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Finding Fremont in Oregon: 1843 (film)

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) continues its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the seminal people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org for History Night locations and more details.

Finding Fremont in Oregon: 1843 (film)

Presented by Loren Irving and Kelly Cannon-Miller

Tuesday, July 26

6:30 pm

McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St., Troutdale, Ore.

Free and open to the public

In the winter of 1843, Brevet Lt. John C. Frémont led an expedition of 27 men south of the Columbia River and into unmapped portions of Oregon. With cartographer Charles Preuss and scout Kit Carson, Frémont and his expedition provided the country with the maps needed for settlement of the West.

Retracing Frémont's steps, photographer Loren Irving spent nearly a year photographing all 31 of Frémont's campsites in Oregon. Through the words of the expedition's journals, stunning photography, and original music, this 30-minute documentary chronicles Frémont's expedition as it moved through Oregon and into history. Join Loren as he hosts this amazing tale of Fremont, Kit Carson, Billy Chinook and 23 other men, 104 horses and mules, and the 223-pound cannon they dragged along for 400 miles.

Produced in partnership with photographer Loren Irving, Sandy Cummings of TVStoryteller and the Deschutes County Historical Society, funding for the documentary provided through the generous support of the Bend Foundation and the Starview Foundation.

The OE is an online resource for information on the state's significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 800 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For more information visit www.oregonencyclopedia.org.

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