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Dear OHS Members & Supporters,

Summer is always a busy and exciting time at the Oregon Historical Society as vacationing families from across Oregon, the United States, and around the world visit our museum and research library. As you will read in The Historian, I am confident the summer of 2016 will go down in history as one of our best!

Nothing says summer more than baseball! We kick off July with the first ever public exhibition of what Major League Baseball Historian John Thorn dubbed the “Magna Carta” of baseball. Loaned to us by an anonymous friend, these remarkable documents are a must-see for anyone who loves America’s game.

As the presidential campaign hits full speed this summer, there is no better way to understand our democratic system than by viewing rare printings of the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Monroe Doctrine. These bedrock documents, on loan from the Mark Family Collection, truly are “Democracy’s Blueprints,” and will be on view at OHS starting July 29.

Summer is all about fun, and I know anyone young at heart is going to love the Oregon Historical Society’s upcoming original exhibit, Comic City, USA, featuring thirteen Oregon artists, writers, and cartoonists who made—and continue to make—a dramatic impact on this increasingly popular art form.

As they say in baseball, this summer is sure to be a grand slam!

Sincerely,

Kerry Tymchuk
Executive Director

Baseball’s Magna Carta arrived via FedEx “White Glove” service. To ensure the artifact’s security, not even the driver knew what treasure he was chauffeuring!

Photo by Joe Mussatto
OHS Levy Passes!

On May 17, 2016, Multnomah County said “YES” to Oregon history and passed the Oregon Historical Society levy (Measure 26-174) at 71%! To all of our loyal members and to the residents of Multnomah County, thank you for your continued support of OHS and our important work to preserve and share our state’s unique history. As our thank you, all Multnomah County residents and school groups will continue to enjoy FREE ADMISSION to our museum and library, as well as special discounts on membership.

A Historic Reunion

During a recent tour of the Oregon Vault, OHS’ 100,000-square-foot archival storage facility, Mrs. Antoinette Hatfield was reunited with the dress she wore on January 12, 1959, the day of her late husband’s gubernatorial inauguration. Our collection is filled with over 85,000 artifacts marking historic moments and iconic occasions such as this. Vault tours are available periodically to our 1898 Society members. Contact Molly Cochran if you wish to be included in a future tour: 503.306.5237 or molly.cochran@ohs.org.
John Thorn, Official Historian of Major League Baseball, declared the centerpiece document of our upcoming baseball exhibit to be the “Magna Carta” of America’s national pastime. This is the first public display of these elusive papers, which only recently came to light at an auction in California. The content of the documents thoroughly changed the early history of baseball and established Daniel "Doc" Adams the proper father of the modern game.

The hand-written documents were drafted by Adams for presentation to an unprecedented special meeting of all New York area baseball clubs in 1857 and include his notations of the meeting’s proceedings. Up until this meeting, games were played under a variety of rules. Teams ranged from eight to eleven players, games ended when a team scored twenty-one runs, and there was no set distance between bases. Among other rules, the “Laws of Base Ball” established the base paths at ninety feet, conclusively set the number of players to a side at nine, and fixed the duration of the game at nine innings.

Special Lecture with John Thorn
Official Historian of Major League Baseball

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7pm
First Congregational United Church of Christ
$25 / $22.50 for members
Tickets on sale now at johnthorn.brownpapertickets.com
One extraordinary standout of this exhibition is the 1733 engraving of the Magna Carta. Written in 1215, the Magna Carta was the first document to limit the power of a monarch, and it is regarded as the cornerstone of Western democracy. When the only surviving original copy affixed with the Great Seal of King John was damaged by a fire in 1731, a new copy was commissioned. This illuminated hand-engraved copy includes the original Latin text surrounded by the Coats of Arms of the council of Twenty-Five Barons. Other notable artifacts on view include handwritten letters from George Washington and original engravings of the inaugural addresses of Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and John Quincy Adams.
Comic City, USA
August 12, 2016 – January 31, 2017

Oregon is globally known for its impact on the comics industry. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Oregon’s notable comic artists in residence included Homer Davenport, Carl Barks, and Basil Wolverton, establishing a rich foundation for future cartoon artists. With the founding of Dark Horse in 1986, a new model of comic creativity began to attract additional artists and publishers to Oregon, quickly making it one of the largest centers of comic publication in the United States.

