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# Annual Report

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# You and the Oregon State Capitol Foundation



Our shared vision and mission is that Oregonians connect with their Capitol as a beautiful, vibrant place to engage with history and democracy. With your support, the Oregon State Capitol Foundation connects Oregonians to a shared heritage, enhances the beauty of the Capitol and engages citizens in their democracy.



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The Oregon State Capitol Foundation achieves its mission by providing educational and cultural programs, events and displays, preserving history and supporting improvements that contribute to the dignity and beauty of the building and grounds.

We take your investment in our work very seriously. The foundation strives to thoughtfully respect the past, respond to challenging times and evolve to meet the needs of the future by remaining focused on our vision and mission, and by adhering to our core values of heritage, learning and stewardship.

Financial support for the foundation is a result of the generosity and commitment of donors like you, as well as funds raised through special events such as the history-making Michael Allen Harrison piano concert, event sponsorships, grants and the sale of the classic Pacific Wonderland license plates.

The foundation funds the Capitol History Gateway, an education center featuring interpretive exhibits in the Capitol. This project provides visitors an exciting Capitol experience, with exhibits and programs in the building and — with the assistance of State Parks — on the Capitol grounds.

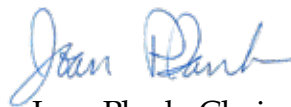
The foundation continues to be financially stable, carefully budgeting for anticipated expenditures and maintaining a conservative reserve for the unexpected. We are mindful about spending the resources you entrust to us in a responsible, worthwhile manner to meet the needs of our shared mission and vision.

Our donation of a climate-controlled document display case created an unprecedented opportunity for State Archives to share the newly-restored Oregon constitution with visitors to the

Capitol celebrating Oregon's 159<sup>th</sup> birthday. The rare privilege to see this historically significant document in person was made possible thanks to visionaries like you.

Your generosity helps provide free, family-friendly events celebrating Oregon's diverse heritage including the popular Cherry Blossom Day and Asian and Pacific Islander Day, creates educational programs for students that follow the Oregon Department of Education Standards, and installs history-preserving projects such as the Claire Phillips Memorial and the Medal of Honor Memorial.

Citizens of all ages visit the Capitol to explore, discover and engage in their democracy. Together, we are building a stronger Oregon. Thank you for your support!



Joan Plank, Chair

Oregon State Capitol Foundation



# Commitment to our community



The foundation donated more than 200 DVDs of *Beneath the Dome* to the Oregon State Library this year. The video tells the story of how Oregon's capitol buildings have shaped the life and times of a uniquely independent state that "Flies with her own wings."

The DVDs were distributed to public libraries and school districts throughout Oregon. Former State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen said the public library directors were delighted to receive the generous donation.

This video inspires all to join in protecting what makes Oregon unique while making our state a better place to live.

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation helps sponsor events that bring the stories of Oregon's history to life.

Oregon became the 25<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Bill of Rights on Jan. 12, 1920. At the March 20, 2018, **Oregon 2020 Kickoff**, 14 Western Oregon University honors students presented their research about the brave women and men who fought for women's voting rights a century ago.

The May 12, 2018, **Oregon State Parks Historic Preservation Month Fair** at the Capitol highlighted significant places, artifacts and collections and remarkable Oregonians.

These events are a reminder that, working together, we can bring the world closer to embracing political, economic and social equality for all citizens.

Excitement was in the air as Michael Allen Harrison mesmerized the audience with the **first full-length concert in the Oregon House of Representatives** on Nov. 3, 2017. Concert-goers listened as Harrison weaved together personal stories and music, eliciting an emotional connection with every person listening.

This history-making concert was held in celebration of the gift of a Steinway and Sons piano to the House Chamber by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, made possible by you.



# Together, we are shaping Oregon's future



How many state senators and state representatives does Oregon have? What are the three branches of Oregon's government? How does an idea become a law? Students who have completed the new 4th grade lesson plans – a project of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation – know the answers.

Educational materials designed to provoke thought are shared with instructors and students before, during and after an onsite visit.

Important messages are delivered by skillfully-trained tour guides wearing new vests, lanyards and portable voice amplifiers. These knowledgeable volunteers guide tourists on an exploration of the Capitol complete with captivating stories that demonstrate how Oregon has long been a fertile ground for ideas and innovation and how Oregonians' groundbreaking achievements affect people within and outside the state. These important messages stick with students and visitors long after their Capitol experience.

