April 18

Downtown Forest Grove Conference Shuttle

PICKUP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS

La Hacienda 2020 Main Street	Forest Grove Library 2114 Pacific Avenue	Forest Grove Community Room 1915 Main Street	Old Train Station Museum & Library 1936 19th Avenue
Thursday, April 18		Runs Continuously from: 9:30 AM until 3:15 PM	
Friday, April 19		Runs Continuously from: 10:15 AM until 3:00 PM	

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Northwest Digital Heritage (NWDH) brings together unique historical collections from over 200 libraries, archives, and museums throughout Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

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- Receive technical assistance related to digitization, online hosting services, project planning, metadata evaluation, trainings, and more

Visit www.nwdigitalheritage.org for more information.

Hillsboro Hotels Bus to and from Heritage Excellence Awards Presentation and Dinner evening event, April 18:

Hillsboro Bus		
HILLSBORO HOTELS		DOWNTOWN DROP OFF
Staybridge Suites 7715 NE Cherry Drive	Holiday Inn Express 5900 NE Ray Circle	The Venetian 253 E Main Street, Hillsboro
Thursday, April 18	From Hillsboro Hotels to The Venetian: 5:45 PM	
Thursday, April 18	From The Venetian to Hillsboro Hotels: 8:55 PM	

Forest Grove Hotels Bus to and from Heritage Excellence Awards Presentation and Dinner evening event, April 18:

Forest Grove Bus		
FOREST GROVE HOTELS		DOWNTOWN DROP OFF
Best Western 3933 Pacific Avenue	McMenamins Grand Lodge 3505 Pacific Avenue	The Venetian 253 E Main Street, Hillsboro
Thursday, April 18	From Forest Grove Hotels to The Venetian: 5:45 PM	
Thursday, April 18	From The Venetian to Forest Grove Hotels: 8:55 PM	



CARS ON MAIN STREET. PHOTO: ROTARY

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REGISTRATION CHECK-IN SITE: LA HACIENDA, 2020 MAIN STREET

WORKSHOPS

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PLANTING SEEDS OF PRESERVATION: WINDOW WORKSHOPS TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Chris Gustafson, Vintage Window Restoration & Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation Program

A fun, informative, and partially hands-on workshop sample that involves fixing a window sash, but primarily focuses on how these events are capable of making a lasting impact on communities in creating self-sufficiency and kick starting a restoration effort that begins small but grows with a ripple effect.

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

EXPLORING EXHIBIT DESIGN AND CREATION FROM A DIY PERSPECTIVE

Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library and Museum, 2240 Masonic Way

*Natascha Adams, Independence Heritage Museum
Jessica Hougen, Benton County Historical Society*

We are excited to have Oregon Museums Association join us in Forest Grove. Attend this workshop and learn how to create modern, exciting exhibits on a tight budget.

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DOING ORAL HISTORY ON A SHOESTRING

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

*Kate Thornhill, Public Scholarship Librarian, UO Libraries
Chris Petersen, Archivist for Oral History and Digital Projects, OSU Libraries*

Join us for a hands-on workshop designed to equip participants with practical skills for developing low-cost oral history projects within their cultural organizations. Led by experienced professionals from the University of Oregon Libraries and Oregon State University Libraries & Press, this workshop will orient participants to best practices for every stage of the oral history life cycle: including interviewing, recording, preservation, and online dissemination. Through a series of interactive activities, attendees will receive an introduction to interviewing methods and ethics, as well as archival strategies essential for collecting and safeguarding oral narratives. Participants will also receive guidance on



free or low-cost tools that they can use to provide access to their projects. Whether you're embarking on a new endeavor or seeking to enhance existing initiatives, this workshop promises to ready you with actionable knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of the oral history process.

Pre-registration required, log in to your registration to sign up if room is available.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

REFLECTIVE CONVERSATIONS: FACILITATING CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR BOARD AND STAFF

Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library and Museum, 2240 Masonic Way

Jennifer Alkezweeny, Program Director, Oregon Humanities

What feels hard to talk about within your organization? Are there conversations you've tried that haven't gone well? Are you about to embark on difficult discussions? Reflective Conversations are opportunities for dialogue about ideas; instead of focusing on coming to consensus, solutions, or debate, the goals are exploration, listening, and building community. In this session you'll experience reflective conversation, learn facilitation techniques, and walk away with a framework to plan your next conversation.

