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July 2022 news

OMA News

Meet our new Board President and Membership Chair

Peter Kukla (he/them), President, Board of Directors

"I am extremely thrilled to take on this opportunity with OMA," said Peter. "Museums have had a long-standing presence in my life. From visits both as a child and as an adult to learning opportunities both personally and professionally, I've found a great sense of community within museums."

Peter recently joined the [Eugene Science Center](#) team in Eugene, OR as their new Planetarium Manager. He has over six years of experience in the museum field, having worked in education, guest services, volunteer management, and public programming.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how we can continue growing as a community while also tackling many of the issues museum folks both face and perpetuate. And, equally as important, I'm excited to help our community across the state connect more deeply and have fun exploring and sharing the history, art, science, heritage, and culture we are all so passionate about!"



Amanda Coven, Membership Chair

Amanda is the Director of Education at the [Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education](#). She leads the museum in developing dynamic programs for diverse audiences across the state of Oregon, trains volunteers to engage visitors, students, and community groups in conversational and thought provoking programs, and facilitates professional development opportunities for educators. Amanda helped draft the content for Oregon's Holocaust and Genocide bill (SB664), and since its unanimous passing, works closely with the State Department of Education to prepare educators for its implementation.

July workshop- Designing outdoor programs for youth

Saturday, July 16, 2022, 11 am - 1 pm PDT
Lewis and Clark State Park, Astoria, OR



Presenter: Zachary Stocks, National Park Service Park Ranger; Executive Director, Oregon Black Pioneers; OMA board member and Programs Committee Co-chair

Interested in creating outdoor interpretive experiences for kids and teens? Join Zachary for a workshop on best practices for creating engaging outdoor programming.

This program will be offered while hiking a portion of the [Fort to Sea Trail](#) at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Bring your boots, water, and a small notebook!

Register for details.

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

[Register now](#)

August webinar- Beyond sticky traps: Practical tips for effective museum pest management

Thursday, August 18, 2022, 12 - 1:30 pm PDT



Presenter: Heather Christenbury, Curator, [Coos History Museum](#)

When it comes to museum pest management strategies, preventative care is the safest and most cost-effective option. Whether writing your first pest management policy or simply looking for methods to protect your collections from pests, this webinar will cover how to write a basic integrated pest policy, address pest concerns, and how to keep museum staff and volunteers invested in the process.

Hosted by OMA board member Ariel Peasley.

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

[Register now](#)

September virtual meet up for educators

Monday, September 19, 2022, 3:30 - 4:30 pm PDT

The pandemic has changed so much about museum education. As tours and in-person programming were unavailable, we had to reinvent the ways in which we connected and worked with our audiences. Now that we're emerging to a place where in-person learning can take place again, we're still left grappling with how to move forward in a way that reflects all that we've learned.

During this virtual meet up, museum educators will have an opportunity to chat in small groups about welcoming back tour groups, integrating digital learning, recruiting and managing docents, and/or professional development outreach and facilitation. *This meet up is free to attend, but you must register to receive login details.*

Hosted by Amanda Coven, OMA membership Chair and Director of Education at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education.

[Register now](#)

2022 WMA Annual Meeting, in partnership with OMA



OMA scholarship deadline extended to July 23, 2022. [Apply for an OMA scholarship.](#)

Early bird registration ends August 5, 2022. OMA and WMA members receive a discounted rate! Not an OMA member? [Join now and save!](#)

- OMA and WMA members early bird: \$350
- Non-members: \$450
- Student: \$200
- Single day: \$225

[Register now](#)

- [See the preliminary program](#)
- Get the July registration special! [Making Change Happen with Mike Murawski.](#)
- [Sponsor OMA.](#) Show your support for Oregon's museum community.
- [Reserve your hotel room now.](#)

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Applications open for Oregon Heritage MentorCorps assistance

The Oregon Heritage MentorCorps is a trained group of volunteers with professional experience in collections care, emergency management, non-profit management, and other skills and abilities associated with heritage preservation efforts. Mentors help museums and heritage organizations get the guidance, training, and tools they need to help them with their heritage preservation activities.

Those requesting mentor assistance will be matched with a mentor based on factors such as geography and skills and abilities. Mentors are assigned to organizations for a period of 9-10 months and assistance may be in person, virtual, or by phone depending on distance and type of projects. **Applications are due August 19, 2022.**

Interested? Have questions? Register to attend a [MentorCorps Q&A on July 19, 2022, 12pm-1pm PDT](#).

[Find out more and apply.](#)

Invite congress to visit your museum, August 15-19, 2022



Inviting local, state, and federal elected officials and their staff members into your museum is a powerful way to show them the unique work museums do – from world-class exhibitions to working with local students and community members on critical life skills.

The American Alliance of Museums has a [step by step guide](#) to connecting with elected officials this summer and advocating for funding and support on issues affecting museums.

[Find out more.](#)

Strengthen museum relationships with indigenous peoples

First Alaskans Institute and Museums Alaska will host a [cohort of museum professionals committed to reimagining and fostering meaningful relationships with Alaska's Tribes and Indigenous peoples](#). Participants will learn how to have respectful and meaningful conversations about racism, equity, stewardship, and other challenging topics that continually arise in the field.

Museum professionals outside of Alaska may attend webinars. Webinars will be held every Tuesday, starting July 26th, for six weeks. For those based outside of the state, the webinars are \$10 each.

- [Centering Indigenous Knowledge Webinar](#) -Tuesday, August 02, 2022 9:00 AM AKDT (10 am PDT)
- [Native Community Engagement & Trust Building Webinar](#) - Tuesday, August 09, 2022 9:00 AM (10 am PDT)
- [Tribal Sovereignty & Its Applicability to Museums Webinar](#) - Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:00 AM (10 am PDT)
- [The Necessity of Access to Sacred Objects – Storage vs Stewardship Webinar](#) - Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:00 AM (10 am PDT)
- [Repatriation and the Treatment of Ancestors Webinar](#) - Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:00 AM (10 am PDT)

- [Decolonizing Museums Webinar](#) - Tuesday, September 06, 2022 9:00 AM (10 am PDT)

[Find out more.](#)

Jobs

Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

- [Cultural Resources Protection Specialist](#)
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Forestry Department

- [Tribal Liaison & Archaeologist](#)
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Oregon Historical Society

- [Native North American Curator of Collections](#)
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Wallowa History Center

- [Development & Operations Coordinator](#)
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Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

- [Education Program Manager](#)
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Columbia River Maritime Museum

- [Education Director](#)
 - [Multiple positions](#)
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Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

- [Multiple positions](#)
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High Desert Museum

- [Multiple positions](#)

Grants

Oregon Cultural Foundation

[Oregon Historic Trails Fund](#) supports projects that interpret, preserve or maintain Oregon's trail-related resources. **Deadline August 31, 2022**

[The D.E. & Jane Clark Fund](#) supports charitable purposes in Baker County and the town of North Powder. **Deadline July 15, 2022.**

[The Ben Serafin competitive grants](#) program supports nonprofits in Douglas County, with preference for the Glide community. **Deadline July 15, 2022.**

National Endowment for the Arts

[Our Town](#) is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. **Deadline August 4, 2022.**

National Parks Service

[Unrepresented Communities grant](#). **Deadline August 10, 2022.**

[History of Equal Rights grant](#). **Deadline September 14, 2022.**

American Institute for Conservation

[Collections Assessment for Preservation \(CAP\) program](#). **Deadline July 31, 2022.**

Awesome Foundation

Monthly \$1000 grants for "crazy brilliant ideas." **Deadline July 17, 2022.**

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