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# The Homesteader

## Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—MAY 2023

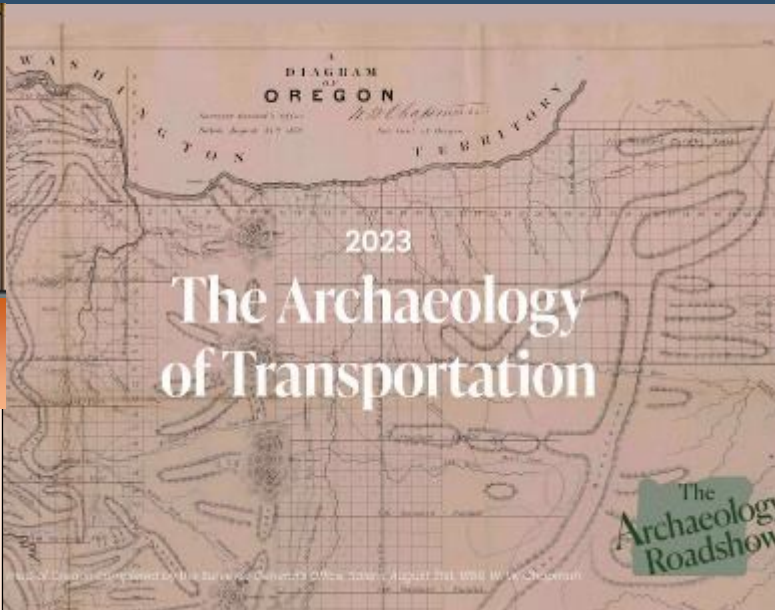
**NATIONAL  
HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
MONTH**

### Kick-Off Event

**Friday, May 5  
5:00-8:00 p.m.**

#### Red Chair Gallery

Join us on First Friday at the  
Red Chair Gallery in the  
historic O'Kane Building for  
a Historic Preservation  
scavenger hunt



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**May 27 from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

May is National Historic Preservation Month, and we are excited to be offering in-person events once again! Visit [deschuteshistory.org](http://deschuteshistory.org) for complete list of events. Celebrate with the 11th Annual Oregon Archaeology Road Show! This year's theme is ***The Archaeology of Transportation***. There will be hands-on archaeology exhibits, activities, and demonstrations from agencies, tribal members and archaeologists from around the state. Try your hand at throwing a replica atlatl and dart (aka spear-thrower and spear), learn about tools that predate 9000 years ago, as well as learning about some of Oregon's historical travel routes, like the Elliot Wagon Road and the Canyon City Road. The Deschutes Historical Museum will have a booth featuring its collection of historic Huntington Road artifacts.

***The event is free and family-friendly, museum admission is free for the day!***

# How are Historic Places Saved?

*By Tracy Alexander*

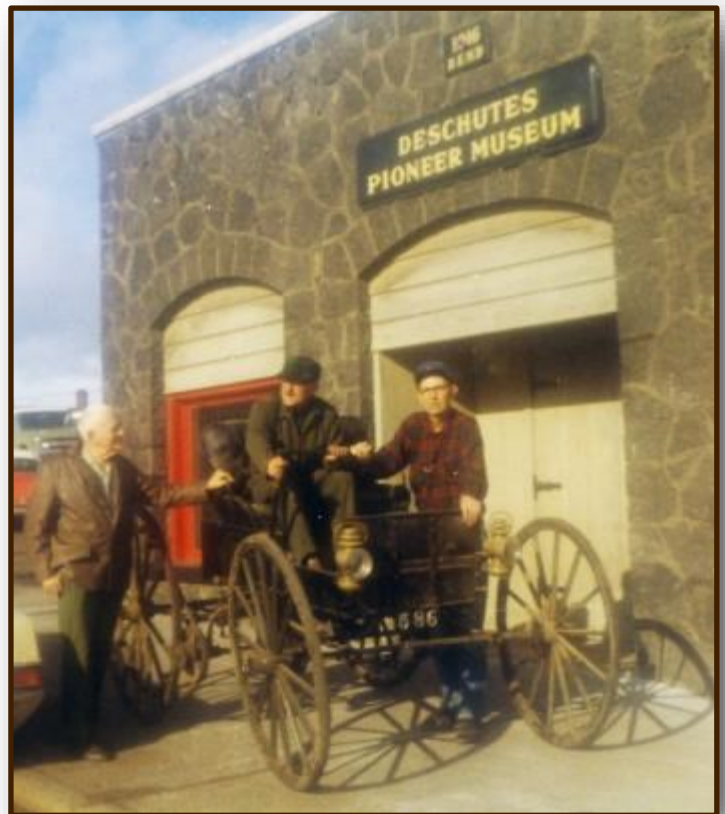
Over the past few years, there have been some beloved and significant historic properties in the news, mostly because they are or were in the way of encroaching public works projects. At the end of 2020, the former Nazarene Church on the corner of NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and NE Lafayette Avenue was demolished to make way for a drive-through coffee shop. Public outcry was loud, but too late. The building was not listed on the City of Bend or the Deschutes County list of historic resources. The story of the Nazarene Church building is a cautionary tale that inspired many in our community to save those structures, sites, and places near and dear. But how are historic places saved?

