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Five ways to take part in Oregon's history and honor our great state

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation encourages Oregonians to rally around our state's heritage during these historic times.

SALEM, Ore. 15 OCTOBER, 2020 — Historic moments are happening all around us. Now more than ever, it's important to learn about and embrace our heritage. The [Oregon State Capitol Foundation](#) encourages Oregonians to come together, support our great state and learn more about what makes Oregon, Oregon.

As a proud sponsor of the [Capitol History Gateway](#) program, the Foundation has partners throughout the state offering many ways to get involved and learn more about our state's history. Check out the ideas below:

1. **Get your 19th Amendment desk flag** — a gift from the Oregon State Capitol Foundation to visitors of the Oregon Historical Foundation's original exhibition: "Nevertheless, They Persisted: Women's Voting Rights and the 19th Amendment." Watch the trailer online at www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/nevertheless-they-persisted.cfm or visit the exhibit at 1200 SW Park Ave. in Portland.
2. **Listen to the online speaker series: "Zooming Back to History"** — presented by Willamette Heritage Center. Speakers will discuss historical perspectives on mid-Willamette Valley topics. Learn more at www.willametteheritage.org/zooming-back-to-history. Engage with the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WillametteHeritageCenter.
3. **Visit the exhibit "Discrimination and Persistence, An Oregon Primer"** — at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education at 724 NW Davis in Portland. The exhibit shows the resistance of discrimination in the past to create a more equal society. Learn more at www.ojmche.org/events/discrimination-and-resistance-an-oregon-primer.
4. **Visit "Black in Oregon," an exhibit by Oregon Black Pioneers** — on display through Oct. 31 at Broadway Coffee House, 1300 Broadway St NE in Salem. Learn more on the group's Instagram page at www.instagram.com/p/CEsZ7ZKJRnM. Also tune in to "The Register" at oregonblackpioneers.org/2020/09/22/obp-launches-the-register. The 5-minute broadcast highlights a different African American figure from Oregon's history each week.
5. **Read the story "In These Uncertain Times"** — by Oregon Humanities at www.oregonhumanities.org/rll/magazine/outside-summer-2020/in-these-uncertain-times. The story profiles Oregonians coming together during the coronavirus crisis.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, remember to vote. Your county elections office mailed ballots starting Oct. 14; Election Day is Nov. 3. To ensure your vote counts, complete your ballot early, use the secrecy envelope, sign the ballot envelope after sealing it and either mail it before the mailing deadline or drop it off at one of the convenient community locations listed in the Oregon voters' pamphlet. Your vote matters.

About the Oregon State Capitol Foundation

The nonprofit Oregon State Capitol Foundation works to enhance the beauty of the Oregon State Capitol and preserve the history it represents. We also fund educational programs focused on Oregon's heritage and democracy. Our volunteer board of directors shares a deep love for the Capitol and its history. Board members include current and past elected state officials, former state agency staff and current and former legislative advocates. For more information, visit www.oregoncapitolfoundation.org or call 503-363-1859.

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