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Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Oregon Blue Book
Thursday, March 31 at the Oregon Historical Society
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Portland, OR – March 16, 2011— The Oregon Historical Society is excited to host the 100th anniversary celebration of the Oregon Blue Book. The state's official directory and fact book, the Oregon Blue Book contains a wide range of information, from government and educational listings, to maps, election history, arts, and cultural information. The Oregon Blue Book is reprinted in odd numbered years, and is available in bookstores across the state.

"For 100 years, the Oregon Blue Book has been required reading for anyone who loves Oregon," says OHS Interim Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. "It seems fitting that the Oregon Historical Society would host this historic occasion, as the Oregon Blue Book is such a crucial record of Oregon's history."

OHS is hosting a celebration on Thursday, March 31, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., complete with birthday cake and a chance to purchase your very own signed copy of the 2011 Oregon Blue Book. Hear Oregon's current Secretary of State Kate Brown, and former Secretaries of State Phil Keisling, Barbara Roberts and Norma Paulus, share memories about the Oregon Blue Book. Purchase a limited edition copy of the Oregon Blue Book signed by these Secretaries of State, and by former Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury, who will be unable to attend the event.

The Oregon Historical Society Museum Store will be selling limited edition, hardcover copies of the 2011 Oregon Blue Book. Of the 140 copies printed, the Museum Store has 50 available for sale. For $75, you can purchase the signed hardcover book, plus a commemorative edition of the 1911 Oregon Blue Book. If you are interested in being one of the few to own this special piece of Oregon history, preorder your book today. Call the Museum Store at 503-306-5230, or visit the store from Monday – Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday from Noon – 5 PM. The Museum Store will also have the standard paperback edition available for $18. Admission is free to this event. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by calling 503-306-5211.

About the Oregon Historical Society

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.