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February 2023 newsletter

Advocacy News

Give us your input for Museums Advocacy Day



Representative Cliff Bentz with Caitlin Armi, former OMA board member and Advocacy Committee Chair (upper left inset). Museums Advocacy Day 2021.

Museums Advocacy Day is February 27-28, 2023, in Washington DC. OMA will be represented by Janice Crane, Advocacy Chair, participating remotely. Are there issues that you'd like to see brought before our local, state and federal representatives?

Send us an email at connect@oregonmuseums.org with your ideas.

Looking for members for the OMA Advocacy Committee

Are you an OMA member and interested in advocacy? You can join our Advocacy Committee as a volunteer. Committees usually meet every other month for one hour, and as needed.

- Read more about [our committees](#).
- If you're interested, please fill out the [volunteer form](#).

Oregon legislature forms Arts and Culture Caucus

Recognizing the vital role arts and culture play in the livability and prosperity of Oregon communities – and in enriching the lives of Oregonians – nine members of the Oregon legislature have come together in a bi-partisan fashion to form the state's first-ever Arts and Culture Caucus.

The caucus will serve as a resource to the Oregon legislature on key issues affecting the arts and culture sector. Its members will work closely with stakeholders including the [Oregon Arts Commission](#), the [Oregon Cultural Trust](#) (and its statewide partners), and the [Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon](#) (CACO) to stay informed on the latest research and issues. It will also set an agenda on priorities for arts and culture legislation, including a sustainable and robust funding mechanism for arts and cultural initiatives.

The public is invited to meet caucus members at a launch event on Monday, February 27, 2023, 5:30-7:00 pm at the [Hallie Ford Museum of Art](#) in Salem.

[Find out more.](#)

Black History Month



Civil rights leader George P. Riley. Source: Oregon Black Pioneers

Oregon Black Pioneers hosts events across Oregon

You can join Oregon Black Pioneers in person or online at many events throughout Oregon for Black History Month.

- **Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts** – free screening, *Willamette University* – in person
Thursday, February 9, 2023, 7-9 pm
- **A Peculiar Paradise** – book talk, *Forest Grove Library* – online
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 6:30PM – 7:30PM
- **Oregon's Black History: 450 years in 45 minutes** - talk, *Happy Valley Library* – in person
Saturday, February 25, 2023 – 2:00pm – 3:15pm

Find out more about [OBP Black History Month events](#).

Oregon Historical Society's *Oregon Encyclopedia* helps state supreme court in anti-exclusionist law decision

OHS's *Oregon Encyclopedia* and *Oregon Historical Quarterly* were recently cited in an Oregon State Supreme Court opinion.

On December 30, 2022, the Oregon State Supreme Court handed down a decision in *Jacob Keith Watkins v. Richard Ackley*. This decision provides clarity to Oregon law that people convicted of a crime by a non-unanimous jury are entitled to appeal their convictions—even if they were convicted prior to the US Supreme Court's 2020 decision in *Ramos v. Louisiana* that a non-unanimous jury conviction violates defendants' Sixth Amendment rights.

Only Oregon and Louisiana had allowed people to be found guilty of a crime without the support of all jurors (that is, with a non-unanimous jury). Senior Judge Richard C. Baldwin filed a concurring opinion. The concurrence detailed the "sordid history" of Oregon's nonunanimous verdict laws, including Oregon's motivation to "dampen the influence of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities on Oregon juries" through each state's use of the nonunanimous verdict.

Baldwin wrote: "I recognize that it is not necessary for the majority to fully discuss the pernicious discriminatory purpose and effect of Oregon's constitutional provision that permits nonunanimous verdicts. I write separately because I think that a commitment to the rule of law requires us, as Oregonians, to better understand that troubled aspect of our history lest we repeat it and yet again cause great injury to our civic health by the adoption of an exclusionary law."

[Read the press release.](#)

Read articles from the Oregon Encyclopedia that Judge Baldwin referenced.

- Aliza Kaplan's OE article on "[Non-Unanimous Jury Law in Oregon](#)" (which will be updated to reflect this recent decision)
- Greg Nokes's OE article on "[Black Exclusion Laws in Oregon](#)"

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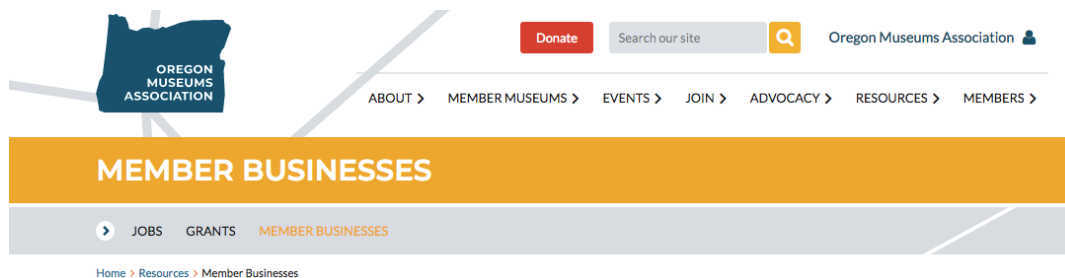
Respond to the AASLH National Visitation Survey

The 2023 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) National Visitation Survey is now open. Your response to the survey will help AASLH create the [National Visitation Report](#). This is the only report that monitors and assesses nationwide visitation trends at history institutions of all types and sizes.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Responses to the survey are reported only in aggregate; individual responses will be kept confidential and categories with fewer than 5 responses will be excluded from public reports. All respondents to the survey will receive free access to a report of the findings. **Deadline is March 15, 2023.**

[Take the survey.](#)

Explore the OMA Business directory



Does your museum purchase products, hire consultants, or utilize services? Do you work in the museum field but not at a museum, and would like to network with others? Consider connecting with a business that supports the Oregon museum field, like one of our [Business members](#).

Our Business directory includes a range of museum-focused businesses and organizations that support OMA. [Browse the directory](#) and expand your museum's resource pool for supplies, consultants, and more!

Not yet a Business member? [Join now.](#)

Jobs

Arts Council of Lake Oswego

- [Communications Manager & Development Support](#)
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Maryhill Museum

- [Operations and Project Manager](#)
-

Five Oaks Museum

- [Codirector](#)
-

Oregon Historical Society

- [Reference Librarian](#)
 - [Executive Assistant](#)
-

Japanese American Museum of Oregon

- [Executive Director](#)
-

Eugene Science Center

- [Programs Coordinator](#)
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Oregon Black Pioneers

- [Public Programs and Exhibitions Manager](#)
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Troutdale Historical Society

- [Administrative Assistant \(part time\)](#)

Grants

Oregon Heritage

- [Diamonds in the Rough Grant](#). **Deadline May 8, 2023.**
- [Oregon Historic Cemeteries Grant](#). **Deadline April 12, 2023**
- [Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant](#). **Deadline March 16, 2023**
- [Oregon Museum Grant](#). **Deadline April 12, 2023**
- [Preserving Oregon Grant](#). **Deadline April 11, 2023**
- [Veterans and War Memorials Grant](#). **Deadline March 31, 2023.**

Oregon Arts Commission

[Oregon Media Arts Fellowship](#). **Deadline March 31, 2023.**

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Cultural and Community Resilience](#) supports community-based efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic by safeguarding cultural resources and fostering cultural resilience. **Deadline May 16, 2023.**

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