



Portraits of Marie Lynthecom, a Salem area resident from the early 1900s. Her husband worked in the offices of Gov. Oswald West.

# Stories of African American Settlers

The stories of African-American settlers in our region through the last 200 years are now featured in a new exhibit on the second floor of the Reed Opera House in downtown Salem.

The Perseverance: Black Pioneers in Early Oregon in Marion and Polk Counties, is made possible through the partnership of Salem Multicultural Institute and Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers.

The free exhibit is open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturdays, from noon to 4 p.m., at the World Beat Gallery, located on 189 Liberty Street, NE,

Salem. The exhibit closes on Wednesday, April 18.

The featured collection will provide names and descriptions of the many ways African Americans have made Oregon history, taking their rightful place among pioneers past and present. Other topics, include a black Pioneer Cemetery and how the white community interacted with blacks in Marion and Polk counties.

Everyone is invited to the opening reception on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

For further information, call 503-581-2004 or visit salemmulticultural.org.



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