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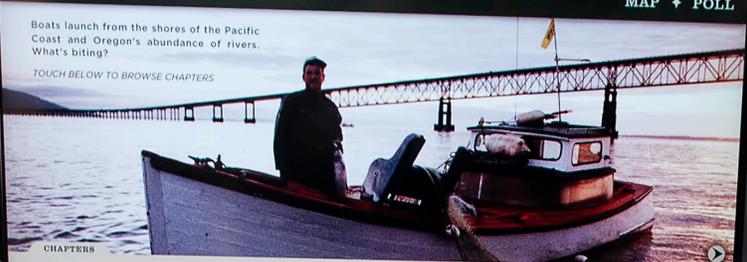


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Boats launch from the shores of the Pacific Coast and Oregon's abundance of rivers. What's biting?

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RANCHING

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No Easy Choices

Modern

I love my truck, whoa,  
I ain't got much love, but  
it don't matter who lived  
if don't matter who died,  
I got my truck right by my

PLAY  
MOVIE

TRAMPING

WIGAN  
LABOR

and useful; pickup trucks are indispensable  
in rural Oregon. Their uses are only limited  
man ingenuity and the price of fuel. They  
in homestead places in the rural and urban.  
Whether used to haul groceries, children,  
ing gear, hay bales, livestock, eggs, milk cans,  
rels, or firewood, they are the chores dona-  
tor suit-beaten, dusty, and aged, or kept  
ed and shiny, these modern "wagons" meet  
and are valued trophies.

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Dear OHS Members and Friends,

We are very proud to report that 2012 was a year of tremendous accomplishments for the Oregon Historical Society.

Thanks to local and state funding, as well as generous support from our members, local foundations and corporations, our OHS Board, and estate gifts, our financial picture is strong. These gifts also allowed us to open our new permanent exhibit, **Oregon Voices: Change and Challenge in Modern Oregon History**. This exhibit has received glowing reviews from our visitors, as did three complimentary rotating exhibits focused on mid-century life in Oregon: **The Architecture of Pietro Belluschi**, **Culture Captured: The Photography of Marian Wood Kolisch**, and **The Mightiest**

**Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm**. These exhibits—and increased school tours for Oregon students—helped to grow 2012 attendance 31% above 2011.

2012 also saw a dramatic increase in the number of programs, lectures, and classes offered to our members and the public. From the popular genealogy workshops hosted by our research library to book signings with state and national figures to historical film premieres to events highlighting the centennial of woman suffrage in Oregon, it was clear that OHS offered something for everyone. The *Oregon Historical Quarterly* also continued to do what it has done for over a century—provide fascinating and provocative articles on a wide variety of subjects. The Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Historians Forum, now in its 15th year, has regained its status as one of Oregon’s premier lecture series.

Increased financial stability. High quality exhibits and programs. More visitors coming in our doors. Greater visibility around the state. It took a lot of hard work from our staff, board, and volunteers to make it all happen, and we are very grateful for the continued support and encouragement from you—our members.

There’s an old saying that the surest way to crush your laurels is to sit on them, so we want to assure you that we are taking full advantage of all we accomplished in 2012. We are very encouraged by the fact that 2013 is well on its way to surpassing last year’s progress.

We hope to see you very soon.

Sincerely,  
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*OHS volunteers and families take a ride in the Oregon Voices MAX train theater.*

# A Year in Review

## RESEARCH LIBRARY

The library continued its efforts to preserve and make available its collections in a variety of ways, including major catalog conversion projects, scanning of photographs, film and video preservation and access, and a significant educational outreach effort. The restoration of reference hours was greatly appreciated by researchers and resulted in increased patronage. The sale of surplus materials provided an important source of revenue. The appointment of a permanent library director, Geoff Wexler, was helpful in enhancing leadership and in boosting staff morale. OHS library staff members continued to develop innovative approaches to ongoing challenges, and they are provided with indispensable assistance by a corps of dedicated volunteers.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

School group tours were robust in 2012, due in large part to exhibit material that piqued the interest of local educators. Our partnership with the Wells Fargo History Museum allowed OHS to accommodate more students in larger groups, and a grant from The Weston Foundation continued to support bus expenses for schools that could otherwise not afford to visit the museum. Traveling trunks went out to schools on a weekly basis, allowing teachers to offer pre- and post-tour learning enrichments for students. OHS also sponsored the return of the National History Day program and sponsored the local level contest this past spring.

