Oregon Historical Society's Museum Reopens Saturday, March 6, with Limited Weekend Hours

Portland, OR — March 2, 2021 — The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) is excited to announce the reopening of its museum and museum store this Saturday, March 6. Until further notice, public museum and store hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm – 5pm. The museum will also have special hours during the week of Oregon’s spring break, opening from Tuesday, March 23 through Sunday, March 28, from 12pm – 5pm.

The OHS Research Library remains closed for renovations that began in January 2020. More information on library services that are available during the renovation can be found at ohs.org/libraryreno.

Following the guidance and requirements of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for indoor entertainment establishments, the Oregon Historical Society has implemented important safety protocols for the health of our staff and visitors. Current protocols are detailed at the bottom of this press release as well as at ohs.org/reopening.

Current Exhibitions:

*Nevertheless, They Persisted: Women’s Voting Rights and the 19th Amendment*

On exhibit through December 5, 2021

Discover the many ways that Oregon history connects to the national history of woman suffrage and to the complex history of democracy in the United States in the original exhibition, *Nevertheless, They Persisted*. The exhibit focuses on the work necessary to win the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment (granting women the vote) as well as invites visitors to consider how and why political leaders have denied women the vote; how women have fought for equal rights; and how teamwork and fights across race, class, and organizing tactics have shaped this history. Through storytelling and original
artifacts and documents, visitors will connect to the past and feel the struggles and triumphs of the women and men who demanded the vote and used their rights to shape our nation and our world.

_We are the Rose City! A History of Soccer in Portland_
On exhibit through September 26, 2021

Attend a soccer game at Providence Park and you may hear people chanting, “We are the Rose City, the mighty PTFC!” Thousands of supporters flock to the park on match days to watch the Portland Timbers and the Portland Thorns take to the pitch, competing in a sport that is beloved by many in the Pacific Northwest. From the athletes, to the fans, to the many events that have shaped “Soccer City,” _We are the Rose City!_ explores the history of professional soccer in Portland and the cultural context of the game.

_Experience Oregon_
Permanent Exhibit

Visitors of all ages, and from all parts of the world, come to the Oregon Historical Society each year to learn about Oregon. Whether you were born here, have chosen to make this place home, or are just passing through, it is undeniable that there is something special about this state. From its varied geography to its innovative legislation, Oregon is complex and distinctive, filled with people whose stories are the foundation of the state we see today. A dynamic educational space, _Experience Oregon_ allows visitors to learn about the countless people, places, and events that have shaped this place.

The Oregon Historical Society is excited to reopen its museum to share these exhibitions with visitors, while continuing its efforts to provide programs and content virtually for those who are not able to visit in person. For a full schedule of upcoming virtual programs, visit [ohs.org/events](http://ohs.org/events). For other ways to discover Oregon history online, visit the OHS blog [Dear Oregon](http://ohs.org/dear-oregon) for weekly blog posts; explore over 33,000 photographs, manuscripts, and clips of archival footage on [OHS Digital Collections](http://ohs.org/digital); and learn about Oregon history from A to Z on [The Oregon Encyclopedia](http://www.theoregonencyclopedia.org)!  

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**Current Health and Safety Protocols**

The Oregon Historical Society thanks visitors in advance for adhering to the following guidelines in an effort to keep staff and visitors as safe as possible:

**Wear A Face Covering:** Pursuant to the [statewide reopening guidance on masks, face coverings, and face shields](http://www.ohs.org/reopening), all visitors age five and older are required to wear a face
covering at all times during their visit.

**Maintain Distance:** Signage throughout the museum will remind visitors to keep six feet of distance between themselves and visitors outside of their party.

**Modified Exhibit Access:** For visitor safety, only a limited number of interactive elements in the *Experience Oregon* and *Oregon Voices* exhibits that visitors can operate using a stylus pen will be available. OHS’s *History Hub* exhibit is closed until further notice due to the hands-on nature of this exhibition.

**Other Safety Precautions Include:**
- Additional hand sanitizing stations installed at the museum’s entrance and throughout the building
- Plexiglass sneeze guards installed at point of sale stations
- Designated one-way paths to maintain required distancing as visitors enter, exit, and enjoy the exhibitions
- Limited contact transactions; at this time, OHS discourages cash/check transactions
- At this time, building capacity is limited to a maximum of 50 people (includes staff and visitors) in the museum at one time
- Museum Store capacity is limited to four shoppers at one time

Museum and museum store hours are subject to change; OHS recommends visiting [ohs.org/reopening](http://ohs.org/reopening) before visiting or calling 503.222.1741. Please note that while OHS’s visitor services staff are not on site during weekdays they are checking voicemails and returning calls remotely.

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**About the Oregon Historical Society**

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state’s collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website ([www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon’s history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon’s cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.