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Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Oregon State Parks Trust and your state parks! We hope you enjoy our E-Newsletter.

OREGON STATE PARKS TRUST SETTLES INTO ITS PORTLAND OFFICE

Oregon State Parks Trust has settled into its new Portland office and invites you to stop by to visit the organization's new headquarters and meet its new staff. The office space, located on the fourth floor of the David Evans and Associates Building at 2100 SW River Parkway, looks out over the Willamette River and is accessible via the Portland Streetcar (SW Moody & Gibbs stop).

Dave Eshbaugh is the Trust's Executive Director. He has 15+ years training and successful experience raising funds, managing nonprofit and conservation programs, and developing collaborative partnerships. Before coming to the Trust, Dave was Executive Director of Audubon Oregon, Executive Director of Audubon Society of Portland, a volunteer coordinator, and a college instructor and researcher. He has a MA in anthropology-archaeology from Arizona State University and BA from Miami University in Ohio. Dave is an avid birder and enjoys flyfishing and spending time in nature. You can email Dave at [dave <at> oregonstateparkstrust <dot> org](mailto:dave@oregonstateparkstrust.org).



Jill Tuleya is the Trust's Office Administrator. She has 11+ years experience managing projects, providing administrative support, and raising funds. Jill has MA and BA degrees in English literature from Portland State University. She is an active volunteer for several community nonprofits. You can email Jill at [jill <at> oregonstateparkstrust <dot> org](mailto:jill@oregonstateparkstrust.org). She usually is in the office from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily.

\$1.5 MILLION RAISED TO HELP RESTORE KAM WAH CHUNG & CO. MUSEUM



Oregon State Parks Trust has accomplished its campaign to raise \$1.5 million to help preserve and restore one of Oregon's most significant cultural and historic sites, the Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum. The fundraising drive, chaired by Oregon First Lady Mary Oberst, received contributions from 377 individuals, businesses, foundations, and agencies totaling \$1,504,816, bringing the campaign to a successful completion three years ahead of schedule. "The Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum tells an important story—

about the Chinese in Oregon and about Doc Hay and Lung On, the men who lived there,” Oberst said, “Thanks to the many contributors to this fundraising effort, we now have the resources to preserve that story, and to delve even deeper into the artifacts and documents at the museum to learn more.”

Recently, the Kam Wah Chung campaign benefited from two grants: \$10,000 from Oregon Cultural Trust and \$80,000 of a \$100,000 grant from the National Park Service’s Save America’s Treasures fund. Oregon State Parks Trust’s Executive Director Dave Eshbaugh singled out Senator Ron Wyden for his role in securing the Save America’s Treasures funding, “Senator Wyden led the effort to get this funding and, in so doing, he helped preserve one of Oregon’s most special places.”

Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum is a 140-year-old structure that provides an unparalleled glimpse into the life and culture of the early Chinese community in Oregon. Constructed in 1875 as a trading post, the building evolved over the years to become the social, medical, and religious center for the Chinese community in Eastern Oregon. Housed in the original building, the Museum contains a vast collection of artifacts, including business and financial records, supplies, and ancient Chinese herbs and medicines, some dating back to the 1800s.

The Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum project is a united victory for the four lead partners: the City of John Day and the local Friends of Kam Wah Chung, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and Oregon State Parks Trust. The Friends exist to support the state park, its restoration and presentation to the world. The city enfolds Kam Wah Chung within its own city park.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will include \$2.5 million for Kam Wah Chung in its 2007-09 budget request. That money will be used to interpret and further protect this National Historic Landmark through exhibits, safe storage for the museum collection, park improvements and beginning work on a visitor center. If the budget is approved, OPRD will fund this work from its portion of the Oregon Lottery.

"Kam Wah Chung is a park for today and the future," said OPRD Director Tim Wood. "The Trust’s successful fundraising shows us how local pride in an important landmark can attract statewide — and nationwide — support."

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department owns and operates Kam Wah Chung as a State Heritage Site and park.

LATEST NEWS FROM KAM WAH CHUNG

Collections. A team from the National Park Service is currently onsite, making preparations to remove all the objects from Kam Wah Chung, so that they will be protected during installation of new fire suppression, security, and lighting systems. Plans are for the museum to be emptied by the end of November and construction to begin soon thereafter. The NPS team will catalog the collection during the winter and spring, bringing in an object conservator, textile conservator, and Chinese scholar to work with them to assess individual artifacts.

Archaeological Discoveries. Archaeological excavations at Kam Wah Chung this past summer, unearthed a number of intact (but empty) bottles, a coin purse, Chinese gaming pieces, and other artifacts. The lead archaeologists, associated with the University of Oregon, are now cleaning and analyzing the recovered items; the artifacts will be returned to the museum next summer.

Restored Masonry. Also this past summer, a team of masonry specialists re-pointed the exterior of the Kam Wah Chung building, returning the masonry to how it looked when the building was occupied by Doc Hay and Lung On.

Wallpaper Conservation. Wallpaper conservationists from the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia spent about three weeks at Kam Wah Chung, restoring the “epigrams” scattered throughout the building and repairing sections of original wallpaper. They also removed samples of the damaged 1906 Sears wallpaper in Doc Hay’s bedroom; the wallpaper will be replicated and the replicated wallpaper installed next summer.

FORT YAMHILL STATE PARK

Oregon State Parks Trust participated in the opening ceremonies for [Fort Yamhill State Park](#). Thanks to a generous grant from the [Spirit Mountain Community Fund](#), the Trust was able to provide \$50,000 towards funding needed for interpretive displays and signs at the site.



WILLAMETTE RIVER WATER TRAIL III

Oregon State Parks Trust has entered into a partnership with [Willamette Riverkeepers](#) and [Oregon Parks and Recreation Department](#) to raise funds needed for the third (and final) section of the Willamette River Water Trail. This section, which includes the Willamette riverfront in downtown Portland, will be from Wheatland Ferry to the Columbia River, and complete the 204-mile water trail. Stay tuned for more information about how you can participate in this exciting project.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OREGON STATE PARKS

Fort Stevens Graveyard of the Pacific

Oct 25, 2006 at Fort Stevens State Park. Meet Thomas P. Iredale, descendant of Peter Iredale, for a talk on the Iredale family history and the Peter Iredale on the 100th anniversary of the ship running aground. Noon at the Wreck of the Peter Iredale.

Fort Stevens Graveyard of the Pacific

Oct 28, 2006 at Fort Stevens State Park. Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the wreck of the Peter Iredale. Ranger talks on the Graveyard of the Pacific and the Peter Iredale. Observation deck at parking lot "C" and Peter Iredale Shipwreck. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Tryon Spooky Night Hike

Oct 28, 2006 at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Pre-registration required. \$5 per person. Call (503) 636-9886 or (503) 636-4398.

Fort Stevens Graveyard of the Pacific

Oct 29, 2006 at Fort Stevens State Park. Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the wreck of the Peter Iredale. Ranger talks on the Graveyard of the Pacific and the Peter Iredale. Observation deck at parking lot "C" and Peter Iredale Shipwreck. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Champoeg Holiday Gathering

Dec 2, 2006 at Champoeg State Heritage Area. Children of all ages are invited to make simple gifts to give or keep, and share in the spirit of an old-fashioned holiday season. Champoeg Visitor Center, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

These and other state park events are listed at www.oregonstateparks.org/events.php.

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