

MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL SITES, SOCIETIES

Following are links to museums and historical sites in the Portland area, including volunteer pages where available. Descriptions are summarized from information publicly available on organization websites at the time of posting or publishing:

- [Architectural Heritage Center/Bosco-Milligan Foundation](#). Preserves historic character and livability of buildings, places and neighborhoods to promote reuse of period homes and buildings through programs, tours and exhibits. [Volunteer](#).
- [Blue Sky Gallery](#). Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts. An exhibition and explication space, community research center, and archive for contemporary photography in Portland. [Volunteer](#).
- [Clackamas County Historical Society and Museum of the Oregon Territory](#). Early history of Clackamas County and research library. [Volunteer](#).
- [Clark County Historical Museum](#). Exhibitions and programs that engage the community in an exploration of Clark County's past, present and future.
- [Design Museum Portland](#). A nomadic museum of all things design focused on educating the world about design. A distributed museum with exhibits and events all over town. Events, field trips, exhibits, story tellers, film screenings. [Volunteer](#).
- [Fort Vancouver](#). A place to explore the lands and structures at the center of fur trade and military history in the Pacific Northwest the diverse cultures who lived and worked here. Walking trails. [Volunteer](#) opportunities at Fort Vancouver, the McLoughlin House, and the Pearson Air Museum.
- [Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery](#). Community volunteers strive to preserve the headstones of the deceased, the greenspace they exist in, and the stories of its residents for future generations. [Volunteer](#).
- [East County Historical Organization](#). Preserve the history of the Fairview, Rockwood and Wilkes areas of East Multnomah County, Oregon. [Volunteer](#).
- [Genealogical Forum of Oregon](#). Genealogical library.
- [Gresham Historical Museum](#). Educates the public on Gresham's cultural history, including the people and events that make Gresham the city it is today.
- Historic Belmont Firehouse. A display of artifacts owned by Portland Fire and Rescue. 900 SE 35th Avenue, Portland. 503-823-3615.



- [Interactive Museum of Gaming and Puzzlery](#). One of the largest publicly accessible collections in the world. Thousands of games, puzzles, and related materials from many countries and traditions.
- [Interpretive Center at the End of the Oregon Trail](#). Preserves our heritage, educates the public and interprets the history of the Oregon Territory, Clackamas County, and Oregon City, the western terminus of the Oregon Trail. [Volunteer](#).
- Kidd Museum. Houses the collection of lifetime collector Mr. Frank Kidd, a lifetime collector. Includes displays of primitive toys. 1301 SE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97214 · (503) 233-7807.
- [Milwaukee History Museum](#). Museum of the Milwaukee Historical Society.
- [Movie Madness Video](#). A museum of movie memorabilia including 100 pieces of costumes and props from silent era to classics.
- [Museum of Contemporary Craft](#). Located at Pacific Northwest College of Art, a vibrant center for investigation and dialogue that expands the definition and exploration of craft.
- [Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals](#). Houses a world-class collection of fine rocks and minerals, fossils, meteorites, lapidary art, and gemstones from the Pacific Northwest and around the world. [Volunteer](#).
- [Northwest Women's History Project](#). Tells the stories of women shipyard workers of World War II, an eventful period in women's economic and social history.
- [Old Aurora Colony Historical Museum](#). Preserves the history of the heritage of the Aurora Colony. Aurora.
- [Oregon Electric Railway Museum](#). Restores and operates old electric railway cars, equipment, trams, streetcars, and trolleys. Displayed at Antique Powerland in Brooks. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Historical Society Museum](#). Preserves, collects and publishes Oregon's multicultural history through museum exhibitions, research collections and publications. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education](#). Archives of the Jewish Historical Society of Oregon. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Maritime Museum](#). The Museum's steam sternwheeler Portland is moored at the Willamette River in downtown Portland's Waterfront Park. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Museum of Science and Industry](#). Science and technology museum and a leading science center. Includes exhibits, films, festivals, planetarium, labs, science playground and submarine. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center](#). Shares and preserves Japanese American history and culture in Portland's Old Town neighborhood, where Japantown once thrived. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation](#). Provides for preservation and public enjoyment of Portland's historic locomotives, railroad equipment, and artifacts; educates public about Oregon's rich and diverse railroad history. [Volunteer](#).
- [Pittock Mansion Society Historical Mansion](#). Turn of the century structure available for tours and rentals. [Volunteer](#).
- [Portland Art Museum](#). Engages diverse communities through art and film of enduring quality, and to collect, preserve, and educate for the enrichment of present and future generations. [Volunteer](#).
- [Portland Children's Museum](#). Youth programs in art, nature and theater. Exhibits, parties, trips, classes, teaching and learning. [Volunteer](#).
- [Portland Chinatown History and Museum Foundation](#). Honors, preserves, and interprets the history and rich cultural heritage of Portland's historic Chinatowns.

- [Portland Institute of Contemporary Art](#). Acknowledges and advances new developments in contemporary art while fostering the creative explorations of artists and audiences. [Volunteer](#).
 - [Portland Police Museum](#). The Portland Police Museum features permanent and rotating exhibits. Police memorabilia, equipment, photos.
 - [Portland Puppet Museum](#). Museum of puppets and place for puppet shows.
 - [The Hat Museum](#). Private collection of hats to see and for sale.
 - [Washington County Museum](#). Discover the unique culture and history of the Tualatin Valley. [Volunteer](#).
 - [Wells Fargo History Museum](#). Learn how Wells Fargo connected Oregon communities by stagecoach and steamboats on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.
 - [World Forestry Center](#). Educate and inform people about the world's forests and trees, and environmental sustainability. [Volunteer](#).
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