First, here's a little history about historic preservation. After World War II, the United States saw Urban Renewal as the way to clear out the slums, get rid of "obsolete" buildings, make space for an exploding population, and accommodate the burgeoning car culture. Wide swaths were demolished: entire blocks, neighborhoods, business districts, all razed to make way for the new. By the 1960s, urban renewal had altered the face of the nation's cities.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson convened a special committee on historic preservation that delivered a report to Congress. From the earlier Historic Sites Act of 1935, the National Park Service's Historic American Buildings Survey documented 12,000 places in the United States. By 1966, half of them had been destroyed or damaged beyond repair. Federal agencies needed to make preservation part of their missions.

Before the year was out, Congress passed the National Historic Preservation Act. It was the most comprehensive preservation law the nation had ever known. The act established permanent institutions and created a clearly defined process for historic preservation in the United States.

Oregon's land use laws enacted in 1973 created a system of land use planning that required each city and county to generate comprehensive land use plans that addressed a



*Right to Left: Clarence Boyd, Homer Smith, and Dean Hollinshead with the Holsman motorbuggy in front of the then Deschutes Pioneer Museum, in the A.J. Tucker Building on Greenwood Avenue in Bend. 1971*

common set of statewide goals:

*Goal 5: To protect natural resources and conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces.*

*Local governments shall adopt programs that will protect natural resources and conserve scenic, historic, and open space resources for present and future generations. These resources promote a healthy environment and natural landscape that contributes to Oregon's livability.*

"Historic resources" are those buildings, structures, objects, sites, or districts that potentially have a significant relationship to events or conditions of the human past. Within Deschutes County, there are historic buildings such as the original Sisters High School, the Laidlaw Bank and Trust, and the Alfalfa

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**Deschutes  
Historical Museum**

129 NW Idaho Avenue  
Bend, OR 97703  
Open Tuesdays-Saturdays  
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
541.389.1813

## Museum Staff:

Kelly Cannon-Miller, Executive Director  
Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager  
Rebekah Averette, Collections Manager  
Tracy Alexander, Membership Officer  
Michelle Patrick, Visitor Services



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Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are on file with the Museum office.



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Grange hall. Historic sites include the Santiam Wagon Road and Fremont Meadow, while historic places include the Tetherow House and Crossing, and the Petersen's Rock Gardens. For a list and map of historic landmark locations in Deschutes County, visit [maps.deschutes.org/custom/shortlist/historiclandmarks.html](https://maps.deschutes.org/custom/shortlist/historiclandmarks.html). For a list and map of historic landmark locations in the city of Bend, visit [bendoregon.maps.arcgis.com](https://bendoregon.maps.arcgis.com).

There are occasions when historic resources are put at risk due to changes in the surrounding landscape, for example: when the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) redesigns the path of a highway through a historic homestead, or the county justice complex expands through a historic downtown business, two scenarios that have and are playing out in our community right now. When a historic resource cannot be saved, what are the next steps?



