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## Oregon Capitol Renovation Update

by Gary Wilhelms, OSCF

A 1993 earthquake will close the Oregon Capitol from 2016 to 2019 if the Legislature approves the funding needed to complete the work. Why the lapse of 23 years? Let me explain!

In 1993, the “Spring Break Quake” lasted only 45 seconds, but that’s all it took to nearly topple the Oregon Capitol dome and the iconic Gold Man atop the building. The Oregon Capitol is made of unreinforced brick and stone, and the dome shook hard enough that it cracked and came within moments of collapsing. The Gold Man shifted atop the building. The dome and other damaged parts of the Capitol were repaired, forcing the rotunda to be closed for two years.

The Legislature authorized creating a Capitol Master Plan in 2009 to guide proposed renovations to strengthen the Capitol against future earthquakes and make other badly needed upgrades to improve and enhance the historic building for future generations. The master plan includes room for a dedicated history center and exhibit spaces, creates a remodeled first floor visitor entrance that meets ADA standards, and includes other facilities to help connect Oregonians with their government in “the people’s building.”

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## Capitol Spring and Summer Events

Join us for these fun family activities at your Oregon State Capitol

Historic Preservation Month and Historic Photo Exhibit  
(May 25-June 2)

Summer Concerts at the Capitol by Salem Chamber Orchestra (check the dates on our website)

National Art Appreciation Month and Artists in Action Exhibit  
(August 10-28)

Salem Sunday Streets (August 30 )

Be sure to check out our Featured Events! They’re posted at [www.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov) in the top right corner. And in June, when the Capitol Gateway website is launched, OSCF will have a calendar of events separate from the legislature’s meeting schedule. Watch for it!



# At Your Service A Message from the Chair



by Fred Neal, OSCF Chair

The Capitol has been busy with events and filled with people (see pages 4-5). And your Oregon State Capitol Foundation is keeping busy, too. Under the leadership of previous chairs Fred VanNatta in 2010-2012 and Jane Cease in 2012-2014, we laid the groundwork for the Capitol History Gateway and formal structuring of the OSCF's committees and fundraising efforts.

During a day-long October retreat, OSCF members brainstormed activities that warrant the most effort in 2015. And at our January meeting, we adopted a revised Strategic Plan that emphasizes three major efforts: advocate and educate for full funding of the Capitol Renovation Project; solidify the OSCF as a free-standing charitable corporation; and revive our oral history program to strengthen the Capitol History Gateway. As a result of our ambitions plans, OSCF, in partnership with the Oregon Historical Society, is seeking legislative authorization to sell an additional 40,000 Pacific Wonderland vehicle license plates, to ensure stable funding for our efforts. The revenue from those license plate sales is split 50-50 between OSCF and OHS.

Each of these undertakings will need help from you — lovers of the Capitol and supporters of the Foundation — to carry out. You're already hearing more news from us more often. I hope you will continue being generous with your ideas, volunteer time, and financial support.

Meanwhile, I encourage you to renew your "Friends of the Capitol" contribution for 2015, and to dig a little deeper into your pockets to provide greater financial support. And please talk to your friends and neighbors to make sure every car and truck in your neighborhood has Pacific Wonderland license plates!

## Oregon Capitol Renovation Update

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The 2013 Legislature approved \$34.5 million in state-funded bonds to finance the design phase of the Capitol renovation. The design phase of the project began in 2014. Now that the building inspection phase is complete, the engineering and construction designs are progressing. The design work is about 65 percent complete. Then it's up to the 2015 Legislature to decide how to fund the renovation work beyond the current design phase. House and Senate leaders have proposed including half the funding for the construction work in the 2015 Legislature's capital construction and bonding bills normally passed at the end of the session. The remainder would be approved by the 2017 Legislature.

If the 2015 Legislature approves funding for the renovation, then Capitol denizens would begin moving out of the building as early as spring 2016. The Capitol would be closed for up to three years to complete the seismic improvements and renovation work, and its occupants would move to another location while the construction work is under way. The project team is redesigning the 550 Building, formerly known as the PUC Building, as a temporary Capitol. The 550 building is located a few blocks north of the State Capitol.

## What about Capitol Visitors?

Although Oregonians won't be able to tour or visit the Capitol, they'll still be able to connect with legislators, the governor and other state leaders while the building is closed. The Oregon State Capitol Foundation will help visitors find their legislators and other government offices, and we'll help keep Oregonians updated on the renovation progress through our website and quarterly newsletters. The OSCF is excited about the upcoming work to renovate Oregon's beautiful and historic Capitol and to ensure that it is preserved and protected for generations to come as "the people's building."



*Jane Cease, Fred Neal, and Fred VanNatta.*

# Capitol Portraits

## Senator Betsy Johnson — A Capitol Family



*State Senator  
Betsy Johnson.*

The passion for telling the Oregon State Capitol story runs deep with Senator Betsy Johnson's (D-Scappoose) family. The family legacy began with her late father, Sam Johnson, in 1965 when he was elected to the House of Representatives (R-Redmond) and went on to be re-elected six times. Betsy's mother, Becky Johnson, also served on numerous state and local boards. They founded the Samuel Johnson Foundation in 1948 to support their charitable interests.