From Oregon’s earliest cartoon artists to people working in the industry today, this exhibition highlights thirteen Oregon comic artists, writers, and cartoonists: Homer Davenport, Jack Ohman, Carl Barks, Basil Wolverton, Mike Richardson, Jan Eliot, John Callahan, Bill Plympton, Joe Sacco, Colleen Coover, Anina Bennett, Paul Guinan, and Alex Schomburg.

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Related Programs:

From Geek to Chic: The Comic Book Revolution
Presented by Anina Bennett & Paul Guinan (pictured left)
Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 2pm

Oregon’s Country Boy Cartoonist
Presented by Gus Frederick
Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 2pm

Second Sunday programs are free and open to the public.
The Oregon Historical Society is honored to receive the papers of Judge Mercedes F. Deiz (1917–2005), the first African American woman to practice law in Oregon, serve as a district court judge, and be elected as a county circuit court judge. Born Mercedes Frances Lopez in New York City, she came from a poor family and worked at a variety of jobs before coming to Oregon in 1948. Serving as a legal clerk, she studied law on nights and weekends and graduated from Northwestern School of Law.

In 1960, she became the first African American woman admitted to the Oregon bar. After working as a litigator and as an administrative law judge, she was appointed to the Oregon District Court by Governor Tom McCall in 1969. In 1972, she was elected to the circuit court and was re-elected regularly until her mandatory retirement at age 72. She was especially concerned with family law and juvenile justice and was active in numerous civic and social justice causes, becoming a prominent member of the local NAACP and Urban League chapters. In 1949, she married Carl Deiz, who trained in World War II as one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

A gift of Judge Deiz’s son Bill Deiz, the papers document the career of an outstanding Oregon jurist and one of Oregon’s most prominent public servants. Included is correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, awards, and documentation of the Tuskegee Airmen and their service in World War II. The collection complements the Oregon Historical Society’s extensive legal collections and growing African American resources, which include the photograph archive of the *Skanner News Group*. Julie Keefe’s *Skanner* photographs will be on display in the museum starting August 24, 2016.

**From top to bottom:**

- Judge Deiz in her courtroom, 1986
- Certificate of election for Judge Mercedes F. Deiz, 1969, signed by then Secretary of State Barbara Roberts
- Tuskegee Airmen during World War II
- Clipping from *The Oregonian*, October 12, 1960, after Judge Deiz was admitted to the Oregon bar

OHS Library Mercedes F. Deiz Papers, Accession 28769
Special Issue: Regulating Birth

For the Summer 2016 OHQ, we are excited to share a special issue titled “Regulating Birth.” From the regulation of midwifery and home birth to the advent of genetic counseling to the impact of federal Indian policies on Native communities, the history of birth reflects both cultural values and government power. Don’t miss OHQ’s first history comic, a graphic short story depicting birth control advocate Margaret Sanger’s 1916 visit to Portland.

A New Look for OHQ

The Oregon Historical Quarterly staff is proud to share a revamped design for the journal. Using OHS’s new brand guidelines, the redesigned Quarterly features sharp san serif fonts and a sleek layout. Always striving to stay fresh, OHQ has been redesigned periodically over its 117 years, and we hope you enjoy reading this latest update.

Oregon Migrations Symposium

Free symposium November 17 & 18 at the University of Oregon

Migration has been central to life in Oregon for thousands of years and has become especially poignant since non-Native people began resettling here during the 1830s and 1840s. Oregonians have long engaged in complex debates about which peoples are entitled to certain rights and responsibilities as residents of the state. This symposium will bring together scholars and holders of community history to investigate the various ways that Oregon inhabitants and newcomers shaped the state and each other through time.

The symposium is organized by the Oregon Historical Quarterly in partnership with Dr. Bob Bussel and Dr. Dan Tichenor, both of the University of Oregon.
2016 Oregon History Makers

The Oregon Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2016 class of Oregon History Makers. First awarded in 2009, the History Makers Medal is presented annually by OHS to individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture, and landscape of Oregon and beyond! The annual History Makers Dinner will be held at the historic Montgomery Park building in Portland on Sunday, October 9, 2016. Proceeds from the History Makers Dinner support the core programs of the Oregon Historical Society’s important work to collect, preserve, and interpret Oregon’s past.

David Hume Kennerly

David Hume Kennerly is a Pulitzer Prize–winning photographer from Roseburg who has forged a career as one of America’s most respected photojournalists. He has photographed our last eight Presidents and served as White House Photographer under President Gerald Ford.