*Nels Anderson Homestead in its original location.*

### The Nels Anderson Homestead

Nels and Lillian Anderson homesteaded the property in 1915 and built their house between 1929 and 1931. Timber used for the house was milled at the old Brooks Scanlon Mill. On that homestead, the Andersons operated a dairy farm. Lilly Dairy, named after Lillian, covered more than 300 acres and

operated until Anderson left Central Oregon in 1945. It was purchased in 1999 by Tim Larocco who fell in love with the charming property. Larocco's business, "Instant Landscaping," had a new home.

Instead of bulldozing the aging building, Larocco did research on the property and learned that it was one of Bend's first homesteads. The original deed for the property was even signed by then-president Woodrow Wilson. In 2009 the City of

Bend designated the Anderson House a historic and cultural resource.

Located just off U.S. Highway 97, the Nels Anderson homestead found itself in the way of ODOT's vision for a new Highway 97 route. If you have ever waited at the Empire Avenue-Highway 97 onramp intersection, you have probably gazed down at the English Tudor two-story house. Due to its historic designation, ODOT was compelled to make an arrangement with Larocco to either pay for the home's relocation or pay for the property outright. Thankfully, Larocco was able to find a piece of land only 700 yards from the original site, and ODOT assisted with the move on November 22, 2022. In addition, ODOT is funding an exhibit about the historic Nels Anderson homestead, to be produced by the Deschutes County Historical Society and Museum.



*A.J. Tucker Building, R.S. McClure driving the Dodge car. Circa 1920*

### The A.J. Tucker Blacksmith Shop

Amos Jackson Tucker began building his shop in 1919, using native lava rock which he blasted and cut himself. Over the course of a year it took to build, Tucker shared his progress in *The Bend Bulletin*:

With preliminary blasting practically finished, A.J. Tucker will begin work in the next few days on a \$4,000 one story stone building. 35 by 60 feet, on the corner of Greenwood and Harriman, which when completed will be used by Mr. Tucker to house workshops for several allied trades, including blacksmithing, carpentering, and cabinet making, all to be under his own supervision. A specialty will be made of automobile top and body work.

Mr. Tucker expects that the building can be completed within 30 days, and once the establishment is opened, he plans to employ from eight to 10 men.... Later in the season, on the lot back of the shop site, Mr. Tucker will erect a \$4,000, five room brick residence. *January 6, 1920*

With work on his new stone building on Greenwood and Harriman virtually completed A.J. Tucker is moving his carpenter and machine shop equipment from his old headquarters on Hawthorne today... Mr. Tucker declares that he will have one of the most modern shops of the kind in Central Oregon. *February 9, 1920*

Mr. Tucker also built a large, two story,



*Preparing the Nels Anderson home for relocation, November 2022*

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# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## Gayle

This month we spotlight collections volunteer, Gayle Sawyer. Gayle has only been on our volunteer roster a little under two years but has already contributed to the museum in a big way. She has been interested in “all things history” for as long as she can remember. Gayle recalls going on a family camping trip as a child and visiting the area where the infamous Donner Party camped. After visiting the museum there, she was captivated and revisited the museum many times. She carried this love of history into adulthood and became her family’s archivist, collecting and maintaining a number of family artifacts, in addition to collecting her own vintage and antique pieces.

When Gayle saw a notice that the museum was looking for help cataloging and archiving our sizeable photo collection, she figured it would be a dream job!

A retired paralegal, Gayle’s attention to detail and thoughtful approach to her work has proved to be a perfect fit for a number of cataloging projects on the third floor. Notably, Gayle took on the Camp Abbot collection, a large, long-term loan of World War II-era artifacts from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers training facility once located on the site of the present day Sunriver Resort. Over a period of many months, Gayle carefully organized and cataloged each item in the loan so researchers and visitors interested in this fascinating slice of Central Oregon history can readily access the collection.

