EXHIBITS

AFTER PROMONTORY: 150 YEARS OF TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROADING

NOVEMBER 1, 2019 - APRIL 25, 2020

This traveling exhibition examines the significance and lasting impact of the transcontinental railroads on the American West. It features photographs by some of the most accomplished photographers in the nation’s history, such as William Henry Jackson, Timothy H. O’Sullivan, and Carleton E. Watkins, whose images illustrate how railroads profoundly reshaped the human geography of the West.

EAST PORTLAND: A CHANGING LANDSCAPE, A FORGOTTEN CITY

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This original exhibition explores the little-known story of the historic city of East Portland, focusing on the period from the 1840s to the 1910s. The exhibit explores the impact of the arrival of the railroad and industry, and the changing landscape that in the course of only a few decades turned a flood zone into a thriving city.

East Portland exhibit presented with support from The Jackson Foundation.

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Bottom: Postcard of First Steel Bridge, First Railroad Bridge over the Willamette River, c.1908. AHC Library.


PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The AHC organizes a range of programs, including talks, panel discussions, workshops, and forums on diverse topics about Portland's architecture. These programs are open to the public and most take place in the historic West's Block Building in southeast Portland. Unless noted, program admission is:

$12.00 · AHC MEMBER $20.00 · GENERAL PUBLIC

BEN HOLLADAY'S PORTLAND
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 10:00 AM

A controversial figure with extravagant dreams and legendary appetites, Ben Holladay upended Portland norms and dominated its politics. This talk by Dan Haneckow, author of Portland Then and Now, focuses on the years 1868-1874, the height of Holladay's influence as "Oregon's Railroad King" and a dramatic time when Portland was shedding much of its pioneer character to become "The Metropolis of the Pacific Northwest."

THE OREGON RAIL HERITAGE CENTER: RESCUING OREGON'S RAILROAD HISTORY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 10:00 AM

Three presenters discuss the challenges and rewards of building the Oregon Rail Heritage Center in SE Portland. Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation president Roy Hemminger provides a short history of railroading in Oregon and how the Oregon Rail Heritage Center came to be. He is joined by David Wark, FAIA, LEED and Dan Petrescu, AIA, LEED of Hennebery Eddy Architects who discuss the challenges of constructing a public building on a site that, ironically, was "landlocked" by existing railroad lines and was once home to Oregon's largest lumber mill.

THRESHOLDS AND THE LIMINAL: A TALE OF THREE PORTLAND LANDMARKS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 10:00 AM

A thought-provoking look at how three landmark Portland buildings provide insight into our architectural history and perhaps our architectural future, presented by Bob Hermanson, retired professor of architecture. In Portland, three architectural styles—Richardsonian Romanesque, the Scissortruss Movement, and Modernism—are represented through landmark buildings, and each tells a story about its time and place, where it came from, and where it might lead us.

RAILROAD ARCHITECTURE AND THE NORTHWEST: ECONOMICS, ETHOS, AND CULTURE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 10:00 AM

Alexander Benjamin Craighead, historian and teacher in the American Studies program at UC Berkeley, shares his approach to railway architecture as cultural history. From humble wooden depots that pioneered the concept of franchise architecture to grand urban depots displaying the power of the country’s new "millionaire society," these structures embody the story of America’s Gilded Age.

"NUMBER PLEASE:" PORTLAND AND THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 10:00 AM

Learn about the unique buildings in Portland that were once at the center of our communications in this presentation by architectural historian Eric Wheeler. During the first several decades in the history of telecommunications, the constantly evolving technology created a need for telephone operators to connect callers and large buildings to house both workers and equipment. Perhaps surprisingly, quite a few of the Portland area telephone exchange buildings from the early 20th century still exist.

THE NEW DEAL'S LOCAL LEGACY: PIONEERING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND A LANDSCAPE AESTHETIC
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 10:00 AM

Judith Kenny, retired professor of Geography and Urban Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, considers the contributions of famous regional architects such as Ellis F. Lawrence and Jameson Parker, as well as some lesser-known local artisans, and explores the New Deal projects in the Portland area that contributed to the preservation of our pioneer architectural heritage and the development of a regional landscape style.

WALKING TOURS

Explore Portland on foot! The AHC offers walking tours of Portland neighborhoods on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from March through October. Go to our website for more information and to register. You'll receive tour starting location after registering.

1. MERCHANTS AND MARKETS - downtown Historic Yamhill District TUESDAY, MARCH 3 10:00 AM

2. THE PEARL DISTRICT - NW Portland renovated industrial area TUESDAY, MARCH 10 10:00 AM

3. DOWNTOWN PORTLAND'S "NORTH END" - South of Burnside Ave. TUESDAY, MARCH 17 10:00 AM

4. SOUTH PARK BLOCKS - SW between 9th and 10th Ave. TUESDAY, MARCH 24 10:00 AM

5. BROADWAY AND MID-TOWN - SW Broadway Ave. and Park Ave. TUESDAY, MARCH 31 10:00 AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The new year brings this new quarterly program guide that highlights AHC exhibits, tours, and other programs. As the AHC begins to implement our new strategic plan for 2020-22, we're making some changes in how we stay in touch with you. You'll be hearing more from us more often, and in multiple formats, both print and digital. Your favorite content in the News & Notes newsletter will be enhanced and delivered to you in different ways. We will also create more opportunities to hear from you. We remain as committed as ever to historic architecture and to strengthening the AHC as our city's hub for understanding and sustaining our built environment. Watch for more to come in 2020 in our work to connect people and place, the past and the future.
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AHC business members offer products, services, and other expertise for vintage properties. Visit our website for more information on their work.

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WHERE PROJECTS MEET RESOURCE PROVIDERS

AHC BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT

FEBRUARY 24  5PM-7PM

Need help with a project at your older home or property? The public is invited to meet and talk to our business members at quarterly networking events. The next event is February 24. Refreshments provided.