## OREGON HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

The *Oregon Historical Quarterly's* Fall 2012 special issue, "Women and Citizenship," guest edited by Dr. Kimberly Jensen, commemorated the centennial of woman suffrage in Oregon while driving forward scholarship on a broad, significant theme in Oregon history. Throughout the year, *OHQ* continued to offer scholars and general readers well-researched, well-written articles on a wide range of subjects.

## MARK O. HATFIELD DISTINGUISHED HISTORIANS FORUM

The Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Historians Forum continued to be Oregon's premier lecture series for history, featuring notable authors Lynn Sherr, James Swanson, Brent Walth, and Rex Ziak. The forum began with a special fifth lecture honoring the late Sen. Mark O. Hatfield; those closest to him shared their fondest memories.

## 2012 HISTORY MAKERS DINNER

The History Makers Medal was presented to four notable Oregonians in a gala dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, September 27, at the Oregon Historical Society. The event honored entrepreneur Gerry Frank, father of the Portland Trail Blazers Harry Glickman, influential tribal leader Kathryn Harrison, and ground-breaking legislator Norma Paulus. It also raised over \$100,000 in operating funds for the Society.



# A Year in Review .....

## **TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S OREGON ROADSHOW**

In 2012, the Oregon Historical Society spread its reach across the state with the inaugural Teddy Roosevelt Roadshow. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk and the nation's leading TR recreator, Joe Wiegand, traveled to schools and historical societies across our state sharing stories of the great Rough Rider president. From Portland to Prineville, Teddy traveled over 1,000 miles, and finished his tour as the guest of honor at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Membership.

## **MODERN EXHIBIT SERIES**

In 2012, the Oregon History Museum hosted a series of exhibits and launched a new permanent exhibit, all focusing on mid 20th century history. These original exhibits gave visitors a lens to some of the most influential people and events in Oregon.

## **Culture Captured: The Photography of Marian Wood Kolisch**

For thirty years, Marian Wood Kolisch photographed many of Oregon's most notable citizens. She did her portrait sessions in the subject's own environment, adding information about the sitter that enhanced the photograph. The exhibit featured 40 striking portraits, including film director Gus Van Sant, architect Pietro Belluschi, and former Oregon Historical Society director Thomas Vaughan.

## **The Architecture and Legacy of Pietro Belluschi**

Born in Italy, Pietro Belluschi (1899–1994) became known as the most important architect to have lived and worked in Oregon. He was recognized for being a prominent contributor to a style known as Pacific Northwest Regionalism as well as for mastering modern design innovations. This exhibit shared, for the first time, an overview of Pietro Belluschi's architectural contributions during his long and richly productive career.

## **Oregon Voices: Change and Challenge in Modern Oregon History**

A new, multimedia permanent exhibit, Oregon Voices, picks up where Oregon My Oregon ends, focusing on the issues and events that shaped Oregon in the last half of the 20th century. Featuring the latest in touch screen technology, Oregon Voices allows visitors to create their own museum visit, exploring films, photographs, recordings, and digital documents.

## **The Mightiest Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm**

This past fall, the Oregon History Museum commemorated the 50th anniversary of the notorious Columbus Day Storm. Inside the exhibit, large-scale artifacts recreated the destruction caused by the storm. A wind machine gave visitors the chance to experience similar wind gusts, and a green screen offered the unique opportunity to play meteorologist during Oregon's most dramatic storm.