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

LEARN, LAND, LOVE: ROOTING HISTORY FOR CARE IN THE LAND

Five Oaks Museum, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland (30 minute drive from downtown Forest Grove)

Moderator: Molly Alloy, Codirector, Five Oaks Museum

Roundtable speakers:

- *Rachel Brumit, Director of Community Connections, Five Oaks Museum (how ecology content opened new fundraising and partner opportunities)*
- *Tracey Dulin, Clean Water Services (wetlands restoration lens)*
- *Brandon Culbertson, Oregon Department of Education (Native youth education lens)*
- *Kira Iwasaki, Landscape Architect (agricultural family background and land-design lens)*

How does our work connect to the land we are on? This session will bring together diverse perspectives connecting history, storytelling, and land care for a roundtable discussion. The discussion will be followed by an activity that allows participants to set intentions for their organization to deepen connections to the land and integrate those connections into the work they already do.

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DEMONSTRATIONS

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR YOUR FACILITIES

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Five Oaks Museum, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland (30 minute drive from downtown Forest Grove)

Eric Perkins, Protection Unit Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry

Denise Berkshire, Tillamook Forest Center Director, Oregon Department of Forestry

Wildfire in Oregon presents a significant risk to heritage organizations, historic sites, and structures, especially in rural communities or in the boundary areas of the wildland/urban interface. Assessing your site's defensible space and creating it, is a great and simple way to prepare your heritage facility for the possibility of a wildfire disaster. Learn from our presenters what firefighters look for to determine if buildings can be saved during an incident and what choices you can make about your site's exterior that make firefighters' decisions easier. They'll share tips and tricks to ensure your site is as defensible as possible including addressing landscaping, maintenance practices, and hazard trees. They'll also share resources available to assist organizations in doing fuels reduction. This demonstration will be asynchronously presented as groups arrive and depart.

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

COLLECTIONS HAZARDS ASSESSMENTS: XRF, MERCURY VAPOR, & AIR MONITORING

SPONSORED BY ART SOLUTIONS LAB

Five Oaks Museum, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland (30 minute drive from downtown Forest Grove)

Averie Foster, Health Consultant, Oregon OSHA

Hidden hazardous materials in your collections may pose silent yet significant risks to the health and safety of your staff and visitors, but how do you know they're there? Engage the free services of the Oregon OSHA team to conduct a collections hazard assessment at your institution to learn about the hidden contents of your collection and how to best handle them into the future. Averie will demonstrate testing methods used in OSHA's onsite assessments and share tips and tricks as to how to manage your collection safely once hazards are identified. Her demonstration will address common 'watch-out' items that often contain materials of concern if you can't test, but she'll also share how your organization can take advantage of a free nonpunitive and confidential onsite assessment to be sure. This demonstration will be asynchronously presented as groups arrive and depart.



TOURS

2:20 PM - 4:30 PM

FIVE OAKS LEARNING OUTING

Five Oaks Museum, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland (30 minute drive from downtown Forest Grove)

*Molly Alloy, Codirector; Rachel Brumit, Director of Community Connections
Aron Wagner, Visitor Services & Learning Coordinator, Five Oaks Museum*

Visit a collection of stops that together convey a deep history and connection with the historic Five Oaks. Participants will start with a guided tour of the Five Oaks Museum exhibition “Replenish the Root: Six Centuries of Gathering at the Oaks” at the museum building, learning the history of the area through the lens of the historic stand of trees that have been a site of human gathering and care for over 600 years. The group will then view natural oak habitat on the Portland Community College Rock Creek campus, stop for refreshments at local Helvetia Farm Market, and end at Chatakuin, the historic Five Oaks site, to connect with the historic trees themselves.

Driving is required between stops on this tour and transportation is not included.

MEETINGS

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OREGON COMMISSION ON HISTORIC CEMETERIES

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Old Train Station & Museum, 1936 19th Avenue

The commission will hold its regular meeting to discuss needs and resources related to historic cemeteries. Presenters include the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board on operating requirements and Oregon State Archives on cemetery related records.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

OREGON HERITAGE MENTORCORPS MEETING

(OPEN TO MENTORS ONLY)

Five Oaks Museum, 17677 NW Springville Road, Portland (30 minute drive from downtown Forest Grove)

Mentors will meet for networking and training.



