

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10 - 11:15 am PST



Join fundraising master trainer, Chad Barger, CFRE, for a presentation focused on actionable solutions to common fundraising problems. Chad will reveal the most common barriers to effective fundraising at the museums that he has worked with and provide tips for overcoming them. Attendees will also be given free access to document samples and templates which will help to fast track the implementation of these solutions. Ample time will be reserved for questions so that attendees can also pick Chad's brain for solutions to their "not so common" fundraising challenges

- OMA members - \$15
- Non-members - \$25

Register now

New year, time to check if your profile is up to date

A lot has changed in the past few years. Is your member profile up to date? At the start of the year, it's a great time to double check your profile for a few common items that may be out of date.

- **Opening hours.**
- **Online collections.** Did you go digital during the COVID-19 pandemic? Add links to your online collections and exhibits.
- **Bundled members.** Have you had staff turnover? Check to make sure current staff are listed. Institutional members can bundle up to 5 additional staff/volunteers, and Business members can bundle up to 3 more.

To review your info, [log in to your profile](#) with your email connect@oregonmuseums.org and password. Questions or issues logging in? Email us at connect@oregonmuseums.org.

Advocacy News

Museums Advocacy Day

In-person, Washington, DC, February 27-28, 2023

Museums Advocacy Day is a unique opportunity to join with fellow museum professionals and supporters to speak up for museums. Legislators do not know how their decisions affect museums if they don't hear directly from you—the museums and people they represent. The skills, resources, information, and insights you'll gain as a participant will help sustain your museum's future and the future of the field, while building life-long skills you can use throughout your career.

[Find out more and register.](#)

Nonprofit Modernization Act campaign kickoff

January 26, 2023, 1 - 2:30 pm PST

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO) and Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) have joined together to introduce and pass the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act during the 2023 state legislative session. The Act includes:

- Easy and simple changes to government contracting practices that can be implemented right away and have an immediate impact
- The establishment of a Nonprofit Task Force to take a close look at streamlining and simplifying contracting, improving payment delivery, reducing burdensome reporting requirements, and raising nonprofit wages to improve employee retention in the long-term
- A Workforce Retention Fund to help nonprofits retain employees in the short-term

Join the virtual kickoff the legislative campaign to pass the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act on January 26, 2023, 1 - 2:30 pm PST for an overview of the legislation, discussion of the legislative strategy, and a set of advocacy tools that you can utilize.

[Find out more and register.](#)

How to properly address critical comments

AMPLIFICATION VS OVER-AMPLIFICATION: *A METHODOLOGY DATA STORY*

It happens to all of us.



We hear a critical comment, and we obsess about it. It doesn't matter if it was one critical comment out of 100. We still focus on that one comment. We **over-amplify** it.

And knowing when to **amplify**, while guarding against our natural tendency to **over-amplify**, is one of the hardest things to do. Not only when working with qualitative research, but also in our everyday lives.

Knowing when to amplify critical comments from visitors and the public, while guarding against the natural human tendency to over-amplify, is an important skill. This data story from [Wilkening Consulting](#) breaks down the best way to handle these comments and explains how not to over-amplify.

[Read the data story.](#)

Assessment programs for small and mid-sized institutions

Two self-paced assessment programs are starting from [American Alliance of Museums](#) (AAM) and [American Association for State and Local History](#) (AASLH). Each offers workbooks and resources as well as online cohorts.

Museum Assessment Program (MAP), AAM

MAP is a a one-year process of self-assessment, institutional activities, and consultative peer review with a site visit and recommendations. Five different assessment are available: Organizational; Collections Stewardship; Education & Interpretation; Community & Audience Engagement; and Board Leadership. **Application deadline is February 1, 2023.**

[Find out more.](#)

Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (STEPS), AASLH

STEPS is a self-study, self-paced assessment program designed specifically for small- to mid-sized history organizations, including volunteer-run institutions. Through a workbook, online resources, and an online community, the 1,100+ organizations enrolled in STEPS review their policies and practices and benchmark themselves against national museum standards.