Phil Knight

By co-founding one of the world’s most iconic companies, NIKE, Inc., Phil Knight has made a historic impact on Oregon’s culture and economy and has shared his success with philanthropic organizations statewide.

Dr. Jane Lubchenco

OSU professor and renowned scientist Dr. Jane Lubchenco was the first woman Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She currently serves as the first U.S. Science Envoy for the Ocean.

Hoffman Construction

Founded in 1922 and headquartered in Portland, Hoffman Construction is one of the largest general contractors in the country and has completed some of the most challenging projects in the world.

Past Oregon History Makers

2009  Gert Boyle, Dr. Brian Druker, Michael Powell
2010  David Adelsheim, Jean Auel, Mercy Corps, Medical Teams International
2011  Ken & Joan Austin, Allyn Ford, Dr. Albert Starr, Gus Van Sant
2012  Gerry Frank, Harry Glickman, Kathryn Jones Harrison, Norma Paulus
2013  Bernie & Bobbie Foster, Melvin “Pete” Mark, Alberto Salazar, Pendleton Woolen Mills
2014  Thomas Lauderdale, Gov. Barbara Roberts, Walter J. Urba, M.D. Ph.D., Bandon Dunes Golf Resort
2015  Ann Curry, Peggy Fowler, George Puentes, Les Schwab Tire Centers

Contact Molly Cochran at 503.306.5237 for more information on History Makers Dinner.
Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Each year, the Oregon Historical Society receives gifts in honor of individuals. Whether it is in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special accomplishment, these tribute gifts keep Oregon’s history accessible to all. Gifts listed below are those received between October 23, 2015 and June 2, 2016.

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In honor of Gloria L. Wong  
Mr. and Mrs. James and Shelley Kamikawa

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In memory of Mr. Alvin Adams  
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In memory of Etienne and Adrienne Lucier  
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In memory of Mr. Tom Vaughan  
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In memory of Mr. Bob Weiss  
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In memory of Bruce L. Wong  
Mr. and Mrs. James and Shelley Kamikawa
In Memory & Gratitude

Richard Myer Rubin

Rick Rubin, a writer, artist, and traveler with a life-long love of Portland and Oregon, died in his NW Portland home on September 9, 2014, at age 83. Rubin left a significant legacy in written words, advocacy, art, and generous support for the Oregon Historical Society, a place where he spent countless hours in enthusiastic exploration. His gift will be among the first to launch the long-overdue renovation of the research library.

Rick was an insatiable creative spirit surrounded by poets, writers, artists, and his loving wife, Charlotte. For much of his life, he followed his muse without restraint, researching, writing, and drawing as well as embarking on numerous outdoor adventures and exotic travels.

He wrote award-winning fiction, non-fiction, essays, columns, and over fifty short stories and hundreds of articles. While working as a handyman at Bud Clark’s Goose Hollow Inn, Rick researched and wrote a book about the Chinookan people of the lower Columbia River, focusing on the time period of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and those living in what later became Portland. When *Naked Against the Rain: The People of the Lower Columbia River, 1770–1830* was published in 1999, *The Oregonian* named it one of the ten best books published in the Pacific Northwest in any genre.

According to OHS Executive Director, Kerry Tymchuk, “Rick’s gift will make an important difference. We are honored and grateful that he generously acknowledged his love for OHS and the amazing collections here—collections which enabled him to create new knowledge and understanding through his research and writings.”

Chocolate Cake Smack-down Returns!

For over 50 years, the sole judge of the Oregon State Fair’s Chocolate Cake Contest has been the one and only Gerry Frank—public servant, businessman, and cheerleader for all things Oregon. Back by popular demand, the Oregon Historical Society will host its second annual Celebrity Chocolate Cake Smack-down at OHS on August 23 at noon with Gerry as the judge.

Come and watch as local community leaders and media personalities present their best recipes for judgment, and join in the tasting once Gerry declares a winner!
Historic Dragon Dance for Chinese New Year

On Sunday, February 7, the Oregon Historical Society, in partnership with local lion and dragon dance teams, kicked off the Chinese New Year with a mile-long parade through downtown Portland. Beginning outside the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in Chinatown, fireworks and fanfare marked the start of this historic parade, featuring a stunning twenty-one person manned dragon that had not been danced for a decade. More than 1,000 Portlanders joined OHS and community members for this vibrant celebration, which culminated at OHS with tea, cookies, and lion dances on the plaza.