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9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

OREGON MAIN STREET NETWORK – HILLSBORO DOWNTOWN TOUR & LUNCH MEET-UP

(OPEN TO ACCREDITED, DESIGNATED AND AFFILIATED MAIN STREET ORGANIZATIONS ONLY)

The Downtown Hive, 233 SE Washington St., Hillsboro

Oregon Main Street Network organizations will meet in downtown Hillsboro to explore some examples of their good work. Organizations will enjoy a network lunch together following the tour.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Old Train Station & Museum, 1936 19th Avenue

The commission will hold its regular meeting to discuss needs and resources related to heritage efforts in Oregon.

5:15 PM – 6:45 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION!

Diversity Café, 2104 Main Street

Hosted by the City Club of Forest Grove with support from the City of Forest Grove.



OLD COLLEGE HALL, FOREST GROVE

Thursday, April 18, 2024

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN SITE: FOREST GROVE COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, 1915 MAIN STREET

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

GROUNDBREAKER PLENARY: A WAY WITH WORDS!

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OPPORTUNITY HALL & POSTER SESSION

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Organizations will share resources and networking opportunities during breaks most of the day. Posters of heritage work and research from across the state will be on display.

2:45 PM - 4:45 PM - People will be at the tables and posters to have conversations and make connections.

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM - Break - Take some space for snack, rest, walk, connect, shop, whatever you need to get to the most of the conference!

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

SESSIONS | 10:15 PM - 11:30 AM

CATALYZE YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH CULTURAL DISTRICTS

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Liora Sponko, Senior Program Manager, Oregon Arts Commission

Culture is essential to our lives, communities, and economies. It is more than just a “nicety” — It is an essential economic driver that produces millions of dollars and thousands of jobs; develops an innovative, globally competitive workforce; increases tourism; improves education, supports health and well-being; and builds inclusive communities.

A Creative & Cultural District is a mixed-use area of a community in which a high concentration of cultural facilities and events that serve as the anchor of attraction to residents and visitors. At this session explore how a cultural district can provide vibrant and appealing environment to position the community as a cultural tourism destination while supporting existing residents.



BLACK PRESERVATION: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN LIVED EXPERIENCE & TRADITIONAL PRACTICE

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Nicole Possert, Executive Director, Restore Oregon

Mariah Rocker, Public Programs and Exhibits Manager, Oregon Black Pioneers

Kim Moreland, Moreland Research Consulting

Using the work of the Albina Preservation Initiative, this session will explore identifying unique barriers to traditional preservation; creating space for research and Black-led dialogue around the areas where historic preservation has fallen short; investigating, recording and celebrating preservation methods outside of what is considered “traditional” preservation; and providing a platform for educating the public on parallel methods of preservation.

OPEN OPPORTUNITY FOR ENFORCING STATE CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTIONS

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

Patrick Aitchison, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice - Environmental & Cultural Resources Enforcement Unit (ECREU)

This session addresses Oregon’s cultural resources laws including cases in which objects of cultural significance, and/or archaeological sites are damaged, looted, or destroyed. Enforcement is a continuum, from contact and education all the way up to a criminal case before a jury. Conference attendees can make space for best practices to setup effective enforcement actions. The session will include case studies and practical tips for an effective enforcement program.

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM - Lunch - Take time on your own for the break!

SESSIONS | 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

MAKE SPACE (AND TIME) FOR VALUING AND ENGAGING DIVERSE PARTNERS

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Laura Ferguson, Moderator, Oregon Heritage Commission

Randall Melton, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

Gwen Trice, Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

Anna Truxes, Portland Chinatown Museum

David Harrelson, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

In recent years, there has been an increase in organizations’ efforts to increase access and engage with their diverse community. To do this work, organizations are seeking partnerships with individuals, tribes, and identify-focused organizations in the form of

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research requests, interpretation creation and/or review, advisory groups, programs, community engagement, community directed exhibits, DEIA planning, and more. This session centers the perspective of those being asked to partner and conversation will explore the different ways a partnership can look like, how to make a partnership a relationship rather than a transaction, pitfalls that can impact relationships, and conversation on how to value partners and their work.

