

# 2026 Oregon Heritage Conference

April 29-May 2, Woodburn

*Weaving Community Heritage*

Schedule At A Glance  
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## 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 am • Stayton Tour

### 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
- Dates to Doorways: A Practical Toolkit for Milestones, Reflection and Engagement
- How to get into the Tourism Pipeline
- TBD

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 30 cont.

### TOURS

- 9 am - 10:15 am • Woodburn Historic Treasures Tour
- 10:45 am - 12 pm • Mt. Angel Abby Tour
- 1 pm - 5 pm • Grand Ronde Tour
- 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm • Woodburn Cultural Walking Tour
- 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm • Settlemier House Tour & Defensible Space Demo

### 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

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## FRIDAY, MAY 1 cont.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 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 (cont.)
- 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
- 2:45 pm - 3:30 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

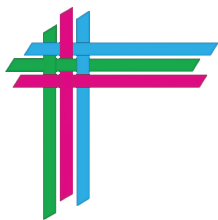
- 9:30 am - 10:15 am • Aurora Colony Alternate Materials for Building Preservation Site Visit
- 10:45 am - 12 pm • Aurora Colony XRF Demo & Collections Tour
- 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm • Belle Passi Cemetery Tour

## 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

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