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**September 2020 newsletter**

## OMA news

### OMA membership special

[Join](#) or [renew](#) now and stretch your membership through 2021! All memberships purchased from September 1, 2020 will be valid for the remainder of the year and all of 2021. That's four months free!

[Renew](#) or [join](#) now and receive discounted registration to our September webinar, *Talking with your museum community: COVID-19-friendly adaptations and considerations* with Taline A. Kuyumjian, September 15, 2020, 11-12:30 pm. (see details below)

OMA is a membership-based non-profit organization. Most of our budget comes from memberships - thank you! Benefits of membership include:

- Discounted registration to our [annual conference](#), [workshop](#), and [webinars](#)
- A listing in our [member](#), [museum](#) or [business](#) directory and photos of your museum or business highlighted on our website
- Access to our [member forum](#) and [job postings](#)
- The knowledge that you are supporting our mission to empower Oregon museums to thrive!

Questions? Need help with renewing or joining? Contact us at [connect@oregonmuseums.org](mailto:connect@oregonmuseums.org). We love our members - thank you for your support!

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## Get involved with OMA

We are creating new opportunities for our members to [become more involved with OMA](#)! You can be a part of the OMA community in several ways, from small steps to more involved partnerships.

- Attend our [online and in-person events](#).
- [Promote your institution and help us build our online resources](#).
- Participate in an [OMA committee](#).
- [Partner with OMA](#) on an institutional level.
- Support OMA by [donating](#) and [sponsoring OMA programs](#).

If you're interested in getting involved, please fill out our [volunteer application](#).

### Committees

As part of our new strategic plan, under the goal to Strengthen the OMA Board of Directors, we are recruiting non-board members to serve on board committees. [OMA committees](#) include:

- **In-person Workshop Committee.** Provides professional development, networking, and learning opportunities through an annual in-depth workshop, usually related to collections stewardship.
- **Online Programs Committee.** Provides professional development, networking, and learning opportunities through various online webinars, meet ups, and other events.
- **Conference Program Committee.** Organizes and implements the professional development, networking, and learning opportunities at OMA's annual conference.
- **Conference Logistics Committee.** Organizes the logistics of the annual conference.
- **Membership Committee.** Encourages, promotes, and supports membership in OMA.
- **Development Committee.** Secures resources for the financial sustainability of OMA programs and operations.
- **Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion (DEAI) Committee.** Cultivates and endorses the DEAI goals of OMA.

[Find out more about the committees.](#) Get details on what working on a committee involves by reading our [volunteer application](#).

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## Webinar - Talking with your museum community: COVID-19-friendly adaptations and considerations

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 11 am–12:30 pm

Presenter: Taline A. Kuyumjian, Founder and Principal Evaluator, [Kuyumjian Consulting, LLC](#)

This [90-minute, interactive webinar](#) will offer an overview of traditional data collection; show how to adapt methods to be COVID-19-friendly; and identify new ways of talking to our communities across a range of platforms. We will discuss how to prioritize and be mindful in the questions we ask; and look at accessibility and ethical considerations of gathering feedback in the new “COVID-19 normal.”

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

[Register now](#)

## Events and training

### Mapping cultural resources using GIS

Using mapping to document cultural resources is a way to expand traditional documentation means. Review why the use of geographic information systems (GIS) are important to cultural resource management, inventory creation, and compliance with historic preservation legislation.

The National Preservation Institute offers several online, on-demand courses, the first of which are free.

[Find out more.](#)

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### AASLH 2020 Annual Meeting September 24-30, 2020

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Annual Meeting, *What Kind of Ancestor Will you Be?* is all virtual this year, with events happening September 24-30, 2020. With the virtual format, low registration rates, and numerous scholarships available, this national conference is open to more people than ever before. Full access starts at \$75, and several key events are free.

[Find out more.](#)

## Equity news

### 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

August marked the 30th anniversary of the ADA. *ADA 30 Lead On* chronicles the disability rights movement and five titles of the Americans with Disabilities Act as told through comedy, dance, and art.

[Find out more and watch the celebration.](#)

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*Marie Louise Bottineau Baldwin, lawyer and suffragist. Library of Congress*



*Adelina Otero-Warren, educator and suffragist. Library of Congress*

## Voting rights for some, but not all women: the Centennial of the 19th Amendment

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, this article, [The 19th Amendment didn't give women the right to vote](#), tells the story of the barriers to voting faced by non-white women in the US. Below is an excerpt.

"After the 19th amendment ratification in 1920, states were no longer allowed to keep people from the polls just because they were women. But officials who wanted to stop people from voting had plenty of other tools with which to do so.

"States could use poll taxes and other voter suppression tactics—already used across the country to deny voting rights to Black men—to keep Black women from voting. They could, and did, use those same tactics against Latina women. Indigenous women and many Asian American women lacked citizenship in 1920, meaning they couldn't vote in the first place. All in all, the 19th Amendment was essentially for one group of women and one group only: white women."

[Read more.](#)

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## Global map of COVID-19 collection projects

[Made By Us](#) and the [International Federation for Public History](#) have created a global map of COVID-19 story-collecting initiatives. To add your project, or if you know of a project that should be added, contact Thomas Cauvin ([Thomas.Cauvin@eui.eu](mailto:Thomas.Cauvin@eui.eu)) or Caroline Klibanoff ([KlibanoffC@si.edu](mailto:KlibanoffC@si.edu)).

[View the map here.](#)

## Jobs

### Development Coordinator - Pittock Mansion

The Development Coordinator will assist with the coordination of Pittock Mansion's development department and membership activities. Deadline is September 14, 2020.

[Find out more.](#)

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### Associate Curator of Wildlife - High Desert Museum

Seeking a dynamic individual to provide programs and exhibit support as part of the Wildlife Team at the High Desert Museum.

[Find out more.](#)

## Grants

### United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge offers grants of up to \$250,000 to help rural communities enhance capacity for broadband access; preserve cultural and historic structures; and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. **Deadline is September 10, 2020.**

[Find out more.](#)

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### National Trust Preservation Fund

Grants from the [National Trust Preservation Funds](#) encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for planning and education projects. Grants range up to \$5,000. **Deadline is October 1, 2020.**

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### Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting applications for six grant programs:

- [Museums for America](#)
- [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#)
- [Museums Empowered, Professional Development](#)
- [National Leadership Grants for Museums](#)
- [Museum Grants for African American History and Culture](#)
- [Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services](#)

**Deadline is November 16, 2020.**



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