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The Oregon Historical Society Presents the 2nd Annual History Makers Dinner
Thursday, November 4, 2010

Portland, OR – April 28, 2010 — The Oregon Historical Society is proud to announce the 2010 history makers, who will be honored at a dinner gala on Thursday, November 4.

This year, we are pleased to honor Oregonians David Adelsheim, Jean Auel, and Oregon-based humanitarian organizations Mercy Corps and Medical Teams International. The work of these history makers has made a significant impact not only on the state of Oregon, but far beyond its borders.

David Adelsheim

Numerous individuals have been part of the remarkable success story of Oregon wines, but many familiar with the industry will tell you that none has been more influential than David Adelsheim. Described as an “iconic figure in Oregon wine,” David founded Adelsheim Vineyards in Newberg in 1971, and has been producing Pinot noir, Pinot gris, Pinot blanc and Chardonnay ever since. David helped create and nominate the members of the Oregon Wine Board, was selected by the Oregon Governor to serve on the Board, and was elected as its first chair. For the contributions he has made and continues to make to an industry that has brought international acclaim and attention to Oregon, the Oregon Historical Society is proud to recognize David Adelsheim as a “History Maker.”

Jean Auel

In 1976, Jean Auel had a desire to “write what she liked to read.” Auel began to write a story about Ayla, a prehistoric girl who lived with people different than her. “The Clan of the Cave Bear” was published in 1980 and quickly became an international best seller. For the contributions she has made and continues to make to the publishing industry and to scientific and historical research, the Oregon Historical Society is proud to recognize Jean Auel as a “History Maker.”

Mercy Corps and Medical Teams International

Mercy Corps was founded in 1982 by Dan O'Neill and Ellsworth Culver. In the years that have followed, Mercy Corps has provided \$1.95 billion in assistance to people in 107 nations. Mercy Corps consistently ranks as one of America's most effective and efficient charitable organizations. Medical Teams International began in 1979 when Ron Post watched television reports of mass suffering in Cambodia. Less than a month later, Ron and 28 other medical volunteers were on their way to provide care for the survivors in Cambodia's killing fields. For the inspiring example they set and for the remarkable difference they continue to make, the Oregon Historical Society is proud to recognize Mercy Corps and Medical Teams International as "History Makers."

"David Adelsheim and Jean Auel are iconic Oregonians who have contributed greatly to Oregon's culture. Mercy Corps and Medical Teams International continue the tradition of "neighbor helping neighbor" which has been part of the Oregon story since the pioneer days. All four of our 2010 honorees are truly history makers," noted 2010 History Makers Dinner chairman and OHS board member, Kerry Tymchuk.

Last year, Oregonians Gert Boyle, Dr. Brian Druker, and Michael Powell were honored for their outstanding work within the state and beyond. Awards were presented to these individuals at a special dinner and ceremony held at the Oregon Historical Society. The event was a fantastic success, raising over \$66,000 for the Oregon Historical Society, to be used for core programming including museum exhibits, the Research library, and educational programs.

Tickets to the 2010 History Makers Dinner are now on sale. Join us for this exclusive event, and help us honor these significant individuals and their extraordinary work.

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.