MAKING SPACE FOR AND WITH LETITIA CARSON AT OSU AND IN OREGON

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

*Lauren Gwin, Oregon State University
Zachary Stocks, Oregon Black Pioneers
Larry Landis, Oregon State University (retired)*

Black pioneer Letitia Carson, born into slavery, found and made space for herself and her family in Oregon in 1845, on Kalapuya land. Today, the Letitia Carson Legacy Project makes space - in hearts, minds, and on a university research ranch - for Letitia's compelling story. We will share a vision for future activities on the land, asking participants for their ideas and ways this space can connect past with present, history with reconciliation.

LEGACY OF NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOLS IN OREGON

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

Eva Guggemos (MA, MLS), University Archivist & Associate Professor, Pacific University

The discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves of Indigenous children on the grounds of residential schools in Canada has shocked and saddened people across the globe. What is less well known is that similar schools once functioned across the United States. These institutions were designed to break students' ties to Native cultures, languages and beliefs. One of the first residential schools in the nation was founded in Forest Grove: the Forest Grove Indian School. This talk will discuss how and why the school was founded; what daily life was like for its students; work that is being done to document deaths and burials at the school; and how we can confront the residential school system's legacy of trauma.

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM - Break - Take some space for snack, rest, walk, connect, shop, whatever you need to get to the most of the conference!

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

SESSIONS | 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

MINI SHPOLOOZA

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

John Pouley and Ian Johnson, State Historic Preservation Office



Get news from the State Historic Preservation Office on guideline and policy updates and other topics related to the implementation of federal preservation programs.

TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

Wendy Willis (Director), Sarah Giles (Project Manager), Eliot Feenstra (Project Manager), Oregon's Kitchen Table, Portland State University

Oregon's Kitchen Table staff will lead a session on ways to bring more voices to the table. This session will include an overview of our approach to expanding community engagement for important decisions, including stories of past projects. We will also lead a discussion with attendees about the issues or decisions they are seeing in their work and then conduct an activity to consider how to bring more voices to give input on those issues.

OPPORTUNITY HALL AND POSTER SESSION CONVERSATIONS

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Folks will be at their tables and posters during this session. Now is a great chance to talk with folks and learn more.

NETWORKING MEETUPS

Old Train Station & Museum, 1936 19th Avenue

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR SMALL NONPROFITS

Kevin Teater, Streetview Planning

If your board chair or executive director resigned tomorrow, do you know what the first thing your board would need to do? If not, it's time to think about developing your succession plan to ensure a smooth transition of leadership for your organizational stability! Join us for an interactive and collaborative discussion that aims to empower you with actionable strategies for cultivating leadership continuity. The facilitator will guide participants through a dynamic conversation, encouraging the sharing of experiences, best practices, and innovative approaches to succession planning in resource-constrained environments.

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

BIPOC PEOPLE DOING HERITAGE WORK

Host: Milo Reed, Historian and Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries Member

Join this session if are doing heritage work and identify as BIPOC. Here you can meet your colleagues and build your network for working in Oregon.

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

MINGLE WITH MENTORS

Oregon Heritage MentorCorps Mentors

Expand your network of heritage professionals by spending time with the talented and experienced volunteers of the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps. Bring your ideas, challenges, or concerns and brainstorm solutions for nonprofit operation and collection care issues. Or join us just to chat about potential interest in the program, how to apply, and what we can help with.

TOURS

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

ROBERT M. RICHMOND MEMORIAL MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TOUR

Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library and Museum, 2240 Masonic Way

Johnny Edwards, Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Oregon A.F. & A.M.

Join us for a tour of the Most Worshipful Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library and Museum or for short The Oregon Masonic Museum (OMM). The Library and Museum holds over 2000 esoteric books on topical fraternal history and philosophy along with well over 1000 personal books of Robert M. The museum portion has hundreds of items showing the history of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and its members, including records are of early Oregon western emigrants.

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

FOREST GROVE HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOUR

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Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Mary Jo Morelli, Friends of Historic Forest Grove

Walk back in time through shaded neighborhoods among the Oregon white oaks, Douglas fir and giant sequoia encompassing Forest Grove's Clark and Painter's Woods National Historic Districts. A variety of home styles represent the architectural, social and economic trends throughout the city's past.



