

2026 Oregon Heritage Conference

April 29-May 2, Woodburn

Weaving Community Heritage

Schedule At A Glance
Subject to Change

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

WORKSHOPS

8:30 am - 11:30 am

- Grantsmithing 101 Workshop
- Accomplishing State and Federal Repatriation in Small Organizations
- Illuminate the experience - A Hands-On Museum & Gallery Lighting Workshop with ERCO (OMA Workshop, [Register here](#))

1 pm - 4 pm

- Growing What Works: Sustainable Fundraising for Small and Mid-Sized Museums With Columbia Play Project & Cogeo (OMA Workshop, [Register here](#))
- Planning accessibility and inclusion in the face of opposition With Learner Centered Strategies (OMA Workshop, [Register here](#))
- Understanding Audiences and Strengthening Heritage Work

TOURS

8:30 am - 11:30 am ▪ Stayton Tour

1 pm - 4 pm ▪ Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

MEETINGS

8:30 am - 11:30 am

- MentorCorps Training

8:30 am - 4 pm

- Oregon Cultural Trust County Cultural Coalition Gathering

1 pm - 4 pm

- Oregon Main Street Network Meeting
- Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries Meeting

GROUNDBREAKER PLENARY SPEAKER

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm

- *The Next Assignment: Why the Future Will Ask More of Us*, **Monica Rhodes**, strategist, preservationist, and scholar

EVENING EVENTS

5:45 pm - 7 pm ▪ Reception Activity, Mt. Angel

7 pm - 9 pm ▪ Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

NETWORKING MEETUPS

8:15 am - 8:45 am ▪ Multigenerational Engagement

12 pm - 1:30 pm ▪ Oregon Museums Association Topical Lunches

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9 am - 10:15 am

- Shaping the Big City: How Urban Rail Transformed Portland
- Highlighting Heritage Stories in the Media
- Countering Erasure: When Community Archives Become Living Memorials
- Strategic Doing: Skills for Leveraging Collaboration

10:45 am - 12 pm

- Weaving a Regional Tourism Approach: North Marion Tourism Collaborative
- Leveraging Preservation Tools and Technical Assistance for Your Community
- Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items: History, Goals, Impact and YOU
- Standards of Excellence: Your Roadmap to Successful Nonprofit Management

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

- Keep it together through Continuity in your Organization
- Energy Efficiency and Historic Preservation
- Ten Steps to an Accessible Institution
- Demystifying the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Heritage

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

- Preserving Oregon's Heritage: 2025 Accomplishments and What's Next
- TBD
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TOURS

9 am - 10:15 am ▪ Woodburn Historic Treasures Tour

10:45 am - 12 pm ▪ Mt. Angel Abby Tour

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm ▪ Woodburn Cultural Walking Tour

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm ▪ Settlemier House Tour & Defensible Space Demo

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 cont.

EVENING EVENTS

4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

- Reception hosted by City of Woodburn

7 pm - 9 pm

- Consider This - Labor, Farmworker Organizing, and Histories of Indigenous Communities in Oregon (Oregon Humanities Conversation, [Register here](#))
- Reception hosted by Oregon Museums Association

FRIDAY, MAY 1

NETWORKING MEETUPS

8 am - 8:45 am ▪ Federal Policy Landscape

12 pm - 1:30 pm ▪ Oregon Museums Association
Topical Networking Lunches

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:30 am - 10:15 am

- Discovering opportunities to share your story
- Architecture as Access: Weaving Culture, Place, Story
- Incorporating Heritage in Community Disaster Resilience Planning
- Oregon Heritage Commission Meeting

10:45 am - 12 pm

- Failing Forward
- Evolving Places: Adaptive Reuse of Historic Buildings for Museums
- Creating a Healthy Volunteer Culture
- Oregon Heritage Commission Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 1 cont.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

- Using Public Engagement to Tell a Community's Story
- Urban Renewal Supporting Community Culture
- Enhancing Access to Oregon's Diverse Stories in Historic Oregon Newspapers
- Meeting People Where the Story Lives: Reimagining the Lewis & Clark Trail for Today's Heritage Traveler

10:45 am - 12 pm

- Easy ways to plug into America 250: Programs, Partnerships, and Practical Ideas for Oregon Organizations
- Preservation Tax Credit for All Projects!
- Weaving Place, Space, and Stories Through Collaborative Student Tours
- Self-Publishing Local History

TOURS

9:30 am -

- TBD

10:15 am

10:45 am - 12 pm ▪ Aurora Tour

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm ▪ Belle Passi Cemetery Tour

SATURDAY, MAY 2

WORKSHOP

9 am - 3:30 pm ▪ Belle Passi Cemetery Assessment & Repair Workshop

1 pm - 4 pm ▪ Belle Passi Cemetery Intensive Level Survey Workshop

Visit www.oregonheritage.org for more information about the conference, registration, lodging, venues, and more.



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