



A Message from Our Executive Director

At the start of 2021, our staff was full of hope for an end to pandemic isolation and an adjustment to a new “normal.” However, this year brought incredible challenges to our organization, from our long-time leader retiring to COVID surges cancelling our in-person fundraising and education events. Despite these obstacles, **we were able to make measurable impacts in Oregon in the following ways:**

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Promoting Re-use as Climate Action
- Conducting Advocacy
- Rolling up Our Sleeves with Oregon’s Most Endangered Places
- Solidifying our role as a Preservation Thought-Leader in Oregon
- Sharing Technical Expertise

Read more about this crucial work, **that is only made possible by you**, on the following page. Restore Oregon is grateful for our community of members, donors, and supporters who continue to show up for preservation and remain dedicated to saving Oregon’s historic places and treasures. Please enjoy the enclosed Pets ‘n Preservation Calendar as a thank you for your continued support and dedication to preserve, reuse and pass forward our state’s historic places.

Together, let’s find ways to grow an even wider circle!



Warmly,
Nicole Possert
Executive Director

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Measurable Impacts in Oregon



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Restore Oregon staff and board are committed to listening, learning, and taking action to do better by moving beyond the constraints of traditional preservation practices to ensure that preservation in Oregon is more equitable, inclusive and representative of the many communities that have contributed to our region's complex history. Building upon our DEI staff training completed in 2020, Restore Oregon wrote and adopted an Equity Statement this year.



Promoting Re-use as Climate Action

Working with EcoNorthwest, an independent economic consulting firm, Restore Oregon estimated the average CO2 emission reductions realized by renovating existing structures rather than demolishing and replacing them. It turns out that Oregon's existing homes and buildings are among our state's greatest renewable resources, clearly illustrating how historic preservation can help support regional carbon reduction goals.



Conducting Advocacy

By advocating over 2,000 hours statewide against demolition and development pressures, we advanced policy at the local, state, and federal levels:

- Working to pass a once-in-a-lifetime enhanced national historic tax credit program
- Supported state funding for Main Streets, 11 capital projects, and over \$50 million in grants to arts/culture sector as a member of the Cultural Advocacy Coalition
- Fought to stop a demolition request for the Yamaguchi Hotel in Portland. While unsuccessful, this effort supported the local Japanese-American community's efforts to stop the erasure of their cultural heritage.



Celebrating Oregon's Preservation Industry

Eleven projects across the state received our DeMuro Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, two of which were affordable housing projects, making the case that re-use and preservation are part of the solution to our housing crisis!



Sharing Technical Expertise

Engaged with 57 individual places in 27 of Oregon's 36 counties, provided over 200 Oregonians with technical support, and shared 100 free downloads of our Preservation Toolkit, a high-level preservation guide.

Protecting Oregon's Most Endangered Places



Billy Webb Elks Lodge

We launched a GoFundMe Campaign that raised over \$26,000 to help the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, recently-listed in the National Register of Historic Places, rebuild after a devastating fire, and wrote a grant that resulted in the lodge receiving \$5,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to conduct a feasibility study for new and expanded uses of the lodge.



Rural Historic Theaters

We provided technical support and made site visits to Rural Historic Theaters statewide; authored a National Register of Historic Places nomination for Lakeview's Alger Theater.



Mayo House

We protected the Mayo House from further deterioration through exterior winterization made possible by a Kinsman Foundation seed grant and in-kind donations of materials and time from Albina Construction.



Cumberland Church

We assisted Albany preservationists in their efforts to relocate the historic Cumberland Church, saving it from the landfill and preparing it for use as a community center.



Jantzen Beach Carousel

Celebrating the carousel's 100th birthday, we put the finishing touching touches on a preservation plan, moving Oregon's beloved carousel one step further towards restoration.



Moving Preservation Forward in Oregon

Our quarterly printed magazine, FieldNotes, and monthly digital E-News keeps everyone informed and engaged with Oregon's heritage.



Keep Our Good Work Going

Your continued financial support is crucial at year-end giving season. Please read about ways you can contribute and help save historic places on the next page.

Donate to Restore Oregon to Help Save Historic Places!

Many people are under the false impression that we are state-funded. Restore Oregon is the only non-profit working state-wide to save Oregon's heritage, however we are funded exclusively through grants and from donors like you. We are committed to making a lasting change for Oregon's historic places and communities, but **we simply cannot do it without your help.**

Now more than ever, we need your support. **Before year's end, our staff and Board of Directors need to raise at least \$50,000.** Please help us reach our goal!

How does your donation help us make a difference in Oregon's communities?

 <p>TECHNICAL EXPERTISE</p>	\$50 donation funds an hour of our technical preservation support	 <p>PROTECTING ENDANGERED PLACES</p>	\$1,000 donation provides critical assistance to an Oregon Most Endangered Place
 <p>SITE VISITS</p>	\$150 donation pays for a site visit to an endangered place in the Willamette Valley	 <p>ADVOCACY ALERTS</p>	\$2,500 donation grants us the time needed to deliver crucial advocacy alerts to the public
 <p>EASEMENT MONITORING</p>	\$500 donation supports a day of monitoring our 46 historic conservation easements	 <p>DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION</p>	\$5,000 donation supports program development for equitable preservation practices

Preservation is something we can only accomplish together. Your gift powers Restore Oregon's work to save Oregon's heritage. Thanks again for your support!



Donating is easy!

Please make your gift by scanning this QR code, or return the enclosed envelope, or donate online at restoreoregon.org/donate.

P.S. Looking for the perfect holiday gifts? We offer two options guaranteed in stock and ready to ship! Our annual Pets 'n Preservation Calendar is available for purchase on our website and shipped to you! For a gift that keeps on giving, consider giving memberships in Restore Oregon. Purchase by December 6, and we'll notify the recipients of your gift before the holidays.