3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

FOREST GROVE INDIAN SCHOOL MEMORY WALK

Old College Hall, 2021 College Way, Pacific University

Eva Guggemos (MA, MLS), University Archivist & Associate Professor, Pacific University

Join us for a guided walk in memory of the Native students who attended the Forest Grove Indian School. This solemn walk will visit the former site of the school and the cemetery where several students are buried. Stories about the school, the students who attended, and Pacific University's role in its operation will be shared. This tour will also discuss ways that other organizations may address difficult parts of their own histories.

90 minutes; 2 miles walking on paved, level ground.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

OREGON HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Friday, April 19, 2024

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN SITE: FOREST GROVE COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, 1915 MAIN STREET

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - BREAKTIME BONUS

Old College Hall Open House

2021 College Way, Pacific University

Explore the museum and historic building on your own when you need a break!

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

START THE DAY INSPIRED PLENARY!

MATIKA WILBUR, PROJECT 562

Taylor-Meade Performing Art Center, McCreedy Hall Auditorium, Pacific University off Pacific Avenue

Matika Wilbur is from the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes. She is the founder and photographer of Project 562, a documentary project dedicated to changing the way we see Native America. Her goal is to move beyond appropriation and objectification of indigenous images and offer honest representations. Matika will kick off the closing day of the conference, leaving us ready to persevere in our work to explore the human experience in Oregon, preserve the objects, stories, and practices that reflect it, and share them with people to better understand it.

Sponsored in part by the partners of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM – Break - Take some space for snack, rest, walk, connect, shop, whatever you need to get to the most of the conference!

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

SESSIONS | 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

MAKING SPACE FOR COLLECTIVE SUPPORT OF AND ADVOCACY FOR HERITAGE

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Jim White, Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO), Moderator

Claire Blaylock, Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon/Arts & Culture Caucus

Katie Henry, Oregon Heritage Commission

Nicole Possert, Restore Oregon

Aili Schreiner, Oregon Cultural Trust

What does it mean to show collective support for heritage and how can this be done locally, statewide, and nationally? There are mechanisms in place to help heritage



organizations message the value of their work, communicate challenges, and ask for change. This session will explore what it means to support statewide heritage on the individual organization level, the local community level, statewide level, and national level and what mechanisms and organizations are in place to help with this work at every level.

LEVERAGING FEDERAL PROCESSES FOR LOCAL PRESERVATION

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Tracy Schwartz, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Moderator

Molly Casperson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Matthew Diederich, Oregon Military Department

Charlotte Helmer, Oregon Department of Transportation

Kimberli Fitzgerald, City of Salem

Tama Tochihara, Bonneville Power Administration

Agencies and projects with federal funding must address possible impacts on cultural resources. The process for this includes engaging people and organizations in the evaluation of the impacts and how to address them. Tribes, local governments, historical societies, historic cemeteries and others can be a part of the process. This session will share ways people can participate for good preservation results. Some examples in this session include collaboration with the tribes on what is considered culturally significant, local government participation in the Section 106 process, agencies partnering with museums for mitigation projects, and agency engagement with community members and tribes.

OREGON HERITAGE VITALITY STUDY BRAINSTORM: ISSUES IMPACTING HERITAGE WORK AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

University of Oregon Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE) Oregon Heritage Vitality Study Project Team: Aniko Drlik-Muehleck, Lauren Van Vliet, Caroline Alkire, and Lee Tachoir

Join us to shape the future of Oregon's heritage sector! This year, the Oregon Heritage Commission is supporting an important update to a decade-old Oregon Heritage Vitality Study. This study will help us understand the current state of the heritage sector in Oregon, highlighting key issues that impact the sector, and provide recommendations at the local and state level to address collective needs and challenges. Right now, we need your help to guide the recommendations that will be included in the Study. During this interactive workshop, we'll share an overview of the key issues you helped us identify through the Vitality Study Survey earlier this year and then brainstorm changes and resources that would better support your work. This is your chance to influence the tools and policies that will shape the heritage sector in Oregon over the coming years.

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM - Lunch - Take time on your own for the break!

