


**Celebrates
Black History Month**



**625 NE Killingsworth
Portland, OR 97211**
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Founder of Oregon Black Pioneers Dies

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She was president of Oregon Black Pioneers for over 20 years and received many awards for her work, which saw it become the leading historical organization for research and preservation of Black history in Oregon.

"I'm really going to miss Willie," Moreland said. "She was a dear friend, a mentor, more like a big sister, and she loved Oregon Black Pioneers. If it wasn't for her leadership and passion, it wouldn't exist today."

The mission of Oregon Black Pioneers is to "research, recognize and observe Oregon's African American heritage," Moreland said.

The nonprofit sponsors exhibits at the Oregon Historical Society and traveling exhibits throughout the state, collaborating with the University of Oregon and several others to create the exhibits.

A current exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society features Leticia Carson, who traveled the Oregon Trail with her husband,

who was white, Moreland said.

"When he died they took her property and said she wasn't allowed to have property because she was Black," Moreland said, but Carson successfully sued and was awarded compensation for her property.

The staff of Oregon Black Pioneers, headed by executive director Zachary Stocks, collaborates with museums across the Pacific Northwest to incorporate stories of African Americans in new and existing exhibits, and takes on larger research projects upon request.

More information about Oregon Black Pioneers can be found on its website at oregonblackpioneers.org. A new program, called Black History Quest, is a new virtual program series where each month a different history investigator "reveals the hidden stories behind selected artifacts from the OBP research files."

Online contributions to the nonprofit are welcome, and a fundraising gala will be held on April 16, with details to be posted on the website. The website also includes details on Black History Month events sponsored

by the organization.

Prospective volunteer board members can also apply on the website, as well the applications for a new paid position, public programs and exhibitions manager.

Moreland, a former city planner for the city of Portland, also worked in Salem where she met Richardson and got involved with Oregon Black Pioneers. She was organizational secretary for many years and was elected president when Richardson retired.

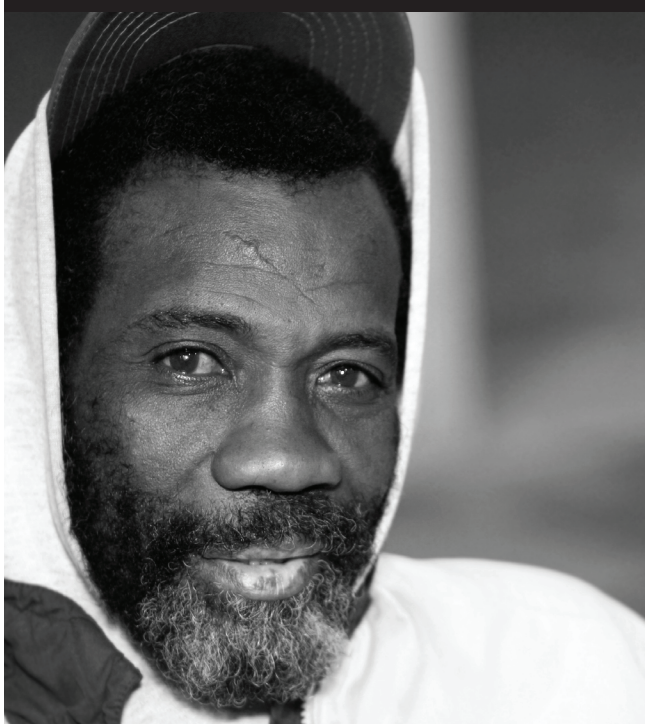
Moreland is now focused on organizational operations more than research and is proud that the organization is expanding, not only in staff but also in scope.

"We are growing and have a wonderful executive director who is taking us to a different level of programming outside of exhibits," she said.

A member of the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission, Moreland was instrumental in helping Dean's Salon and Barber Shop, the oldest Black-owned business in the state, to receive historic recognition by its addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

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FEBRUARY 8
Portland Rescue Mission
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
13207 NE Halsey St, Portland
The Rosewood Initiative
1-4 p.m.
14127 SE Stark St, Portland

FEBRUARY 9
Cultivate Initiatives
11-2 p.m.
660 SE 160th Ave, Portland
Nightstrike
7-9 p.m.
Under the Burnside Bridge

FEBRUARY 11
East County and Mt. Hood Winter Wonderland Family event
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
26000 SE Stark St. Gresham, OR
(Entrance A or B on NE 17th St, MHCC gym Yoshida Event Center)

FEBRUARY 13
Clark Center
9-11 a.m.
1437 SE MLK Blvd, Portland
Doreen's Place
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
610 NW Broadway St, Portland

FEBRUARY 14
Union Gospel Mission
2-3 p.m.
3 NW 3rd Ave, Portland
Cultivate Initiatives
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
247 SE 82nd Ave, Portland

FEBRUARY 16
Portland Open Bible Food Pantry
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3223 SE 92nd Ave, Portland

FEBRUARY 20
Street Roots
9-10:30 a.m.
211 NW Davis St, Portland
Cultivate Initiatives
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lents Park

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Cultivate Initiatives
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
660 SE 160th Ave, Portland
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