



HERITAGE MUSEUM
INDEPENDENCE, OR

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Independence Heritage Museum is Hosting Oregon Historical Society Traveling Exhibit *Places by the Sea*, from August 1 to September 30, 2022

Independence, OR – August 2, 2022 – For the next two months, the Independence Heritage Museum will host the Oregon Historical Society’s traveling exhibit [Places by the Sea](#). In 1910, going to Oregon’s places by the sea wasn’t an easy trip. Trunks were pulled down from the attic, bathing suits aired and repaired. Bed linens, clothing, and toys were packed. The adventure was at least a week long and it could last all summer.

At the coast, enthusiastic vacationers pursued many activities. Families searched for and feasted on plentiful crabs, clams, and shellfish. It was fun to play in the sand and sea, even in Oregon’s chilly coastal waters. Less hardy souls swam in warmed sea water at local natatoriums (swimming pools). Some folks strolled the boardwalks, sauntered along promenades, skipped in sand, or became lost in a good book. It was vacation time.

The [Places by the Sea](#) traveling exhibit is a photographic display showing the Oregon coast as a place of bustling activity and as a place of solitude. The photos, taken between 1906 and 1920, come from an album commissioned by the SP&S (Spokane, Portland & Seattle) Railway to promote Oregon’s coastal beauty and ease of rail travel.

The postcard messages accompanying the photographs are small fictions, inspired by coastal postcards found in the OHS collections.

Heritage Museum, 281 S. 2nd Street, Independence, OR 97351

Admission is always free, and donations are happily accepted.

www.orheritage.org | Tuesday – Thursday 10AM – 6PM, Friday & Saturday 10AM – 4PM, closed Sunday & Monday.

About the Independence Heritage Museum

Independence was known as the “Hop Capitol of the World” from the 1890s to the 1940s, but the history of our City is so much more than just hops. Our museum was formally housed in the former First Baptist Church built in 1888. Today, we are located in a historic building that has served many purposes over the years, located across from the Post Office in Independence.

Come and visit the Independence Heritage Museum and learn about our diverse history, Oregon Trail roots, the Kalapuya Tribe, hop farms, local military service, and more.

The mission of the Heritage Museum is to collect and share the natural history and diverse cultural heritage of the river community of Independence. Visit us in the heart of the Independence National Historic District, at the corner of 2nd and C Streets where we are telling stories, inspiring memories, and preserving local history. www.orheritage.org

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.

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