



the Gateway

Why I Love Oregon



Elly Andrews, receiving the 2015 first-place award, with her family. A photo of Emma Hurley, who received the 2016 first-place award, was not available at press time.

Emma Hurley loves Oregon because of her family's deep-rooted traditions in this beautiful state, the support of her family and friends, and "the freedom Oregonians have to sing their own tune." This month she won the "Why I Love Oregon" essay contest for middle-school students that is sponsored annually by the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation. Congratulations, Emma!

Elly Andrews won the contest in 2015. She loves Oregon for its "creative weather," "irresistible scenery," and "Halloween rain" that smells of pumpkin spice. Those are just a few of the vivid descriptions she weaves into her essay, which, like Emma's, can be read online at www.skeducationfoundation.org. The top three essays from 2011 through 2016 are on display at the Oregon State Capitol through February 28. Stop by and see why our kids love Oregon!

The "Why I Love Oregon" essay contest provides student writers with an opportunity to test the power of words and to share their opinions with an audience beyond the classroom. A student who wins first place receives an Oregon's Birthday-Valentine's Day party for his or her class and a \$529 college savings account from the Oregon College Savings Plan.

Capitol Events

Join us for these family activities at your Oregon State Capitol

"Why I Love Oregon" Essay Exhibit

(Feb. 13 to 28)

See award-winning essays by students.

Early Oregon Black Pioneers Exhibit

(Feb. 16 to March 4)

Learn about black pioneers who, despite harsh exclusion laws, lived and thrived in Oregon.

Salem's Cherry Blossom and Japanese Heritage Exhibit

Learn about the influence of the Japanese community and the importance of cherry trees in the Willamette Valley.

Cherry Blossom Day

(Saturday, March 19)
Celebrate Japanese culture at the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All exhibits and events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.oregonlegislature.gov.



At Your Service A Message from the Chair

by Fred Neal, OSCF Chair

The Capitol History Gateway Project has entered phase two, and we will roll out several important components this year, including these:



- The new Capitol History Gateway website
- A new Capitol orientation exhibit
- Updated docent training and new docent equipment
- A new walking tour brochure

We'll provide details about these major accomplishments in future issues of our newsletter.

This year we will also

- Redesign the Visitor Services and information kiosk areas to accommodate Gateway displays and enhance the traffic flow for visitors and staff.
- Support efforts to upgrade and renovate the 1938 portion of the Capitol.
- Continue to expand our resources to leverage limited public sector funds.
- Grow our donor base and endowment fund.
- Hire our first executive director.

We will also continue to sponsor events and programs at the Capitol, in partnership with Visitor Services. These include Oregon's 157th Birthday Celebration, held on Feb. 13 with over 2,000 guests, and the upcoming Cherry Blossom Day on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many other informative and family-oriented events are planned at the Capitol this year. We hope you will bring your friends and family and join us for all the fun-filled celebrations at your Capitol.

Thank you for supporting the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

\$45,600 Raised for Endowment Fund

Thanks to the support of donors like you, we have met our challenge grant and raised \$45,600 for the OSCF Endowment Fund. A special thank-you goes to Bill Rutherford of Rutherford Investment Management for offering to match up to \$12,500 in donations, provided we raised more than \$12,500 for the endowment campaign in 2015 — which we did!

"I was and am supportive of the Capitol Foundation because of what the Capitol means to the state and its citizens," Bill said.

Bill served as a representative in the Oregon House for four terms, as treasurer of Oregon, and as chair of the Oregon Investment Council, managing the state's PERS retirement fund. His career in the private sector has included practicing law, running his family's retail business, and serving as the CEO and president of two different investment companies based in New York, with additional offices in London, Paris, Tokyo, and Frankfurt. He also acted as chief operating officer in the restructuring of Metallgesellschaft, Europe's tenth-largest company at the time.

Bill now operates his own investment company, Rutherford Investment Management, in Portland, managing the wealth of individuals, pension funds and foundations.

