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**June 2022 newsletter**

## OMA Events

### Workshop: Designing outdoor programs for youth

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



Interested in creating outdoor interpretive experiences for kids and teens? Join museum professional and National Park Service Park Ranger Zachary Stocks 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](#)

## Registration open for WMA Annual Meeting in partnership with OMA

October 6-9, 2022  
Portland, OR



Early bird registration is now open for the Western Museum Association (WMA) 2022 Annual Meeting, in partnership with the Oregon Museums Association, .

With 36 sessions, 2 keynotes, 4 evening events, 2 tours, and many new opportunities to share content with colleagues and make in-person connections, [#WMA2022](#) will be a fun and creative gathering of museum folk —and OMA and WMA members receive a discounted rate!

[Become a member of OMA.](#)

With the theme of **FORWARD**, WMA 2022 will focus on the ways museums can be adaptable, *FORWARD*-thinking institutions. What does it mean for a museum to be forward-thinking? What will the museum field look like in years to come? As a collective field capable of inspiring social, cultural, political, environmental, and technological change, the 2022 Annual Meeting, *FORWARD*, will dig into how museums can foster on-going conversations, inspire forward-thinking ideas, and empower future generations for the betterment of the museum field and our global society.

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

**Early bird registration ends July 29, 2022.**

[Register now](#)

[See the preliminary program](#)

## Scholarships available for 2022

OMA is pleased to announce scholarships to the 2022 WMA Annual Conference. Through our scholarships, we strive to grow access to the resources we provide, and create an inclusive environment that welcomes and values the diversity of the people we serve. Anyone who would benefit from financial assistance for attending the conference is encouraged to apply. We prioritize applications from the following:

- Members of traditionally and currently underrepresented and under-resourced communities
- Early or mid-career museum workers
- Persons traveling over 150 miles
- Rural and small museum staff
- OMA members

Scholarship funds come from the proceeds of the Silent Auction at the Annual Conference. This year we have \$1,000 for scholarships from the 2019 Annual Conference (the last year we held an in-person conference).

**Deadline for applications is July 9, 2022.**

[Find out more.](#)

## National Pride Month

June is National Pride Month. The Smithsonian offers events and resources such as the history of Pride Month, children's activities, gay history and indigenizing Pride.

[See the Smithsonian's Pride site.](#)

## Confronting assumptions about children and their caregivers

*Family-Inclusive*  
**LANGUAGE**

avoid	why?	instead
"parents" "mom" "dad" "mom and dad"	Not everyone accompanying a child is a parent. Grandparents, step-parents, and nannies may not identify as parents.  Not all children have a mom and dad.	"grownup" "adult" "caregiver"
"son" "daughter"	The children in someone's care could be grandchildren, nieces, nephews, godchildren, etc.  You may also not want to assume the gender of a child.	"children"
"extended family"	This term is usually meant to include grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins but for folks of many cultures this isn't "extended" family: it's just family.	"family"
"family resemblance"	We're conditioned to look for similar features in family members so you may see resemblance where there is none. Many families include step-parents, adoptive parents, or parents who conceived with donated eggs or sperm.  Inversely, don't assume that a child who doesn't look like their caregiver is adopted: many multi-racial children resemble one parent more than the other.	keep it to yourself
"members of a household"	Families don't always live together. For example, families with divorced parents or incarcerated parents.	"family members"

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From the article "Who's in a Family?" Exhibition Spring 2022. Margaret Middleton 2014 @magmidd

The American Alliance of Museums monthly periodical, *Exhibition*, is all about children in museums. The article "Who's in a Family?" by Margaret Middleton is about how the hegemonic family--straight, white, wealthy, married, blood-related--is prioritized in exhibits, and suggests ways of noticing and undermining these trends.

[Read the article.](#)

## Museum News

### National Census of History Organizations available



The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) has published the [2022 National Census of History Organizations: A Report on the History Community in the United States](#). Over the past two years, AASLH and the History Census research team have identified 21,588 history organizations in the US as part of this first national effort to produce an up-to-date, comprehensive, and high-quality list of history museums, historical societies, and related history organizations.

Among the project's major findings:

- History organizations are ubiquitous. Our institutions have a presence in nearly every community, often reaching places underserved by other arts and culture organizations.
- The field operates through a deep and distinct partnership between government and private nonprofits.
- There is a pervasive sense that history has a public purpose.
- The vast majority of organizations are small. More than 80 percent of private nonprofit history organizations report revenues of less than \$200,000 per year.

[Read the report.](#)

## Juneteenth with Oregon Black Pioneers

On June 19th, 1865, 250,000 enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas received word of their emancipation, nearly two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. “Juneteenth” became a day to gather, reflect, and celebrate.

In 2021 Juneteenth was finally made a state and federal holiday, and this year you can honor and celebrate Juneteenth at many community events around Oregon.

Join [Oregon Black Pioneers](#) at the [Letitia Carson Legacy Project](#), an ambitious collaborative project to activate the former homestead of one of first Black women in Oregon. Explore the lands, hear presentations and join an archaeology dig.

[See events in Oregon.](#)

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## Roadmap for the future of volunteering

More than 350 people from more than 300 organizations contributed to [Vision for Volunteering](#), which looks at how volunteering needs to adapt by 2032. It comprises five sections, covering awareness and appreciation; power; equity and inclusion; collaboration; and experimentation. Its content explores the changing nature of volunteering, how volunteers and their organizations can rebuild in a post-COVID-19 world, and how to make voluntary work more inclusive.

[Find out more.](#)

## Free online courses on documentation and preservation housekeeping

The Canadian Conservation Institute offers two new self-paced online courses:

[Museum Collections Documentation and Data Cleaning](#) provides essential museum documentation information for museum staff with all levels of knowledge. It begins with an introductory overview and ends with specific documentation issues.

[Preservation Housekeeping for Heritage Sites and Small Museums](#) covers guidelines, best practices and resources for the regular upkeep of historic interiors and exteriors as well as the contents of historic buildings. This one- to two-hour self-paced course has been designed for those who work or volunteer in small museums or heritage sites and who have little to no training in conservation.

[Find out more.](#)



# Jobs

## Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center

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

- [Education Director](#)
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## Edmonds-South Snohomish County Historical Society

- [Executive Director](#)
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## Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)

- [Multiple positions](#)
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## High Desert Museum

- [Multiple positions](#)

# Grants

## National Parks Service

- [Unrepresented Communities grant](#). Deadline August 10, 2022.
- [History of Equal Rights grant](#). Deadline September 14, 2022.
- [Tribal Historic Preservation Office grant](#). Deadline June 20, 2022

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## American Institute for Conservation

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

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## Queer | Art

[Illuminations Grant for Black Trans Women Visual Artists](#). Deadline June 30, 2022

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## Awesome Foundation

[Monthly \\$1000 grants for "crazy brilliant ideas."](#) Deadline July 17, 2022.

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