*Credit Ned Thanouser*



*Credit Andrew Randles*



# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2012  
With Comparative Amounts for 2011

## OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY & SUBSIDIARY

	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,666,472	\$ 2,796,692
Accounts receivable	5,753	10,101
Contributions and grants receivable	179,326	2,608,294
Inventories and prepayments	143,371	149,305
Other assets	102,533	108,952
Investments	3,021,569	–
Beneficial interest in assets held by the Oregon Community Foundation	7,309,971	6,929,438
Beneficial interest in charitable trusts	553,901	517,747
Land, buildings, and equipment	9,267,706	9,628,804
Collections		
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 22,250,602</b>	<b>\$ 22,749,333</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	231,597	217,607
Deferred revenue	12,539	3,052
Liability to trust beneficiaries	3,085	24,630
Long-term debt	45,407	2,638,453
Deferred compensation	–	13,179
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>292,628</b>	<b>2,896,921</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted:		
Available for operations	134,121	–
Board-designated reserves	3,740,918	1,853,259
Cumulative endowment losses	(531,095)	(878,749)
Net investment in capital assets	8,591,813	6,384,923
Net investment in operating subsidiary	817,860	833,466
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<b>12,753,617</b>	<b>8,192,899</b>
Temporarily restricted	849,102	3,377,263
Permanently restricted for endowment	8,355,255	8,282,250
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>21,957,974</b>	<b>19,852,412</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 22,250,602</b>	<b>\$ 22,749,333</b>

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Year Ended December 31, 2012  
With Comparative Totals for 2011

## OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY & SUBSIDIARY

	2012			Total	2011
	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted		
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>					
Contributions and grants	\$2,998,641	690,989	6,600	3,696,230	1,662,973
Memberships	240,642	–	–	240,642	252,635
Multnomah County levy	1,651,719	–	–	1,651,719	896,798
Other governmental funding	222,489	74,713	–	297,202	2,902,509
Forgiveness of long-term debt prepayment penalty	344,282	–	–	344,282	–
<b>Total public support</b>	<b>5,457,773</b>	<b>765,702</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>6,230,075</b>	<b>5,714,915</b>
<b>REVENUES AND GAINS</b>					
Admissions	144,403	–	–	144,403	134,876
Product sales	227,085	–	–	227,085	232,956
Rental income	630,942	–	–	630,942	619,317
Investment income	88,869	–	–	88,869	38,036
Net change in beneficial interest in assets held by OCF	656,241	71,418	–	727,659	(216,430)
Net change in the fair value of split-interest agreements	–	10,738	66,405	77,143	(12,741)
Net gain on the sale of collection items	–	49,330	–	49,330	10,381
Other	113,399	–	–	113,399	115,237
<b>Total revenues and gains</b>	<b>1,860,939</b>	<b>131,486</b>	<b>66,405</b>	<b>2,058,830</b>	<b>921,632</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	3,425,349	(3,425,349)	–	–	–
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support</b>	<b>10,744,061</b>	<b>(2,528,161)</b>	<b>73,005</b>	<b>8,288,905</b>	<b>6,636,547</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Program services	4,469,034	–	–	4,469,034	3,083,044
Supporting services	1,126,008	–	–	1,126,008	1,215,909
Jefferson-Madison Corporation	588,301	–	–	588,301	549,647
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6,183,343</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6,183,343</b>	<b>4,848,600</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	4,560,718	(2,528,161)	73,005	2,105,562	1,787,947
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<b>8,192,899</b>	<b>3,377,263</b>	<b>8,282,250</b>	<b>19,852,412</b>	<b>18,064,465</b>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b>\$12,753,617</b>	<b>849,102</b>	<b>8,355,255</b>	<b>21,957,974</b>	<b>19,852,412</b>

## ABOUT THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Since 1898, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's premier historical arm, gathering and preserving documents, manuscripts, publications, films, recordings, and artifacts. The Society preserves the significant cultural traditions of the diverse peoples of Oregon and has received high honors for its exhibits, its historical journal the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, and educational programs for the public. The Society's award-winning exhibits include Oregon My Oregon, a permanent exhibit that won a MUSE Award from the American Association of Museums. The Society's artifacts collection includes ancient objects from the region's earliest settlements as well as items donated by contemporary Oregonians. Its vast and priceless collections include some 85,000 artifacts, 2.5 million photographs, 25,000 maps, 12,000 linear feet of manuscript materials, a library collection of 35,000 books, a film archive of 15,000 titles, and more than 2,000 oral histories.

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