

General Information

A Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza, including the annual meetings of the Northwest Archivists and the Northwest Oral History Association, 2009 Oregon Heritage Conference, the 2009 Pacific Northwest History Conference, will take place April 15-18 in Portland, Oregon.

The conference hotel will be the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport, but activities will also take place at some of the Portland areas historical and heritage resources.

The Extravaganza will have the theme of "Rendezvous 2009!" The goal is to reflect the sharing of ideas, perspectives, skills and cultures in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The mix of presentations that would normally be done separately at a Northwest Archivists meeting, an Oregon Heritage Conference, a Pacific Northwest History Conference, and the meeting of the Northwest Oral History Association will be exceptionally exciting when they are combined.

If you are interested in helping with the conference's local arrangements or have any questions, please contact Layne Sawyer at Layne.G.Sawyer@state.or.us. If you have questions about the program or poster sessions, contact Tiah Edmunson-Morton at tiah.edmunson-morton@oregonstate.edu.

SAA Workshops

Wednesday, April 15 - 9:00am to 5:00pm: "Using Oral History Using Oral History: Publications, Exhibits, Internet"

Thursday, April 16 - 9:30am to 4:30pm: "Management of Cultural Institutions"

To register, find out more about these workshops, or see what else is being offered, visit the Extravaganza Workshops site: http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference_workshops.shtml

Technology Poster Session

The Northwest History and Heritage Extravaganza is also hosting a "digital" poster session. Much like the traditional poster session, this is a time for organizations show off their great projects and practices.

While technology for technology's sake is not a great idea, technology for the mission's sake is a wonderful idea. From advances in scanning, to databases, to public accessibility, to interaction, all kinds of options have emerged. This is a chance to share and explore new ideas and approaches that organizations such as museums, archives, libraries, educational institutions and others are taking with technology to better meet their goals. Anything from pilot projects to fully integrated programs can be shared.

The Digital Poster Session will be a feature of Saturday's activities. For more information about the poster session or to be a presenter, contact Kuri Gill at Kuri.Gill@state.or.us or Tiah Edmunson-Morton, at tiah.edmunson-morton@oregonstate.edu.

Want to know more?

For more information, please visit the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept: Heritage Programs: Oregon Heritage Commission conference site at <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/Conference.shtml>. There you will find information about all the workshops, presentations, exhibits, hotel information, etc.