

**Call for Presentations:
Rendezvous 2009! A Northwest History & Heritage Extravaganza**

**Northwest Archivists Conference
Portland, Oregon April 15-18, 2009**

The Northwest Archivists are pleased to announce The 2009 History & Heritage Rendezvous in Portland, Oregon.

The 62nd Annual Northwest Archivists Conference will be held jointly with meetings of the Oregon Heritage Commission, Northwest Oral History Association, and the Pacific Northwest History Conference in a unique opportunity for exchange among academic and public historians, students, and the general public. The goal of “Rendezvous 2009” is to reflect the sharing of ideas, multiplicity of perspectives, and convergence of cultures reflected in the history of our region.

February 14, 2009, marks the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood. This is an event that asks us all to consider and reconsider how we record, represent, and preserve the history that lives in our collections. Commemorations, such as the celebration of statehood, are complicated: they can reveal societal values at a specific time in space, humanizing important watershed historical moments. Studying these moments both reflect our past and shape our future, allowing us to craft the narratives that will characterize and define who we think were, see who we are, and hope we will become.

Historically, the Pacific Northwest is no stranger to commemorating historic events: the Lewis and Clark Centennial American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair (1905) and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (1909), as well as more statehood centennial celebrations for Oregon (1959), Washington (1989), and Idaho (1990); the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial (2004); and upcoming celebrations for women’s suffrage in the Pacific Northwest. Each of these raise important intellectual questions about the role of memory and experience in historical narratives, the place of dissenting histories within state and national narratives, and the tensions between heritage and history. How can we re-imagine the “Oregon Country” within the context of native histories, international influences, and a multiplicity of voices?

The Program Committee for the 2009 meeting of the Northwest Archivists, in collaboration with the Oregon Heritage Commission, the Northwest Oral History Association, and the Pacific Northwest History Conference, invites proposals for sessions and individual presentations that explore the history of those states that comprised the Oregon Country and Alaska, how we tell, and why we preserve it.

The mix of presentations that would normally be done separately at the meetings or conferences for the Archivists, Oral Historians, Oregon Heritage Commission, or Pacific Northwest Historians will be exceptionally exciting when they are combined into a large Extravaganza. In addition to attracting Archivists, we also expect to attract

- Heritage and museum specialists
- Tribal Librarians & Archivists
- Historians
- Students
- Oral historians
- Archaeologists

Sessions that engage multiple groups and that deviate from the traditional paper format are particularly encouraged.

Submission Guidelines: Submissions can involve an entire session or an individual presentation. All proposals must include: title, description (no more than 250 words), A/V requirements (laptop, projector, screen, etc.), presenter name, professional affiliation, address, email, phone number and brief resume.

Session proposals must include all of the above for each presenter, plus: session title, session description (200 words maximum), and contact information for the panel organizer, including email address and phone number. We assume that everyone listed in a session proposal has agreed to participate. Electronic submissions are preferred; attach proposals as Word or PDF files.

If you would like to present, but not be a part of a formal session, we encourage you to submit a poster session proposal. These posters can be physical or virtual, though if you showcase a digital project you will need to supply your own computer!

All submissions must be received no later than December 31, 2008.

Submit proposals to:

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