"I have many fond memories of my service in the Capitol," Bill said, "and have been inspired by the work of the many volunteers who give so generously to the Capitol Foundation." Many thanks to Bill and to all our generous volunteers and donors for supporting the Foundation and its mission.



William D. Rutherford

Visit the Early Oregon Black Pioneers Exhibit and Buy Books at the Capitol Store

Come see the exhibit titled “Early Oregon Black Pioneers” that is on display at the Capitol through March 4. The exhibit provides a glimpse of Oregon’s rich black history during early pioneer days. It includes photographs of black Oregonians who came to the state during that time, some free and some as slaves, and who thrived despite Oregon’s exclusion laws.

The exhibit’s centerpiece is a map of Oregon that provides information about black pioneers in all regions of the state, starting in 1788. Visit the Capitol to learn more!

After enjoying the exhibit, consider purchasing the following books at the Oregon State Capitol Store, which is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PERSEVERANCE: A History of African Americans in Oregon’s Marion and Polk Counties

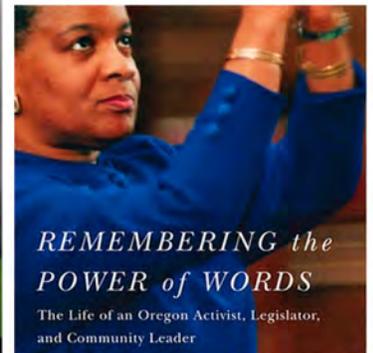
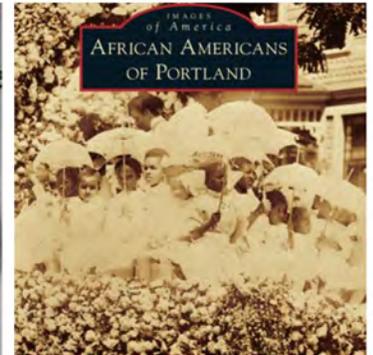
by Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers, Sheridan McCarthy and Stanton Nelson

From the beginning, even before the wagon trains, African Americans have played an essential part in building Oregon. They have often been left out of the paintings and statues, but “Perseverance” brings you many of their names and describes the ways they have made history, taking their rightful place among pioneers, past and present, in the Willamette Valley.

AFRICAN AMERICANS of Portland

by Oregon Black Pioneers, Kimberly Stowers Moreland

The prolific journey of African Americans in Portland is rooted in the courageous determination of black pioneers to begin anew in an unfamiliar and often hostile territory. Amazingly, a small population of African Americans settled in Portland against a backdrop



Recommended books available at the Capitol Store

of exclusion laws that banned free blacks from settling in Oregon. This book traces the history of African Americans in Portland.

REMEMBERING THE POWER OF WORDS: The Life of an Oregon Activist, Legislator, and Community Leader

by Avel Louise Gordly with Patricia A. Schechter

This memoir recounts the personal and professional journey of former Sen. Avel Gordly, the first African American woman elected to the Oregon State Senate. Sen. Gordly served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1991 to 1996, when she was elected to the Oregon Senate, where she served until retiring in 2009. Read this compelling book to learn about the life of a remarkable leader.

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OSCF Receives Oregon Community Foundation Grant

We are pleased to announce that the Oregon State Capitol Foundation has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Fred W. Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant will help leverage our Pacific Wonderland license plate revenue to support phase two of the Capitol History Gateway Project. We are grateful to have received this significant support.



Doug Neeley, former mayor of Oregon City, portrayed John McLoughlin, the "Father of Oregon."

OSCF Hosts Oregon's Birthday Celebration

Did you attend Oregon's 157th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Oregon State Capitol? Over 2,000 visitors played games, took photos with the Oregon Pioneer and John McLoughlin, and checked out replicas of the wagons in which pioneers made their journey. Fred Meyer supplied delicious birthday cupcakes.



Bridgette Crawford, a sophomore at Oregon State University, played the violin at the celebration.

This annual celebration commemorates the date on which Oregon became a state, Feb. 14, 1859. Your Oregon State Capitol Foundation is the proud host of the event, which is always free and open to the public.