World War II holds a certain fascination to Gayle, and this was the second project she has taken on about the subject. Prior to working on the Camp Abbot artifacts, Gayle painstakingly worked on “cleaning up”, organizing, scanning, and cataloging a large collection of documents DCHS has regarding World War II “home defense” in Deschutes County.

When not tackling these large projects, Gayle has proven a great help in taking on various smaller cataloging tasks, an essential component in keeping the collection department caught up on the backlog of incoming artifact donations. At present, Gayle’s “eye for style” is being put to use getting our medical exhibit back up and running in its new home on the second floor.

Gayle grew up in a small town near Santa Cruz, California and is a self-proclaimed “horse-crazy girl”, spending as much time as she could wandering the Redwoods on horses. That idyllic pastime clearly sparked in Gayle a spirit of adventure and love of exploration. Her family mostly tent-camped on vacations, and although she didn’t spend much time camping as an adult, her sense of adventure and wanderlust were just waiting for the opportunity to rise to the surface.

After retirement, Gayle decided to purchase a campervan and is dipping her toes back into the camping waters in a big way. This past winter, she experimented with being a “Snowbird” and spent almost three months in Arizona with her canine travel buddy, Quinn. She visited some new national parks and monuments and soaked up the sun. It was her first major foray in “Van Life,” and she is hooked on the concept! Gayle loves exploring our national parks and while she has checked quite a few off her bucket list, she has many more to go!

During the warm Central Oregon summers, she enjoys biking and kayaking a little closer to home. Some of Gayle’s other favorite pastimes include reading, browsing antique stores, checking out her favorite YouTube channel, “Curiosity Incorporated,” and spending time with her kids and grandkids.

If Gayle could have one superpower, it would be the ability to time-travel. While we can’t help her with that, maybe her time at the museum will help her get a taste for what life might have been like in the past!

### Sawyer

*By Rebekah Averette*





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full basement stone house just north of the shop. He planned to build apartments over the building.

After Tucker's untimely death on August 12, 1921, his wife Elfrieda "Frida" Tucker leased the building to various businesses, including a window and door manufacturing shop and Wesley Hill's Auto Shop during the 1940s and 50s. In 1967 Mrs. Tucker sold the shop and house to Deschutes County. The Deschutes County Pioneers' Association acquired the shop for a museum in 1968. In a failed attempt, the Deschutes County Pioneers' Association also tried to acquire the Tucker house from the County. This lava rock house stood directly north of the Tucker Building and was torn down in July 1969 to make way for the Justice Center. Renovation included fireproofing, filling-in windows on the West elevations, rebuilding the front entrance, and making a small apartment at the North end for a curator. In mid-1980 the Deschutes Pioneers' Association moved their museum collection to the Reid School Building, and the Tucker Building was designated a historic building in 1985. "The Shop" housed the Deschutes County Law Library and was used additionally by the Deschutes County Circuit Court as a video court arraignment room, and the offices of the Deschutes County Attorney.

In February 2023, Deschutes County issued a Notice of Proposed Sale with Intent to Relocate Historic Structure with a deadline of March 23, 2023.

The selected purchaser must be able to provide an executable plan to complete a scope of work that includes pre-application meeting with City of Bend Staff for the Bend Landmarks Commission. Additionally, the plan must include a description to deconstruct, move, and reconstruct the historic structure in keeping with its original appearance, acquiring applicable permits from the City of Bend and other jurisdictions, if applicable, completing the deconstruction process, and completing the final site cleanup process by August 15, 2023. The City of Bend or other applicable jurisdiction(s) will require the buyer to submit an application seeking approval to reconstruct the building at a new site, and complete the reconstruction process.

Without any takers, that deadline was extended to April 6, which also passed without an offer. What does this mean for the A.J. Tucker Building? The façade of the building will be deconstructed. The stones can then be reconstructed on the façade of a new building or used in some way to pay homage to the A.J. Tucker building.

