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OREGON WOMEN VOTE
1912-2012

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Century of Action celebrates 100 years of Oregon women's right to vote and advances the understanding of women's citizenship in Oregon's history.

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Kimberly Howard as "Hattie Redmond"

Sashing: (**verb**) to furnish or adorn with a sash.





Declaration of Statewide Celebration

Whereas, the centennial of woman suffrage in Oregon will occur in 2012, and

Whereas the movement for woman suffrage in Oregon began in 1870, with local suffrage associations in Salem and Albany, and

Whereas, Oregon placed the question of votes for women on the ballot six times, more than any other state, and

Whereas, Oregon voters approved Amendment 1 on November 5, 1912, amending Article 2, Section 2 of the Oregon state constitution to read "citizen" instead of "white male citizen" when describing the right to vote, and

Whereas woman suffrage was one of the earliest uses of the Oregon system of initiative and referendum, and

Whereas, Amendment 1 took immediate effect after November 5, 1912 and Oregon women voted as early as December 1912 in city elections and continued to exercise their right to the elective franchise thereafter, and

Whereas, not all Oregon women were considered citizens in 1912, leaving the voting status of some Native American and first generation Asian American women unchanged by Amendment 1 to be addressed in legislation in 1925 and 1952, and

Whereas, Oregon women have continued to claim civic equality through office holding, jury service, and other aspects of full citizenship in the years following 1912, and

Whereas, the 42-year-long campaign to achieve voting rights in Oregon is a vital part of the history of this state, and

Whereas, Oregon women participated in national effort to achieve a federal suffrage amendment,

Therefore, the Oregon Heritage Commission hereby declares the 100th anniversary of the adoption of woman suffrage as a Statewide Celebration in the year 2012, and encourages all Oregonians to learn about its history, participate in the celebration's activities, and vote.

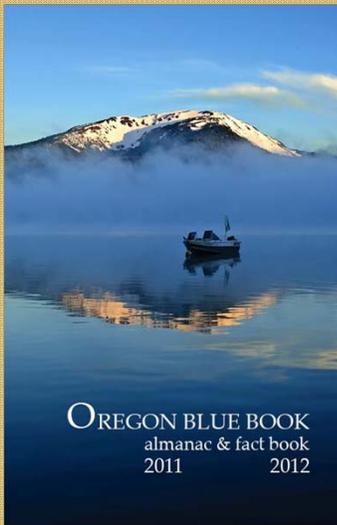
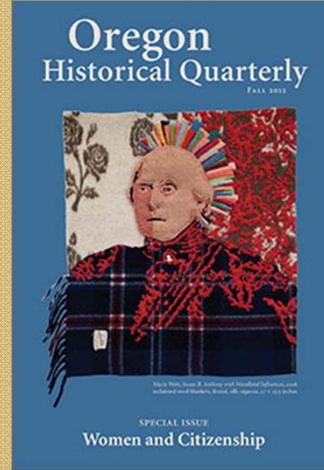
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100 YEARS Exhibit introduction

"The Awakening" illustration
 "Election Day" anti-suffrage postcard
 Anti-suffrage headquarters photo
 Abigail Scott Dunway portrait
 Newspaper cartoon of Oregon alone
 United Equal Suffrage States card
 Suffrage lunch wagon
 Nevada life member certificate
 Votes for Women memorabilia
 Suffrage hymn cover and words
 Dunway lecture handbill
 Suffrage parade photo
 "Nobody Loves Me" anti-suffrage card
 New Northwest newspaper nameplate
 Pendleton woman suffrage photo
 Dunway poem opening words
 Suffrage hikers photo
 Suffrage convention program
 Suffrage events medal and ribbon
 Dunway and supporters photo
 Suffrage procession program
 Jack's and Hede magazine image
 Esther Polk Lovejoy portrait
 Oregon suffrage handbill

"The Steam Roller" cartoon
 National suffrage procession photo
 "Honest Craft" magazine illustration
 Congratulatory telegram after vote
 Votes for Women poster
 Dunway voter card
 Rose Sandeman photo
 Rock magazine satirical cartoon
 Suffrage meeting photo
 Congress of Women program
 Anti-suffrage 1978 postcard
 Dunway telegram
 Rock magazine suffrage cover
 W. M. "Pike" Davis portrait
 College suffrage leaders listing
 Votes for Women calendar
 Proclamation signing photo
 Suffrage song sheet music cover
 Dunway letterhead
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 Life magazine suffrage cover
 Suffrage pamphlet cover
 Dunway lectures announcement
 Blend suffrage gathering photo
 Commemorative envelope
 Commemorative postage stamp
 Dunway birthday party photo
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During the push for national women's voting rights, Oregon and other suffrage states were featured in marches as examples to be followed. (detail, Library of Congress)

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