[Find out more.](#)

Oregon News

OHS travelling exhibits free to rent



OHS traveling exhibit "Oregon is Indian Country"

All Oregon Historical Society (OHS) traveling exhibitions are free to rent through 2023 (usually \$250 per month plus shipping), thanks in part to sponsorship from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation. OHS currently has 12 traveling exhibitions available to rent, covering topics including [the Bottle Bill](#), [Oregon geology](#), and [Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes](#).

OHS's newest traveling exhibition is [A Century of Wonder: 100 Years of Oregon State Parks](#). For 100 years, Oregon State Parks have provided spaces for recreation and enjoyment in various natural environments across the state. This photographic traveling exhibit highlights a selection of Peter Marbach's contemporary photographs, showing numerous ways that Oregon State Parks have preserved natural and historic sites for Oregonians and visitors to appreciate for many years to come.

[Find out more.](#)

2023 Museums of the Gorge pass available



Tamástslikt Cultural Institute, Pendleton, OR

Local residents and visitors to the Columbia River Gorge can once again take advantage of a low-cost museum pass that gives free admission for up to four (4) people at ten (10) regional museums. The \$99 pass has a combined value of more than \$356 and is valid through December 2023.

Participating museums are located in Oregon and Washington, and include: Cascade Locks Historical Museum (Cascade Locks, OR); Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum (The Dalles, OR); Columbia Gorge Interpretative Center Museum (Stevenson, WA); History Museum of Hood River County (Hood River, OR); Maryhill Museum of Art (Goldendale, WA); SAGE Center (Boardman, OR); Sherman County Historical Museum (Moro, OR); Tamástslikt Cultural Institute (Pendleton, OR); Two Rivers Heritage Center (Washougal, WA); and Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum (Hood River, OR).

[Find out more.](#)

Questions about paper materials? Ask a Mentor!

January 17, 2023, 12-1 pm PST



Oregon Heritage's [MentorCorps](#) is offering a lunchtime Q&A with Dave Hegeman, Special Collections Librarian at the State Library of Oregon, on *Handling & Care of Paper Materials & Conducting Simple Repairs*.

Materials made out of paper can be some of the most sensitive and fragile items in our collections and despite the best care, sometimes repairs become necessary. Do you need advice on next steps for handling, storage, care, or conservation of your paper materials or bound collections? Join Oregon Heritage for a free consultation.

[Register here.](#)

New Scholarship in Jewish History in Oregon and the American West series launches

A new and stimulating six-part series, co-sponsored by the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE) and the Oregon Historical Society, focuses on new interpretations of Jewish history in Oregon and the American West. All presentations are virtual.

- Rethinking Oregon Jewish Pioneers - January 11 at 12pm
- Rightlandia: Walter Huss and the Long History of the Far Right in Oregon, 1955–2005 - January 18 at 12pm
- Richard Neuberger and the Decade that Changed Oregon - January 25 at 12pm
- Oregon Jews at a Crossroad - February 1 at 12pm
- Jewish Antifascism - February 8 at 12pm
- Beyond Oregon: New Scholarship on Jewish Identities in the West - February 15 at 12pm

[Find out more and register.](#)

Jobs

Benton County Historical Society

- [Curator of Education](#)
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Japanese American Museum of Oregon

- [Executive Director](#)
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Eugene Science Center

- [Programs Coordinator](#)
 - [Planetarium Manager](#)
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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 State Capitol History Gateway

Funding to help cultural and heritage museums produce an exhibit for display at the Oregon State Capitol. **Deadline Jan 31, 2023.**

National Endowment for the Arts - American Tapestry

- [Climate Smart Humanities Organizations](#) - to develop strategic climate action plans (**Deadline Jan 17, 2023**)
- [Dangers & Opportunities of Technology: Perspectives from the Humanities](#) - research that examines the relationship between technology and society (**Deadline Feb 2, 2023**)

Oregon Community Foundation

[Creative Heights](#) grants are for the creation and/or presentation of new and innovative performances, exhibitions, programs, and other works of art and culture. **Deadline February 15, 2023.**

National Park Service

[Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program](#). **Deadline February 7, 2023.**

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