Betsy has fond memories of her early years in the Capitol. "From the magic of walking through the Rotunda, to climbing the 121 stairs to see the gold pioneer, to seeing the chamber galleries, these experiences make Oregon's history come alive for our visitors and kids. We all can all help preserve and enhance the Oregon State Capitol story," said Senator Johnson.

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation has benefited from the Johnson family's legacy since 2003. From helping with special projects like the marble benches in the Rotunda to providing annual support, the Johnson family legacy is helping us tell the Oregon State Capitol story. Your family is invited to help us preserve this amazing treasure we call the Oregon State Capitol.

## Norm and Kathy Smith's New Oregon Trail



*Norm and Kathy Smith.*

Norm and Kathy Smith are founders and longtime members of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. And it's no wonder — they both practically grew up in the Capitol.

Norm's parents were active in politics, and his father was a delegate to the Republican National Convention and served on Oregon's State Board of Education for 22 years.

While Norm learned about state government at the kitchen table, his future bride, Kathy Fischer, went to school four blocks from the Capitol and often visited the building and grounds after school.

By their early 20s, Kathy worked at the Corrections Division while Norm was a law student at Willamette University. In his spare time, Norm worked as a Capitol Guide. It's a wonder they didn't meet for the first time in the Capitol Rotunda; instead, it was on a blind date. By

the time they married, the State Capitol was Norm and Kathy's second home.

"What a surprise and an honor it was to be given pass keys to the building for the three terms Kathy and I spent together in my legislative office after the '78, '80 and '82 elections, representing Washington County," Norm said.

Today, Norm and longtime Capitol friends and colleagues Verne Duncan, Judy Hall and Frankie Bell serve together on the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

"Supporting the Oregon State Capitol Foundation is a wonderful way to stay close to the people, place, policies and public ownership of this grand building where Oregon history continues to live," Norm said.

We love our Capitol Portraits! We'd like to feature you and your connection to the Capitol. Or maybe you know someone we should feature. Let us know! Contact the OSCF at 503-986-1555 or e-mail us at [capitol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitol.foundation@state.or.us).

# Capitol Roll-Call

## Cherry Blossom Day

A long-standing Salem tradition was revived during the Cherry Blossom Day at the Capitol on Saturday, March 28th. Salem Mayor Anna Peterson and OSCF Chair Fred Neal welcomed over 1,500 visitors to the Capitol. Activities for children and families included games, calligraphy and origami craft tables, food tastings, and a cherry blossom photography exhibit. The day also included traditional performances and exhibits by the Japanese Cultural Society and a fashion show featuring traditional kimonos. Cherry Blossom Day was made possible through OSCF sponsorship, a State Capitol State Park grant, and in-kind contributions from many event partners.



*Members of the Japanese Cultural Society perform on the Capitol steps.*



*Families enjoy a little “time travel” on Oregon Statehood Day. Photo courtesy of Curtis Heritage Education Center.*

## Oregon’s Birthday Celebration

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation hosted a public celebration to commemorate Oregon’s 156th birthday on Saturday, February 14th — Oregon Statehood Day. Authentic and replicated covered wagons greeted more than 2,000 guests as they entered the Capitol. The Rotunda echoed with tunes from Oregon’s Old-Time Fiddlers, and guests had an opportunity to view the state’s original Constitution. An actor portraying Dr. John McLoughlin brought an interpretive history experience, and nine more costumed interpreters from Champoege State Heritage Park conversed with guests on such topics as steam boating, trapping, home medicine, woodworking, millinery, and more. The Gold Pioneer even made an appearance! The celebration included birthday gift bags for children, and a birthday cake (of course). The birthday party was sponsored by OSCF and Walmart.



# Hello again! A Capitol Social 2015

## Hello Again Social Links Old Friends and New Friends

by Judy Hall, OSCF Special Events Chair

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation's 2015 Hello Again Social on Feb. 3 brought together more than 300 current and former elected officials, lobbyists, staff and friends of the Capitol for fellowship, food and fun. The Hello Again Social kicks off Oregon's legislative sessions in odd-numbered years, bringing together new and veteran legislators, current and former elected officials, staff, lobbyists and the media in a purely social atmosphere to celebrate the Capitol's past and the start of a new legislative session. Highlights of the event included:

- Current legislators were identified by wearing red carnation boutonnieres
- The unveiling of a new exhibit for the Oregon History Gateway promoting citizen involvement in lawmaking
- A display of the original Oregon Constitution



House Speaker Tina Kotek at the mic.

