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Oregon Historical Society Recipient of the Northwest China Council 2017 Flying Horse Award

Award to be presented at gala celebration on February 16, 2017

Portland, OR – January 23, 2017 – [Northwest China Council](#) is pleased to announce that the Oregon Historical Society will be presented with their annual Flying Horse Award at a gala celebration on Thursday, February 16. Northwest China Council has honored 26 individuals and businesses with the Flying Horse Award for their outstanding promotion of a greater understanding of Chinese culture in Oregon and SW Washington. Past recipients include Bruce and Gloria Wong, the Yat Sing Music Club, Mayor Bud Clark, and most recently Professor Jeffrey Barlow and Christine Richardson-Barlow.

In 2016, the [Oregon Historical Society](#) hosted two exhibitions on Chinese American history that provided both a local and national perspective on issues of immigration, inclusion, and exclusion for the Chinese American community. OHS both hosted the renowned New-York Historical Society traveling exhibition *Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion*, as well as worked closely with local community members to develop an original exhibition on Portland's historic Chinatowns entitled *Beyond the Gate*. In addition to these two exhibits, the Oregon Historical Society developed a Chinese American speakers series that was offered to over 30 libraries and historical societies across the state free of charge.

OHS also worked closely with community members to organize a parade in honor of the Lunar New Year, resurrecting the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association's dragon that had not been danced in a public performance for over ten years. The parade will take place again this year on Sunday, January 29, beginning at 11am on NW Davis and Third Avenue. The parade will run through Downtown Portland, concluding at the

Oregon Historical Society for lion dances and festivities. More information on the event can be found on the [OHS website](#).

“While many individuals worked with the Oregon Historical Society to develop *Beyond the Gate*, we are especially grateful for the Society’s efforts to send speakers across the state to share Chinese American history with so many communities in Oregon,” said Northwest China Council Executive Director Leslie Atiyeh.

“My staff and I are extremely proud of the quality and success of both Chinese American exhibitions,” said OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. “It was a privilege to work closely with the Chinese American community on these exhibits and programming, and we are honored that the Northwest China Council has chosen to recognize OHS and our work with the Flying Horse Award.”

The awards celebration will begin at 5:30pm at Mandarin Cove Restaurant (111 SW Columbia Street, Portland). General admission tickets to the awards celebration are \$80 and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information and to register online, visit www.nwchina.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state’s collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon’s history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon’s cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.

About the Northwest China Council

Established in 1980, the Northwest China Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, dues based, educational organization, dedicated to promoting greater understanding of current affairs and culture of greater China, and the Chinese diaspora and to be a regional resource, providing educational programs, information services, and foreign trade expertise in Oregon and southwest Washington. To accomplish our mission, the Northwest China Council sponsors lectures, seminars, and workshops; offers Mandarin Chinese language classes; organizes China Business Network events; and has led unique cultural and business tours to China.

