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## High Water: Portland in the Flood of 1894

The Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) adds to its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs with new programs at the Mission Theater in partnership with the *Northwest Examiner*. At each History Night, The OE will look back at the seminal people and events that have shaped our communities. Visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org) for History Night locations and more details.

### **“High Water: Portland in the Flood of 1894”**

**Presented by Dan Haneckow**

**Monday, October 17, 2011**

**7:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm**

**McMenamins Mission, 1624 NW Glisan, Portland**

**Free and open to the public**

On May 27, 1894, the rising Willamette River began to flow into the streets of Portland. For one month, Portland, already reeling from the financial crash of 1893, was inundated by floodwaters. City life came to a halt, then adapted with flotillas of small boats for shopping and spindly bridges that spanned between second floors. Fire engines were towed through the streets on barges, and the bars moved onto rafts. The receding water left the city a hellish, stinking mess. Dan Haneckow explores Portland of the 1890s and its watery ordeal with stunning images of the “Metropolis of the Northwest” as it dealt with one of its greatest challenges.

Dan Haneckow writes about Portland, the Northwest, and transportation topics. He arrived in Oregon from Newport, Rhode Island, after his parents chose to retire in Klamath Falls following a career with the U.S. Navy. He has lived in Portland since 1990. His projects include presentations at the Architectural Heritage Center of the Bosco Milligan Foundation, the Car Free Cities conference held in Portland in 2008, and Winterail in 2004. His work has appeared in *Trains Magazine* and *Pacific Rail News*. He writes about Portland History in a blog called Cafe Unknown.

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