

Perseverance: Black Pioneers in Oregon

History Center exhibit now showing, downtown

A unique exhibit, developed in collaboration with the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers, which highlights the environment and stories of early Oregon black pioneers who lived in the state prior to World War II, is now showing through April 3 at the society's Oregon History Museum, downtown. Photographs, maps and newspaper accounts are used to detail their daily lives.

According to Gwen Carr, co-curator of the exhibit, "Many will be surprised to learn that Oregon's black

history began much earlier than the Portland shipyards. It began instead over 150 years earlier and reached into every corner of the state. This exhibit focuses on those black people across the state who contributed to Oregon's earliest history."

Throughout Oregon's early history, the presence of African Americans in all parts of the state was recorded in documents and photographs. They came to Oregon as slaves and free in spite of Black

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A World War I era photograph of a young black man on Woodburn High School's basketball team is featured in a Black Pioneers in Early Oregon exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society. Museum curators hope visitors can identify some of the exhibit's faces without names.



George Fletcher, Oregon's most famous black cowboy, won fame in the Pendleton Round-Up in 1911-12. He went on to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

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Center, Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

Tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for the general public. The material in the show is inappropriate for children.

Proceeds will go toward a campaign focusing on the women and girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Since 1996, sexual violence against women and girls in the east-

ern part of the Congo has been used as a weapon of war to torture entire families and whole communities.

In addition, organizers are raising money for the Deborah Evind Women's Leadership Scholarship. The Sylvania Women's Resource Center, which provides support and advocacy to assist women from low-income backgrounds enter college, is collecting funds in honor of Evind to benefit its female students - founder of the center.

Inspiration

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I'm 35 and thought I was quite old to be at PCC. But every day I see students who are older than me, and it inspires me to succeed in my goals.

Chandra
Future Social Worker



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