This multi-faceted approach produces increased engagement, participation, subject knowledge and promotes lifelong learning.

**The new 4th grade lesson plans, volunteer training, uniforms, and sound equipment were all funded by the foundation thanks to your contributions.**

Together, we are inspiring future leaders who will make a difference in the quality of life all Oregonians enjoy!

Did you know that you can meet in person with your legislators and testify at hearings? Ordinary citizens can affect state legislation!



The foundation proudly supports the **Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance and Safety project.**

The CAMS project addresses the Americans with Disabilities Act deficiencies, increasing accessibility of the Oregon State Capitol to allow Oregonians of all physical abilities to participate in the legislative process.

The Capitol should be a safe and secure place to work and visit. To meet that need, the CAMS project includes maintenance improvements to at-risk mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. It also addresses security and life-safety issues in the building through necessary exterior building repairs.

ADA improvements built by the CAMS project will be completed in 2019.

# Connecting Oregonians to their shared heritage

Oregon State Capitol Foundation-sponsored events and exhibits at the Capitol show visitors how diverse cultural and ethnic groups have influenced Oregon's rich history. Displays also build awareness about the resources available throughout our state and help expand understanding of our multi-layered history. Join us at *your* state Capitol to **explore**, **discover** and **engage!**

Your donations help the Capitol Foundation bring free, one-of-a-kind events to your Capitol!

## Cherry blossoms wow Capitol visitors

Senate Bill 146 designates the third Saturday in March each year as **Cherry Blossom Day**. This day pays tribute to the importance of the cherry industry in Oregon, to the trees in bloom on the Capitol Mall and to the influence of the Japanese population on Oregon's culture.



## Crowds gather to see lions in rotunda

**Asian and Pacific Islander Day at the Capitol** is a family-friendly event that honors the culture, traditions, heritage and history of Asian-Pacific Americans.

Can you name any other Capitol where you can watch lions perform?



The **2018 Great American Eclipse Weekend at your Oregon State Capitol** included a concert in the State Capitol State Park, lecture and narration by astronomers, fun family activities and special tours.



Families and costumed history interpreters gathered at the Capitol to celebrate **Oregon's 159<sup>th</sup> birthday** complete with historic reenactments, period music and a variety of hands-on activities for children of all ages!



At the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oregon Beach Bill Bash**, Capitol visitors played with beach balls and got sand between their toes in celebration of House Bill 1601. Passed in 1967, this unique bill guarantees public access to the state's beaches. Just one of many reasons Oregon is such a great place to live and play!

# Thoughtfully preserving our history



## CAPITOL HISTORY GATEWAY

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One of the most fascinating projects funded by the Foundation is the **Oral History Project**. The purpose of the project is to capture, preserve, and share the unique stories and perspectives of those who have walked the Capitol halls in various capacities. Former legislators, staff, governors, and others who have shaped Oregon's history discuss their fondest memories and anecdotes of Capitol life in brief interviews that are professionally filmed.

The foundation contracts with HistoryBuilt — professional historians, interviewers and videographers — to memorialize these narratives, preserving their stories for generations to come. Become inspired by watching the videos at: [tinyurl.com/oscf-oral-history](https://tinyurl.com/oscf-oral-history).

Visitors to the Capitol discover stories of the key moments in our state's history.

In 2017, the Capitol Foundation signed an agreement to hire Dr. Dave Bucy of Bucy Associates in Corvallis, Oregon to provide knowledgeable guidance on **Capitol History Gateway** projects. Bucy works closely with the Oregon State Capitol Foundation's History Committee and the History Gateway Council to research and design interpretive writing for exhibits, interactive kiosks and brochures.

Your support increases the impact of visitor experiences at *your* Capitol. Thank you!



Sen. Jackie Winters and Gwen Trice reflect on the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center's culturally-rich 'Timber Culture' exhibit in the Galleria. Artifacts were safely displayed in a **new climate-controlled display case** — a gift to the Capitol from the foundation, made possible thanks to donors like you.

Have you checked out our newest technology project? We funded the creation of a **360-degree virtual tour** of the Capitol's public areas so visitors can discover the Capitol before they even arrive. This new tour incorporates noteworthy areas, artifacts and objects found throughout the building and surrounding grounds using photos, videos and narrated facts. Take the tour at: [orcapitoltour.com](https://orcapitoltour.com)!