## Designation of Historic Resources

**National Review:** National Register of Historic Places

**State Review:** State Historic Preservation Office

**Local Inventory:**

Deschutes County	City of Bend	City of Redmond
Landmarks Commission	Landmarks Commission	Landmarks Commission

Historic resources do not designate themselves; it takes motivated property owners to identify and nominate properties, sites, and places to the local landmarks commission. You are encouraged to attend Landmarks Commission meetings and hearings either in person or online through the Deschutes County website: [deschutes.org/cd/page/historic-landmarks-commission](https://deschutes.org/cd/page/historic-landmarks-commission). Consider serving on the landmarks commission, researching historic properties in your community, and learn how to use the National Preservation Act to protect the historic resources that are important to you.



A.J. Tucker Building with two-story house. Circa 1920



Ole Grubb and Steve Steidl in front of Deschutes Pioneer Museum (A.J. Tucker Building) with circular saw blade used at the Reed and Lytle (later Reed and Steidl) sawmill in Bend.

## Memorials

**Jacqueline Plath**

Ruth Douglass

## Tributes

**Ralph C. Curtis**

Jean Rotter



## Diamonds in the Desert: Bend's Baseball History in a Few Innings

**May 30 7:00 p.m. Worthy Brewing**

Step back in time with Vanessa Ivey, museum manager of the Deschutes County Historical Society and Museum as she shares stories of an earlier era when baseball wasn't just a favorite pastime, but a way to build commerce in communities and when the *swat* of the wood bat rang true whether you were a Bend Beauty or a Bend Elk, and twirling and hurling wasn't a county fair ride description.

*As DHM's manager for the past thirteen years, Vanessa Ivey is in the best position to research one of her favorite things...BASEBALL! At a young age she fell in love with the hardball sport following games over the radio and on the television. As both player and fan Vanessa grew up in Banks, Oregon, later attending Lewis and Clark College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She moved to Bend when the Bandits were still taking the field off Wilson Ave, and continues to watch the Bend Elks during the summer.*

## Heritage Walking Tours of Downtown Bend are Back!

**Saturdays May through August.**  
All tours leave from the museum at 10:30 am,  
\$10 per person, FREE to Museum Members  
Space is limited, **Registration is required.**

### Reflections of History: An Architectural Tour

Strolling through the Drake Park Neighborhood Historic District, participants will be introduced to the architectural styles represented in the neighborhood, hearing stories of a changing community.

### The Early Days of Bend

Travel back to when the river ran wild, Ponderosa pines were plentiful and Bend the Beautiful was a town in the making. Learn about early Bend through the stories of six "Bendites" and how these residents helped transform a young hamlet into a booming town.

Call 541-389-1813 or register online [deschuteshistory.org](http://deschuteshistory.org)

## Mark Your Calendars MAY

**3 CITY OF BEND HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**5 VOLUNTEER MEETING**

12-1:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK SCAVENGER HUNT**

5-8:00 p.m. Red Chair Gallery 103 NW Oregon Avenue Bend

**6 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**

10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**13 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**

10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**20 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**

10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**27 HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**

10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**OREGON ARCHAEOLOGY ROAD SHOW**

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

**28 TETHEROW HISTORY DAY**

1-3:00 p.m. 5819 NW Tetherow Rd Redmond

**30 WORTHY HISTORY: DIAMONDS IN THE DESERT:  
Bend's Baseball History in a Few Innings**

Presented by Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager  
of the Deschutes County Historical Society & Museum

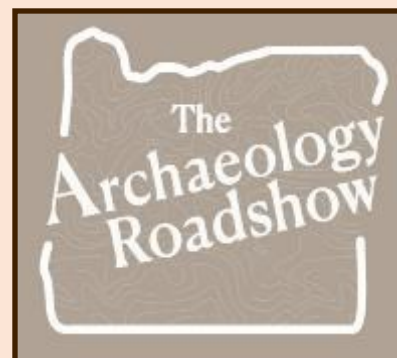
7:00 p.m. doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Worthy Brewing, Co. Eastside 495 NE Bellevue Dr. Bend

Free, Reservations required: [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)



# NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH



See attached flyer for a full list of National  
Historic Preservation Month Events around

Deschutes County, or visit

[deschuteshistory.org/about-us/historic-preservation-month/](http://deschuteshistory.org/about-us/historic-preservation-month/)

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Celebrate the heritage of Deschutes County during May, a month dedicated to engaging in historic preservation. The Deschutes County Historical Society, Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission, City of Bend Landmarks Commission, City of Redmond Landmarks Commission, partner to demonstrate how historic preservation enhances our quality of life. With a full schedule of events, it will be easy to understand how and why we are Saving Places.