SESSIONS | 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

DIVERSIFYING OREGON HISTORIES THROUGH STUDENT-SITE PARTNERSHIP

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Ellen Eisenberg, Willamette University

Keegan Stershic and Alex Sims History 199: Diversifying Oregon Histories (Fall, 2023) Students

Kylie Pine, Curator & Collections Manager, Willamette Heritage Center

Matthew Boulay, Executive Director, Salem Art Association

Karen Freeman, Acting Director, Lord & Schryver Conservancy

Kimberli Fitzgerald, Senior Historic Planner/Historic Preservation Officer, City of Salem

Tammy Jo Wilson, Director of Bush House Museum Exhibits & Programming.

Ellen Eisenberg's fall, 2023 Diversifying Oregon Histories class is engaging with four heritage sites, focusing on efforts to "make space" by diversifying the stories they tell. After site tours and meetings with professionals at each site, students provide feedback based on their visits and explorations of related sources. This session brings panelists from the four sites together with students to debrief the project, suggest lessons learned, and discuss on-going collaborative efforts to diversify these histories.

MAKING SPACE FOR COMMON HOUSES: INTERPRETING OREGON'S SMALL UNDOCUMENTED DWELLINGS

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Thomas C. Hubka, Professor of Architecture, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Emeritus)

Common, popular, everyday houses, often lacking recognizable architectural styles or detailed family histories, pose special problems for historical analysis and preservation practices. This session explores the typical conditions of average dwellings and proposes methods for addressing houses of very modest style and structure by emphasizing recurring floor plan typologies and standard patterns of family usage that provide a basis for more accurate classification and appreciation.

SPANISH LANGUAGE AS A WAY TO INCREASE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

Yelitza Vargas-Boots, Hood River County Library District, Moderator

Jennifer Alkezweeny, Oregon Humanities

George Cushing, City of Forest Grove

Jessica Hougen, Benton County Historical Society

Ruth Hyde, Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Debra Moon, Talent Historical Society



Heritage organizations strive to increase community engagement. For areas with large communities of Spanish language speakers, offering bilingual or Spanish options are a good way to connect. This session will explore ways organizations have added and promoted Spanish language offerings and how effective it has been.

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM – Break – Take some space for snack, rest, walk, connect, shop, whatever you need to get to the most of the conference!

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

SESSIONS | 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

STRATEGIES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY BASED PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMS

Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

Kimberli Fitzgerald, City of Salem

This session is meant to be most meaningful to local Historic Landmarks Commissioners and their staff, especially those who have identified potential archaeological resources within their jurisdictions. Session attendees will learn three different potential strategies for the successful development of a local community based public archaeology program which will focus on how local historic preservation commissions and their staff can: 1) Work with private property owners within urban neighborhoods to identify and protect archaeological resources; 2) Develop successful partnerships with local Native American Tribes to identify and protect archaeological resources within their local jurisdictions and 3) Work with underrepresented communities within sacred spaces (ie cemeteries) to respectfully manage and interpret identified resources.

20 QUESTIONS DIRECTORS SHOULD BE ASKING

La Hacienda, 2020 Main Street

Susan Bower, Oregon Department of Justice

Join us for a dynamic conference session exploring the principles of effective governance and financial oversight in organizations. Emphasizing the pivotal role of directors, this session will focus on dedicating time to governance, attending regular meetings, and actively engaging in organizational affairs. With a spotlight on financial matters, the session will cover discussions on oversight, consistent financial statement preparation, and the critical need for state and federal compliance. Walk away with invaluable insights into governance best practices, financial stewardship, and the cultivation of a collaborative organizational culture.

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MAKING THE MOST OF MPDS

Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue

Val Ballestrem, Oregon Heritage, State Historic Preservation Office

Caitlyn Ewers, Architectural Resources Group

Matthew Diederich, Oregon Military Department

Brandon Spencer-Hartle, City of Portland

Learn more about how a Multiple Property Document (MPD) can be leveraged to build relationships, promote the value of historic places, support preservation planning and list properties on the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Portland, along with many partners have moved forward appreciation for and designation of properties related to African American history through the development and use of a city-wide MPD. The Oregon Military Department also recently developed an MPD to set priorities and focus their preservation efforts. Learn from three preservation professionals how an MPD may (or may not) be the right tool for your community.

NETWORKING MEETUPS

Old Train Station & Museum, 1936 19th Avenue

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS FOR THE 250TH?

Kerry Tymchuk, Oregon Historical Society

Are you planning programming to acknowledge the semiquincentennial of the United States? Connect with folks interested in this commemoration and how to recognize the complexities of what was happening in Oregon at the time and the impacts of the establishment of the union here.