Celebrating Legacies of Capitol Leaders

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

Frank Brawner died on Oct. 26 at age 82. A registered lobbyist from 1966 to 2001, Frank was a charter member of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and served as our chair in 2009 and 2010. Frank was instrumental in ensuring the Foundation's future by pushing for the establishment of our 501(c)(3) charitable status. He was also the driving force behind the Oregon Veterans Medal of Honor Memorial, completed in 2004, and the Walk of Flags in Willson Park. Both are maintained in perpetuity, thanks to Frank's foresight.

Sam Dement died on Nov. 12 at age 95. He represented Coos and Curry counties in the Oregon Senate from 1968 to 1972, and he was a past president of the Western Livestock Association and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.



Ron McCarty died on Nov. 16 at age 79. He served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1985 to 1989, on the Mt. Hood Community College Board of Education for eight years, and on the Multnomah Labor Council for five years. He worked to get Rocky Butte on the National Register of Historic Places and was a strong voice against the proposed sales tax in Oregon.

Dave Moss died on Dec. 28 at age 69. He served as chief of staff to House Speaker Larry Campbell from 1990 to 1991 and on the Salem City Council from 1987 to 1992. He worked on several urban renewal projects in the Salem area.

OSCF Pursues Capitol Renovation Funding

by Gary Wilhelms, OSCF Building Committee

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is still actively pursuing legislative approval of the bonding authority for the Oregon State Capitol Renovation Project. Although the renovation funding was not approved during the regular 2015 session of the Oregon Legislature, the necessary bonding authority remains available for approval during the shorter 2016 session.

The complicated renovation project grows more necessary with the passage of time. It also becomes more expensive. But whether to fund it is a decision that must be made by the Legislature.

It's the Foundation's job — and that of other advocates for the project — to demonstrate the public support needed to convince the Legislature to approve critical fixes to our beautiful State Capitol. Others joining the Foundation in supporting the renovation project include the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Associated General Contractors, and Marion County.

The Legislative Administration Committee has completed an assessment of deferred maintenance, code violations, and Americans with Disabilities Act items that need immediate attention in the Capitol building. The list does not include important seismic upgrades to help protect the Capitol during the predicted Cascadia subduction major earthquake.

How to address these needs is currently being discussed in the Legislature, giving us the opportunity



Gary Wilhelms

to once again educate our elected officials about the need for, and the wisdom of, the full Oregon State Capitol Renovation Project, including the seismic upgrades.

Why am I so passionate about this project? I've loved the Capitol building since I was a kid. I've been indirectly involved in its renovation for the last 10 years. The primary driver of this project is protection of the building and its occupants in the event of the major earthquake activity predicted to occur — someday. In addition, the Capitol building needs to be modernized and brought into compliance with building codes and accessibility and fire safety requirements. She's 78 years old, just like me. I can't be renovated. She can be.

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 a beneficiary of your retirement account, insurance policy or investment account. If you have already included us in your estate plans, please let us know so that the Capitol Legacy Society can appropriately recognize you!

OSCF Seeks Its First Executive Director

The moment has arrived! We have worked hard over the past few years to build the Oregon State Capitol Foundation (OSCF), and now we are ready to hire our first executive director. In a .75 FTE position, the executive director will be responsible for providing full administrative support and leadership, and will have overall accountability for implementing the strategic direction for all OSCF programs, expansion, fundraising, and execution of its mission.

Interested? You'll find a detailed job description at oregoncapitolfoundation.org. Apply by March 4, 2016. Send your completed application via email to Joan Plank, Vice Chair, Oregon State Capitol Foundation, c/o Sharon Leighty & Co. at sharon@sharonleightyconsulting.com.

We plan to select the executive director by May 4, with the expectation that he or she will start work on July 1. During the interview process, scheduled for mid-April, individuals selected for an interview will have the opportunity to meet the OSCF Board and other stakeholders.