# One person makes a difference

The Medal of Honor is the highest citation for military bravery that can be awarded to a member of the Armed Services of the United States. It is presented by the President in the name of the Congress to an individual who distinguished himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and bravery at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

In 2004, Oregon set aside a place of on the Capitol grounds where the American and Oregon flags fly to salute the state's Medal of Honor recipients. In 2017, the Capitol Foundation unveiled a new brass plaque that now includes the names of medal recipients discovered after the original monument was installed.

We invite you to visit the [Oregon Veterans Medal of Honor Memorial](#) to pay tribute to these brave armed services members and to recognize the many sacrifices of all Oregon Veterans and their families.



The Oregon State Capitol Foundation's dedication of the [Claire Phillips Memorial](#) on the northwest corner of the Capitol grounds is the culmination of a story about one Oregon woman making a significant and heroic difference.

She wasn't alone, of course, in salvaging many lives of our imprisoned soldiers in the Philippines during WWII. Claire took extraordinary and painful risk and barely survived torture, deprivation and finally condemnation by her captors. Yet, she prevailed.

It took the efforts of people, like Sig Unander, to research and reveal the Claire Phillips story. It took the initiative of one nonagenarian, former state legislator Bill Markham of Roseburg, to ignite the foundation to shine the light of liberty on Claire's importance to the Oregon story.

One person, taking initiative, can make the difference when it counts.

— Former Rep. Norm Smith

## Annual highlights



**20,000**

Number of students who are inspired to get involved in the future of Oregon – a result of new 4<sup>th</sup> grade lesson plans and school tours.



**200,000**

Number of visitors who explore the beauty of the Capitol to learn about Oregon's rich heritage and engage in their democracy.



**5,000**

Number of hours volunteers selflessly give of their time to provide engaging and memorable experiences for all Capitol visitors.

## Donors make it happen at the Capitol

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is invested in you and the future of the Capitol, and we celebrate all the ways you help us preserve our beloved Oregon State Capitol and the history it represents, including:

- Donations.
- Doubling your impact with matching gifts.
- Recognizing someone special with tributes and memorial gifts.
- Sponsoring exhibits and events.
- Legacy gifts.
- Purchase of Pacific Wonderland license plates.
- Volunteering.

Thanks again for your generous support that allows us to continue accomplishing milestones that preserve Oregon's legacy.



The foundation hired a historian to determine how we can share collections from

Oregon's local museums and cultural centers. Information about our heritage resides in all corners of our state, and bringing it together at the Capitol allows us to tell Oregon's whole story. We're proud to bring new exhibits to Salem, and we look forward to the new displays and treasures being made available for you to discover and explore at *your* Capitol.

# Planned giving: making your mark on Oregon history

You love the Oregon State Capitol and all it stands for and contains: Oregon's history and heritage, civic engagement and the elegant beauty that signifies the dreams of those who built it. With a planned gift to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, you will create an enduring legacy. Imagine Oregonians, generations in the future, discovering our great state through educational programs and exhibits, the beauty of the Capitol and the community within the building, all made possible because of your legacy gift. Imagine your family visiting the unique landmark *you* chose to help preserve for all.

You have many opportunities\* to make a planned gift to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, either now or at a future date:

- Bequest from your will — Approximately 90% of planned gifts are made by simple bequest.
- Retirement plan assets — A favorite option for helping to direct your retirement assets how you wish.
- Life insurance — Your insurance company can help you update your beneficiaries.
- Real property — You may be able to donate your real property and still use it.
- Income gifts — Income-generating investments to help you through your future.

Without reducing your current income, you can make a significant gift to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

We would love to discuss your vision for your legacy gift, which can help preserve the Capitol for generations to come. Please contact Laoreal Williams at 503-363-1859 or [PlannedGiving@oregoncapitolfoundation.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@oregoncapitolfoundation.org).

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## Your donations at work this year



**\$28,694**

Gift sponsorship of Capitol History Gateway events and programs at *your* Oregon State Capitol.



**\$22,765**

Help preserve Capitol history through interviews with prominent Oregonians for Oral History Project videos.



**\$38,419**

Fund installation of historically significant monuments and memorials on the Capitol grounds.

# See you at the Capitol!

Your gifts help the Oregon State Capitol Foundation bring exciting events celebrating Oregon's many traditions and cultures to the Capitol. Visit [oregoncapitol.com](http://oregoncapitol.com) to view the full schedule of free foundation-sponsored events.

