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## Greetings!

We hope this finds you well and finding ways to cope with the many challenges brought on by the pandemic as best you can.

One event which we hope will brighten your spirits is the **2021 Archaeology Roadshow** -- which we're organizing for the **month of June**. In light of uncertainties associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, we've decided to plan mainly for virtual activities while building in enough flexibility to add face-to-face activities if circumstances eventually allow for it. Of course we'll miss having everyone all come together physically -- in Portland and in our sister communities (Bend, Harney County). But we're focused on the benefits of the virtual Roadshow: we'll be able to attract more public participation and perhaps more organizations from around the state to host events, since people can join in without having to drive long distances. Also, we'll be able to host some of our virtual activities long after June -- so that the public (both in Oregon and around the world!) can keep benefiting from our hard work after the Roadshow is officially over.

**What will the Archaeology Roadshow of 2021 look like?** We are envisioning the framework being a new website where we can host virtual exhibits, such as short videos about recent projects, printable activities (e.g., scavenger hunts, coloring pages for kids), photo essays, and blogs/articles geared for the public. We also plan to host live presentations and panel discussions on a range of topics; and an expert panel where visitors can log in to talk with an expert about their treasured object. In short, we're picturing some activities that visitors can access anytime -- and some that will happen at set days and times throughout the month.

Look for more details in January, both about the platform we're using and guidelines for submissions.

**As always, our 2021 Roadshow will have many layers of benefits.** The public will learn more about our region's rich and complex human past and its connections to us today. Visitors will also learn about the range of organizations that are engaged in archaeology and heritage activities -- and why this work truly matters to us all. The Roadshow also forges connections among individuals and organizations in our state who are passionate about heritage, site stewardship and public education.

### **Take the best of care. We look forward to working with you in 2021!**

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Our planning committee includes members from Portland, Central Oregon, and Harney County where we've hosted live Roadshows in the past. We'd love to have participation from around the state, as well so please contact us if you want to join in with planning ([archshow@pdx.edu](mailto:archshow@pdx.edu)).

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Keeping our event free and open to the widest possible audience through development of this new hybrid digital platform, will require financial support as well as your time and talents. We hope you will consider joining us as a fiscal sponsor. Your sponsorship will be recognized in social media and the online event platform, as well as in print at any face-to-face activities that evolve.

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