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**Oregon Historical Society offers free admission to their
Oregon History Museum and Research Library during Days of
Culture**

*From October 1 - October 8, the Oregon Historical Society
is holding an open house featuring free admission for
everyone as well as guided tours and special heritage
programming*

***Days of Culture Kick-off Celebration
Friday, October 1st 5:30-8:00 PM***

Portland, Ore. - September 22, 2010 - During the first week of October, the Oregon Historical Society will offer free admission to the general public and school groups. In addition, the week will feature free cultural activities and programming. The Open House is scheduled in conjunction with the Oregon Cultural Trust's Days of Culture.

According to Executive Director, George Vogt, "We are providing free admission in order to allow all Multnomah County Residents and Oregonians to celebrate the cultural richness of our state. It will also provide them an opportunity to experience the precious history that a small levy proposed on the November ballot will allow the Oregon Historical Society to preserve and protect."

Multnomah County residents will be given the opportunity to vote in a small levy (5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$7.50 a year for a house assessed at \$150,000) this November. In exchange, the Oregon Historical Society will provide free admission (an \$11 value per person) to all Multnomah County residents and ALL Oregon school groups across the state. Without additional funding the Oregon Historical Society will begin a phased shutdown in 2011.

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Days of Culture Schedule

Friday, October 1: Kick-Off Celebration from 5:30-8:00

- View a display from the Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers
- Take a walk through the museum's newest exhibit, *Exposición Gabriel Figueroa*
- 5:45 PM: Northwest Chinese Academy Dancers perform
- 6:00 PM: Dance performance by Ballet Folklorico
- 6:30 PM: Remarks by OHS Executive Director George Vogt and Kimberly Howard, Trust Manager, from the Oregon Cultural Trust
- 6:45 PM: Cultural Trust Birthday Cake is served!
- 7:00 PM: Dance performance by Ballet Folklorico
- 7:15 PM: Guided Tour of Oregon, My Oregon

Saturday, October 2: Oregon Archives Crawl from 11 AM - 4 PM

Walk, bike, run, or crawl between four different downtown locations and learn what local archives have to offer researchers, students, genealogists, scholars, history buffs, and the curious of any age. Start at any of the following locations: Portland Archives & Records Center, Portland State University Millar Library, Multnomah County Central Library or the Oregon Historical Society. The Archives Crawl after party will take place at the Oregon Historical Society from 4 PM - 6 PM and is open to the public.

Tuesday, October 5 - Friday, October 8

Tours of Oregon, My Oregon, Hands on History Tables, and a full house of fantastic exhibits! See our current exhibits at www.ohs.org.

Friday, October 8:

Tour the Oregon Historical Society Research Library at 12:00 PM, and watch a dance performance at 2:00 PM by talented dance group Ballet Papalotl. Enjoy free guided tours of the award-winning permanent exhibit, *Oregon My Oregon* at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and *Hands on history* tables for children from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

About the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon History Museum

The Oregon History Society's mission is preserving and interpreting Oregon's past in thoughtful, illuminating and provocative ways. To achieve this mission, the organization

fulfills a vast array of services for the state. One of their primary functions is protecting and archiving historical Oregon treasures, which they do in their 100,000 square foot archival facility in Gresham. Oregonians can experience these artifacts through websites such as TimeWeb and The Oregon History Project, by visiting the Research Library, through educational programs that include classroom tours, and through the exhibitions at their Oregon History Museum. To learn more, visit www.ohs.org

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