Former State Treasurer Tony Meeker, dressed in full Clan Grant regalia, mingled with the guests, promoting a fundraising raffle for an extraordinary bottle of Glenfarclas Scotch whisky that he and his wife, Carolyn, donated for the cause. The raffle raised more than \$5,000 for OSCF's future projects.

Senate President Peter Courtney and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek gave brief speeches in support of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and the Capitol History Gateway, using a new podium with an integrated sound system, a gift to the Capitol from the OSCF. Proceeds from the 75th Capitol Birthday celebration in October 2013 paid for the podium, which was built by Oregon Corrections Enterprises.



Senate President Peter Courtney waits his turn to speak, with Sen. Jackie Winters by his side.



A new exhibit from the Capitol History Gateway.

Thank you to the generous sponsors who made our 2015 Hello Again Social a tremendous success:

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## Celebrating Legacies of Capitol Leaders

Please join OSCF in honoring lives that add to the Capitol Story

**Brady Adams**, former Senate President, died on April 6 at age 70. Adams, a Republican known for keeping a tight rein on budgets, served eight years in the Oregon Legislature, including as President of the Senate for the 1997 and 1999 sessions.

**Dave Frohnmayer**, 74, died March 10. Dave served in the Legislature (representing Eugene) before he was elected as Oregon's attorney general in 1980, a job he held for three terms. Dave left politics to teach law and serve as dean of the University of Oregon law school, and became president of UO for 15 years. Gov. Kate Brown ordered flags throughout Oregon to be lowered to half-staff in Dave's honor.

**Gretchen M. Kafoury** died at age 72 in March. Gretchen served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1982 (representing Portland). Her daughter is former House Majority Leader Deborah Kafoury, Gretchen founded both the Oregon Chapter of the National Organization for Women in 1970 and the Oregon Women's Political Caucus in 1971.

**Lorene Lovretich**, one of Oregon's longest-serving legislative staffers, passed away March 22 at age 92. Lorene served as secretary to legislators L. B. Day, Keith Burbidge, May Yih, Mike Fahey, Bill McCoy and Bob Boyer. While in her 80s, Lorene finished up her legislative service at the information desk in front of the Senate chamber.

**Hector "Huck" Macpherson, Jr.**, was a Republican member of the Oregon State Senate from 1971 to 1974 and is best remembered as a primary author of the seminal 1973 Land Conservation and Development Act (SB 100). He died March 25. Macpherson was son of former Oregon State Representative Hector Macpherson, Sr. (1875-1970) and the father of former Oregon State Representative Greg Macpherson (born 1950).

**Sara Baker-Sifford**, 61, died Feb. 18. Sara's lifelong interest in politics led to her work as a Capitol tour guide, which led to a job in Gov. Bob Straub's office and a position in the executive department. Sara later went to work for the Legislature in 1985, and retired in 1998.

**Blaine Whipple**, 84, died Jan. 3. Blaine directed and managed campaigns for congressional candidates, was executive director of the Democratic Party of Oregon, a member of the Oregon Democratic National Committee and a delegate to two Democratic National Conventions. He served in the Oregon Senate from 1975-1979 and held numerous local offices in Washington County and Tualatin over the course of his career.

## How Can I Support the OSCF?

Your generous support of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation supports the many educational, social and family events that you read about in this newsletter. The vision of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation is to create a living history, enhance the dignity and beauty of the Capitol, and foster cultural and educational opportunities. Let us know how we're doing by contacting the OSCF at 503-986-1555 or e-mail us at [capitol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitol.foundation@state.or.us).

## Honor the People You Treasure With a Gift from the Heart

Sometimes words can't express how special someone is to us. What a better way to honor those who have touched our lives in significant ways than by making a charitable gift to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation in their honor? Whether you want to pay tribute to a loved one or to a treasured friend, making an honorary or memorial gift is a wonderful way to show how much you care. There are a variety of ways to make a gift in honor of others. Celebrate the people who have enriched your life through a heartfelt charitable gift in their honor. Please contact us at 503-986-1555 or email [capitol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitol.foundation@state.or.us) for more information.

## Have You Joined the Capitol Legacy Society?

Support the future of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation by making a gift in your will or trust or by including us as beneficiary of your retirement account, insurance policy or investment account. And if you have already included us in your estate plans, please let us know so that the Capitol Legacy Society can appropriately recognize you!

## There's more!

- Consider sponsoring an exhibit or event
- Purchase a Pacific Wonderland license plate
- Volunteer at the Capitol or with the Foundation

# New Donor Recognition Program

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is offering a new program to recognize our donors and lifetime members (*Pioneers*). All annual donations of \$25+ include benefits of a 10% discount in the Capitol Store, our quarterly newsletter and special invitations to events at the Capitol.

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*Pioneers* recognizes our donors who have graciously made a one-time leadership gift of \$500 or more to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. Since 2003 we've welcomed 125 new members to the *Pioneers*.

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Call 503-986-1555 or email [capitol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:capitol.foundation@state.or.us) to book a spot for your group on Fred's statewide road show.