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

SHARE AFFORDABLE AND USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Luke Parsons, IT Business Analyst; Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Bring your brainstorming hats and knowledge of your own easy and affordable tech solutions and help others think through their challenges. Join the dialogue in this networking session facilitated by a now IT specialist who cut his teeth in visitor centers and heritage sites with low budgets and needs for creative and cost-effective solutions.



2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

CREATING A GREAT WORK ENVIRONMENT

Claire Blaylock, Claire Blaylock Consulting

Staff and volunteers with nonprofit organizations are passionate about the work they do, giving generously of their time and talents. What does it take to create a great work environment to keep people engaged? This conversation will look at what this looks like and how to sustain over the long haul including everything from building an inclusive and welcoming leadership structure, engaging volunteers, creating a manageable work schedule, and implementing a good work-life balance for staff.

TOURS

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

TOWN & GOWN: A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF PACIFIC U. AND DOWNTOWN FOREST GROVE

Old College Hall, 2021 College Way, Pacific University

Eva Guggemos (MA, MLS), University Archivist & Associate Professor, Pacific University

Forest Grove is home to one of the oldest colleges in the West: Pacific University, established 1849. Through visits to historic sites dating from 1850 onward, this tour will provide a taste of how Native history, the history of the university, and the growth of the surrounding town have intersected.

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

FERNHILL WETLAND STORYWALK TOUR

Fernhill Wetlands, 1399 SW Fern Hill Road , Forest Grove, OR 97116

Seth Winkelhake, Public Affairs Specialist, Clean Water Services

Fernhill in Forest Grove is part of an active wastewater treatment facility and has 3 miles of trails with excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Even out on the trails, opportunities to enhance literacy and share culture are available. Fernhill visitors can engage in rotating stories posted along trails as a safe way for families to practice literacy skills while experiencing the outdoors together. Fernhill StoryWalks are seasonally thematic and presented in English and Spanish. Learn how to create one of these opportunities at your site!

Transportation on your own.

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WORKSHOP

10:00 AM - 3:45 PM

HISTORIC CEMETERY MARKER ASSESSMENT, CLEANING & REPAIR WORKSHOP | SPONSORED BY D/2 BIOLOGICAL SOLUTION

Hills Cemetery, Gaston, 1300 SW Spring Hill Road

Dave Pinyerd and Bernadette Niederer, Historic Preservation Northwest

Join us at Hills Cemetery in Gaston, for a hands-on (or observation if preferred) workshop including a cemetery preservation overview, how to evaluate, clean, level, reset and repair markers. Wear layers and work clothes if you plan to participate. Bring lunch, drinking water, gloves, and a chair if you want a place to sit. All other materials are provided.

Included with full registration or offered as a stand-alone workshop.



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Opportunity Hall, What's That?

The Opportunity Hall is a twist on the Exhibit Hall that is typically a staple during conferences. We have invited organizations and agencies to host a table and provide information and resources to help enhance heritage preservation efforts. Many Opportunity Hall participants will setup early Thursday morning, April 18, so that attendees can peruse during breaks and representatives will be at the tables 2:45-4:45 to answer questions and provide information.

OPPORTUNITY HALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

- The Oregon Heritage MentorCorps Lending Equipment Program
- University of Oregon Digital Newspaper Program
- Oregon Humanities
- Department of Justice
- Rose City Philanthropy
- Travel Information Council
- ODF Fuels Reduction Program
- Pacific Northwest Region of National Association for Interpretation
- Alcance Consulting
- Pacific Power
- D/2 Biological Solution
- Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution
- And more!

The Opportunity Hall will also include poster presentations related to heritage related research and programs, including the 2024 Oregon Heritage Fellows:

- Victor Ochoa presenting on Somos de Allá y de Aquí
- Lauren Yanase presenting on the Wartime Portland Assembly Center
- Aaron Hood-Foster presenting on Tualatin River Basin Significance Modeling



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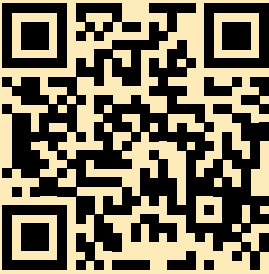


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