## Featured Events



**Sept. 18, 2018**  
**The Oregon Pioneer's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**



**Oct. 6, 2018**  
**Oregon's Bounty**



**Nov. 9, 2018**  
**A Tribute to Veterans**

## OSCF Speaker Series Presents...



**Sept. 6, 2018\***  
**Kerani Mitchell: Where are you from? Exploring what makes us Oregonians**



**Oct. 4, 2018\***  
**Jennifer Roberts: The Bounty of Recipes**

## Our Shared Heritage



**Sept. 8, 2018**  
**Multicultural Day**



**Oct. 20, 2018**  
**Hispanic Heritage Day**

## Holidays at the Capitol



**Nov. 27, 2018**  
**Tree Lighting Celebration**



**Nov. 28-Dec. 22, 2018**  
**Music Performances and Holiday Display**

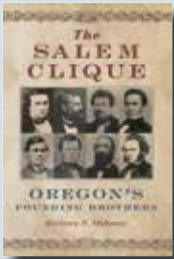
\* Join us at the Capitol or watch the OSCF Speaker Series presentations online at: [oregonlegislature.gov](http://oregonlegislature.gov).

The foundation invites prominent Oregonians to share their stories and engage with audiences through regularly scheduled **OSCF Speaker Series** events at the Oregon State Capitol. Recent guests include:



**Warren W. Aney, *Oregon Military***

Warren W. Aney and Alisha Hamel’s book, *Oregon Military*, tells stories of Oregon’s military history from the times of native warriors through the first militia, the Indian wars, overseas combat in the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and more recent and continuing international struggles.



**Barbara S. Mahoney, *The Salem Clique***

A group of young men known as ‘The Salem Clique’ was accused of dictatorship, corruption, and the intention of imposing slavery on the Territory during a time of intense political passion and conflict in the decade of the 1850s.



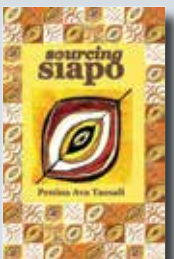
**Pat McCord Amacher and Gail Wells, *The Only Woman in the Room – The Norma Paulus Story***

During her years of public service, Norma Paulus occupied a distinctive niche in Oregon’s progressive political system. Her vivid personality and strong convictions endeared her to a broad swath of citizens. Engaging and opinionated, charming and forceful, Paulus was widely covered in statewide and national newspapers and television during her eventful and sometimes controversial career.



**Bev Clarno, *From Pigs to Politics***

“Bev Clarno’s political skills took root in childhood on a farm in Eastern Oregon where she was expected to haul as much pig slop as her brother. No whining. No complaining. She grew up to become Oregon’s Speaker of the House where she was nobody’s snowflake. Two decades later, she’s still nobody’s snowflake. Her rendition of the record is a treasure,” said Sen. Betsy Johnson.



**Penina Taesali, *Sourcing Siapo***

Writer, poet, educator, and cultural arts activist, Penina Taesali courageously reveals lost family stories through poetry. Taesali founded the Asian Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership, Talking Roots Art Collective, and also co-founded the Pacific Islander Kie Association. She has been a featured poet for the KPFA FM Best Spoken Word Millennium Series.

# Pioneers of Oregon's future

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is grateful to our sponsors and donors for their support. Your gifts help the history and story of democracy in Oregon come to life by fostering cultural and educational opportunities and enhancing the beauty of the Capitol. Together, we will preserve our beloved landmark and the history it represents for generations to come. To learn more about making a difference visit: [oregoncapitolfoundation.org](http://oregoncapitolfoundation.org).

Contributions received since July 1, 2017, include:

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*“As the Public Outreach Coordinator at the Oregon State Capitol, I plan all the large-scale public events. These events are funded by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and wouldn’t happen without the foundation’s sponsorship. I have seen these events grow in the four years the program has been in place. Numerous families have entered the Capitol for the first time to attend the annual birthday celebration, Cherry Blossom Day, Oregon’s Bounty or another event. Visitor Services staff is grateful for the opportunity to use the Capitol as a stage and spotlight for history, culture and the gateway to democracy in Oregon. We feel we are vigilant stewards of the funds entrusted to us and appreciate the many donors to the foundation who allow these functions to continue.”*

Stacy Nalley, Public Outreach Coordinator  
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