For more information, visit oregoncapitolfoundation.org or contact Sharon Leighty at sharon@sharonleightyconsulting.com or 541-408-5060.

Thank you for spreading the word!

OSCF Presents Holidays at the Capitol

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation was proud to be the presenting sponsor of Holidays at the Capitol this past December. For 34 years, Holidays at the Capitol has brought beautiful decorations, school choirs, and family-friendly activities to the Capitol each December.



On Dec. 1, 2015, the festivities began with a performance by the North Salem High School choir, followed by the traditional tree-lighting ceremony, in which Gov. Kate Brown and First Gentleman Dan Little participated. Roth's Fresh Markets kindly provided complimentary cookies, punch, and candy canes for all.

"Roth's likes to be good neighbors in the community and support events that are enjoyed by Oregonians," said Michael Roth, president of Roth's Fresh Markets. "We have supported Holidays at the Capitol for over 20 years. Seeing the joy on the children's faces as they enjoy our refreshments, the tree lighting ceremony and the magical train is what this is really about for us!"

From Dec. 2 through Dec. 22, more than 80 school choirs from across the state filled the rotunda with joyous sounds of the season. Many of the students' parents, and even some grandparents, had performed at the Capitol when they were in school.

Holidays at the Capitol was made possible through generous donations by many organizations, businesses and individuals. Thank you, all.

Who Doesn't Like Candy?

The Oregon State Capitol Store is proud to showcase a new lead crystal desktop candy dish with the state seal etched in the lid.



This is a wonderful gift for a state employee or your favorite legislator! Buy one for yourself! The candy dish retails for \$50, making it just \$45 with your Foundation member discount. The store, located on the first floor of the Capitol, is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Turn Retirement Accounts into Charitable Good at Your Oregon State Capitol

On Dec. 18, President Obama signed into law the PATH Act, making permanent a unique charitable giving opportunity. Donors age 70½ and older may transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to qualified public charities.

The transfer will be made free of federal income tax, and the gift qualifies for the donor's required minimum distribution (RMD).

Here is a recap of the IRA charitable rollover rules:

1. You can make a direct transfer if you are age 70½ or older on the day of the gift and you transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to one or more qualified charities.
2. This opportunity applies only to IRAs and not to other types of retirement plans.
3. You pay no income tax on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
4. The gift can satisfy all or part of your required RMD for the year.
5. The gift may not be used to fund a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, donor-advised fund, or private foundation.
6. You cannot receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.
7. The new legislation does not have an expiration date. You can make gifts in 2016 and beyond.

To transfer a gift from your IRA, please contact your IRA administrator directly.

To learn more about how distributions from your IRA may fit into your charitable giving to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, please call 503-986-1555 or consult with your financial advisor.



The Oregon Veterans Medal of Honor Memorial, a project of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation

Yes! I want to support the Oregon State Capitol Foundation!

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Thank you for your support. For more information, call 503-986-1555 or email capitol.foundation@state.or.us. To make a gift online, visit oregoncapitolfoundation.org. Please return this form with your check or payment to:

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Events Taking Place at Your Capitol

Many family-friendly exhibits and events take place at your Capitol. Here are just a few of those scheduled for the coming months.

Feb. 13–28	“Why I Love Oregon” Essay Exhibit
Feb. 16–March 4	Oregon Black Pioneers Exhibit
March 1–31	Sakura Photo Exhibit
March 1–21	Salem’s Cherry Blossom and Japanese Heritage Exhibit
March 19	Cherry Blossom Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
March 22–April 22	Old Aurora Colony Exhibit: History of French Prairie
April 27–May 23	Oregon Veterans’ Uniform Exhibit
April 28	Bring Your Child to Work Day
May 11–26	This Place Matters Exhibit
June 1–July 30	150 Years of Statehood Exhibit



Cherry blossoms at the Capitol

For more information, visit www.oregonlegislature.gov. To receive our monthly email alerts, which include information about these and many other activities taking place at the Capitol, please sign up for the alerts at oregoncapitolfoundation.org.