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Lecture with Professor Carl Abbott at the Oregon Historical Society
“Portland’s Pride: The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition”
-Sunday, January 31st, 2010-

Portland, OR – January 12, 2010 — New in 2010, the Oregon Historical Society is hosting Sunday afternoon history lectures that will be free with museum admission. To kick off the new programming, Professor Carl Abbott of Portland State University will be joining us on January 31st at 2:00 p.m. to share a lecture titled “Portland’s Pride: The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.” This weekend is also the last weekend to see the exhibit *Centuries of Progress*, a collection of artifacts and souvenirs from the 17 World’s Fairs that took place on American Soil.

Though Oregon did not host a World’s Fair, it did create an exposition that would rival the World’s Fairs in size and popularity. Portland formed the exposition in the early 1900’s as a means to publicize the city on the national level as well as boast its own technological advancements. Carl Abbott is the author of the book, *The Great Extravaganza: Portland and the Lewis and Clark Exposition*, and we are very lucky that he is coming to share his vast knowledge of this historic event at OHS. A Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University, Abbott has written extensively about the development of Portland and other American cities.

The lecture is free to all members, and nonmembers will only need to pay normal admission fees to attend both the lecture and view our exhibits. January 31st is also the last day to see the exhibit *The West the Railroads Made*, making this Sunday a great time to stop by the Oregon Historical Society. For more information on coming lectures in 2010, visit our website at www.ohs.org

If you are interested in attending the lecture, please RSVP by calling Rachel Butler at (503) 306-5221 or email communications@ohs.org.

[About the Oregon Historical Society](#)

For over one hundred years, the Oregon Historical Society has been an important fixture in the Portland area, dedicated to interpreting and educating others on Oregon's history in new ways. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts, and houses a Research Library with one of the most comprehensive collections of books on state history.