



Northwest Trails

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Save the Date

NW OCTA Annual Meeting Saturday, March 7, 2020 Pioneer Community Center, Oregon City, OR

Plans are being finalized for the NW OCTA Annual Meeting on March 7 in Oregon City. The meeting will follow traditional times, starting with an informal hour at 9:00 a.m. and the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. We will break for lunch (bring your own) and have a program and raffle afterward. The board will meet following the membership meeting.



Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street, Oregon City.

A flyer will be sent to members in early February with details.

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President's Message

By Sallie K. Riehl

Hello to all of you and welcome to the first Northwest Chapter newsletter of 2020. My husband Jim and I joined the chapter sometime in 2001 and were immediately gathered in to work on the COED database. We also began to attend the yearly conventions and to learn about the great migration that came along the old Indian and trapper trails and became the Oregon Trail. We still learn new things about the trail and the emigrants every time we have a meeting or convention. It is a real treat to visit with the members of the chapter and hear their experiences of the Trail.

Many thanks to Rich Herman for his hard work for the chapter these last several years. I plan to build on his expertise and enthusiasm to move the chapter forward. His love of the trail is the motivation we all need to complete the chapter's goals.

I am impressed by the devotion of Susan Badger Doyle and Roger Blair to the membership because of their work on the newsletter and the photography that keeps the history of our chapter alive. They also serve the chapter in many other ways. Thanks also to Robin Baker who is working hard on mapping the Barlow Trail and is developing new digital programs to help us understand where the pioneers actually traveled on the trail.

We are making plans for the spring meeting on March 7 at the Pioneer Community Center in Oregon City. We will send you a flyer with the details in February.

I appreciate the chance the membership has given me to help lead the organization this next year. I am confident that with the help of the Past President and the other members of the Executive committee that we can develop a strong program to keep advocating for the preservation of the Oregon Trail in the Northwest.

NW OCTA Election Results

President	Sallie Riehl
Vice-President	Bernadette Hammelman
Secretary	Jenny Miller
Treasurer	Glenn Harrison
Directors:	
Roger Blair	(one-year term)
Dave Welch	(three-year term)

Annual OCTA Mid-Year Symposium

Yuma, Arizona, February 21–23, 2020

Speakers and site tours will feature local tribes, 1540 Coronado Expedition, Juan Bautista de Anza, Spanish missions, Mormon Battalion, Fort Yuma, 1849 California Gold Rush, and the 1915 Old Spanish Highway.

The opening reception on Friday, February 21, will be at the 1870 Sanguinetti House, 240 S. Madison Avenue in Yuma.

The keynote speaker on Saturday, February 22 will be Tina Clark, Historian/Archeologist, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

An OCTA Board Meeting and strategic planning session on Thursday and Friday, February 21–22.

Host Hotel: Shilo Inn, 1550 S. Castle Dome Ave., Yuma, AZ, 85365

Phone: 928-782-9511, Special OCTA rate is \$99.00, which includes free breakfast

38th Annual OCTA Convention

Elko, Nevada, September 19–23, 2020

The convention theme is “Through the Lens of History – Preserving the Past – Focusing on the Future”

NEW for the OCTA 2020 Convention in Elko, NV:

- Terrific tour of the Williams Family Gun Museum, blacksmith shop and gunsmith shop
- Incredible interpretive walking trails at historic, recently excavated Fort Ruby
- Beautiful and scenic tour of Lamoille Canyon with professional photographer Susan Elliott and naturalist Larry Hyslop. Includes a nature trail walk and tips on photography!
- Exciting Sutter’s Fort Exhibit at the California Trail Center
- Totally fun Trail Days at the California Trail Center on September 19

Reserve Your Hotel Now for Best Rates!

High Desert Inn – \$69 – 775-738-8425

Gold Country Inn – \$79 – 775-738-8421

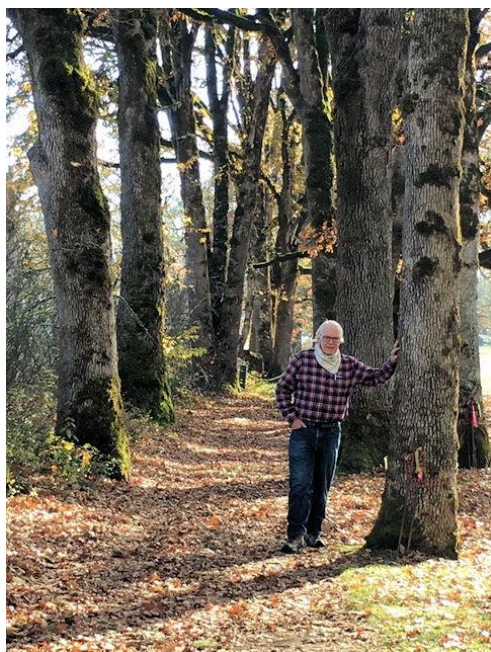
Red Lion Hotel & Casino – \$89 – 775-738-2111

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Steve and Jean Ludeman Tour the Barlow Road

On November 7, 2019, Steve and Jean Ludeman followed Henry Pittock's guide notes and searched out several locations of the old trail between Eagle Creek and Oregon city. They traveled by motorcycle with a sidecar. The water scene is the Feldheimer Ford, where the wagons crossed the Clackamas River on the final leg of their trip to Oregon city. Steve reports, "It was a wonderful day!"



Steve Ludeman.



Jean Ludeman in the sidecar.



OCTA Carsonite marker.



Feldheimer Ford on the Clackamas River.

Rose Jackson

Rose Jackson was a former slave who convinced the Allen family who freed her to take her with them to Oregon in 1849. At that time Oregon's exclusion laws barred black people from living in Oregon. Dr. William Allen, head of the family, built a box for Rose so she could travel in the box inside the wagon during the day. According to *Black Pioneers of the Northwest 1800–1918*, by Martha Anderson, Rose only came out at night to stretch her muscles and breathe fresh air in preparation for the next day's ride.

Soon after they arrived in Oregon, Dr. Allen died, and Rose worked as a laundress and helped support the Allen family. Later she married John Jackson, moved to Salem, and had two children.

The box Rose Jackson traveled in over the Oregon Trail is on display at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City.



Props and demonstrations help children visualize the lives of real people like themselves. I would ask children to sit inside this crate and **experience the perils** of Rose Jackson's trip across the Oregon Trail in a box for themselves as I rattled the box to simulate the bumpy trip.



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MASTHEAD: Replica of *The Old Oregon Trail* bronze relief sculpture created in 1924 by Avard Fairbanks for Oregon Trail monuments.



2020 OCTA Convention

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- Preserving the Past -
Focusing on the Future*

September 19-23

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