**Wednesdays and Sundays throughout the month: Downtown Sisters Historic Landmarks Walking Tours 10:00 am**

Led by a docent from the Three Sisters Historical Museum, tours are about an hour and will travel less than a mile. Tours are free but reservations are required. Call 541-549-1403 or email at [museum@threesistershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:museum@threesistershistoricalsociety.org)

**May 2, 7\*, 16, 21 and 31\* Camp Polk Cemetery Tours 1-3:00 pm**

Led by one of Sisters' most iconic early historic figures "Martha Cobb" (aka Sisters Historical Society President Jan Hodgers). Those designated with an asterisk are in conjunction with the Deschutes Land Trust and will include the Camp Polk Meadow. Tours are free, but reservations are required. Please call Jan at 541-788-0274

**May 3, 7:00 pm Bend City Council Proclamation in support of National Historic Preservation Month**  
Council Chambers, Bend

**May 5, 5-8:00 pm Preservation Month Kick Off: First Friday Art Walk Scavenger Hunt**  
Red Chair Gallery, the historic O'Kane building, 102 NW Oregon Ave, Bend

**May 6 & 20 10:30 am Reflections of History: An Architectural Tour**  
Deschutes Historical Museum  
Strolling through the Drake Park Neighborhood Historic District, participants will be introduced to the architectural styles represented in the neighborhood, hearing stories of a changing community. *Reservations required: 541-389-1813 or [deschuteshistory.org](http://deschuteshistory.org)*

**May 13 & 27 10:30 am Heritage Walking Tour: The Early Days of Bend**  
Deschutes Historical Museum  
Learn about early Bend through the stories of six "Bendites" and how these residents helped transform a young hamlet into a booming town. *Reservations required: 541-389-1813 or [deschuteshistory.org](http://deschuteshistory.org)*

**May 20 3-6:00 pm Wedding Reception to Honor Adaptive Reuse and the Historic Redmond Church**  
641 SW Cascade Ave Redmond

**May 21 8-2:00 pm Bicycle Bonanza Day at Troy Field**  
Troy Field 690 NW Bond St Bend  
Upcycle your old bicycle and bike parts to Bicycle Re-Source of Bend. Old, unused bicycles, bike parts, tires, helmets, etc. all things bicycle are welcome! *Sponsored by Friends of Troy Field*

**May 27 11-3:00 pm The 11th Annual Oregon Archaeology Road Show: The Archaeology of Transportation**  
Deschutes Historical Museum  
Hands-on archaeology exhibits, activities and demonstrations. Throw a replica atlatl and dart (aka spear-thrower and spear), learn about tools that predate 9000 years ago, and more. Free

**May 28 1-3:00 pm Tetherow History Day**  
Tetherow Crossing Park, 5810 NW Tetherow Rd in Redmond  
An event to celebrate the unique history of Tetherow Crossing Park, and to highlight RAPRD's efforts to preserve the Tetherow Homestead, the oldest structure in Deschutes County, built in 1878. Laid back event with activities for adults and children – All completely free

**May 30 7:00 pm Worthy History: Diamonds in the Desert, Bend's Baseball History in a Few Innings**  
Worthy Brewing 495 NE Bellevue Dr Bend  
Step back in time with Vanessa Ivey, as she shares stories of an earlier era when baseball wasn't just a favorite pastime, but a way to build commerce in communities. Free, reservations required: [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



# The Archaeology Roadshow

2023

## *The Archaeology of Transportation*

**Deschutes  
Historical  
Museum,  
Bend**

**Saturday May 27  
11 am - 3 pm**

**Exhibits & activities  
on archaeology &  
cultural heritage of  
Oregon & beyond**

**FREE**



**Deschutes  
Historical Museum**

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