Five Oaks Museum Monthly E-Newsletter

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1 TIKL at Pittock Mansion

Exhibition Reopens with New Artworks

This month Pittock Mansion opened *This IS Kalapuyan Land*, featuring the original edited panels from Five Oaks Museum and a new collection of contemporary Indigenous artworks curated by Steph Littlebird.

FOM Codirector Molly Alloy notes feeling "proud that Five Oaks Museum can share an exhibition with other museums that carries with it the prompt and model for institutional self-critique. In addition to delivering important and beautiful content to visitors, I admire how deftly Steph Littlebird rendered visible the important changes that all museums are—or ought to be—grappling with today."

Pittock Mansion is located in NW Portland just off of Burnside St. It offers some of the best views overlooking the traditional homelands of the Kalapuyan and Chinook people. The Mansion is open daily from 10-4pm and is located at 3229 NW Pittock Dr, Portland OR, 97210.

Top: TIKL x Pittock Logo

Middle: Landscape by Matthew E. Williams

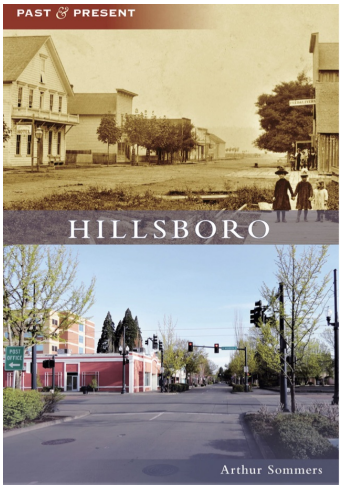
Bottom: Neon Venus by Jana Schmieding

2 *Hillsboro Past & Present*

New Arcadia Book Now Available

We are excited to announce the release of a new history book written by one of our Five Oaks Museum volunteers, Arthur Sommers!

The book compares past and present photos of Hillsboro and takes readers back into the city's history, its early agricultural economy, and the eventual shift towards technology which earned it the nickname "Silicon Forest." Many of the historic photos are part of the Five Oaks Museum archival collection.



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3 FOM Staff Promotions

Celebrating Rachel and Mariah!

Rachel Brumit, Director of Community Connections

Rachel Brumit joined the museum in 2018 and has grown her role from Administrative Assistant into Head of Operations, rounding out thirty years of experience in that realm. Now, she's taking an exciting step that leverages that incredible wealth of experience and also reaches into new territory: Director of Community Connections.

This innovative role builds on the work Rachel has long been doing at the museum of supporting members and volunteers, and will wrap those services in with development focus areas of sponsorships and community-based fundraising. Rachel has helped the museum create systems that enact our belief that the people who support us—at any level of giving dollars, time, or other resources—are equally cherished and essential to FOM's overall success.

"I've grown into development at Five Oaks from a sincere desire to cultivate authentic opportunities for people to engage with the museum. I look forward to building a space of hospitality and welcome where everyone can gather and share their interest in the region's history."

Mariah Berlanga-Shevchuk was Five Oaks Museum's first hire under our new branding and values-based vision. Coming in as the inaugural Cultural Resources Manager, she brought an all-around museum expertise and a balance of best practice

and cutting edge approaches to the collection's management. In her three years at the museum she has become a leader across many other areas of work, including research, special interpretive projects, and outreach.

Mariah Berlanga-Shevchuk, Director of Exhibitions & Cultural Resources

In her new role as Director of Exhibitions & Cultural Resources, she will continue to care for and tend to the collection, oversee exhibition projects that uplift the varied perspectives of our community, cultivate the next generation of museum professionals through our Guest Curator program, and help us realize our goal of moving history forward.

"During my time at Five Oaks I've learned a lot about what makes this place so special. As someone who is passionate about using the lessons of our past to make a better future, I'm excited to continue uplifting the many untold stories of this region and illustrating those stories through our cultural resources."

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4 FOM Rejoins Reciprocal Pass Program

Visit other PNW Attractions as a FOM Member

Fourteen Pacific Northwest regional attractions have partnered to offer reciprocal admission to their members in 2023. The program is excited to now include Five Oaks Museum and the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem.

Memberships provide critical funding that allows each participating organization to further its mission.

Join Five Oaks Museum as a member for as little as $5 per month and get access to the thirteen other institutions included in the program throughout the year!

Become a recurring donor at $5 or more a month and get a free membership today!

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5 The Gathering Place

Museum & Community Updates

FOM Seeking New Codirector!

The museum is currently seeking a new leader to continue to shape this innovative organization and shared leadership model. The Codirector will share executive leadership of the museum with the current Codirector, Molly Alloy, and will have central focus on fundraising and development. Get the details here.

Feb. 9: Trans Inclusion in Museum Interpretation and Outreach Webinar

Join us for this free virtual webinar, featuring special guest speakers Molly Alloy and Umi Hsu (Director of Content Strategy, ONE Archives Foundation)! This webinar will build on the contents of our recently released guidebook, acting as a creative launchpad for your museum exhibitions and programs. Click here to register.

Feb. 18: Taking History Off the Page

In this 2-hour workshop at the Walters Cultural Arts Center, Julian Saporiti will present his unique method of transforming research, oral histories, and community stories into art, breaking down his project No-No Boy. Discussion will take place throughout the workshop, along with some guided activities where students can dive into their own creative process, whether that be poetry, songwriting, visual art, and more. Learn more here!

March 4: Design Your Own Insect Hotel

Put your architecture skills to the test and build your very own insect hotel! This design class will create a perfect place for your garden critters just in time for spring. Children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult. Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy. Hillsboro, Oregon 97123 Learn more.

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