

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers



The Oregon Pioneer Association was formed in 1875 to create one central organization from the several pioneer groups that had been active since 1850 in various parts of the Oregon Country, including what are now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Montana and British Columbia.

That Association became the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in 1897 and incorporated in 1901, with the purpose of keeping the spirit, memories and stories of our forebearers alive for future generations. The original Association also formed the nucleus of the Oregon Historical Society

In keeping with that purpose, the SDOP celebrates Oregon's entry as a state of the Union on February 14, 1859, our Valentine present to the United States.

◆ 2012-13 Contributions were made to the McLoughlin House, the Washington County Historical Society, and to the DAR's campaign to move the Pioneer Memorial Mother's cabin.

◆ 2013 Members participated in the Oregon-California Trails Association's National Convention in Oregon City.

◆ Additional financial support over the years has been donated to the Malheur Historical Society for restoration of Vale's old stone house and center to commemorate the beginning of The Oregon Trail in Oregon, to the Oral Hull Gardens, and for assistance with gilding the Pioneer Statue on the State Capitol building in honor of our junior members.



SDOP Contributions to the State of Oregon

◆ 1923 Two Oregon Trail sites at Government Camp were commemorated by the placement of bronze plaques.

◆ 1961 A bronze plaque was placed for a white dogwood tree planted by Judge Charles B. Bellinger and transplanted at NE 9th and Multnomah in his memory.

◆ 1964 The Oregon Historical Society awarded SDOP with Life Membership for our contribution to their new building.

◆ 1975 A bronze plaque tree marker was placed on the Barlow Road.

◆ 1976 A fifty star flag was presented to the Champoeg State Park Visitor Center.

◆ 1976 The McLoughlin House in Oregon City was presented with numerous furnishings for the northeast bedroom and ladies sitting room.

◆ 1984 Sponsored brick in support of Pioneer Square, Portland.

◆ 1999 Sponsored bricks in support of Union County museum in Union, Oregon.

◆ 2000 Donation given for fence enclosing Jean Baptist Charbonneau's grave in Jordon Valley, Oregon.

◆ 2001 William Engle pioneer family, the first non-native settlers in Molalla, was commemorated by a bronze plaque placed in the Molalla Public Library.

◆ 2007 SDOP funded a plaque at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Baker City.

Send this form to

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
P.O. Box 6685, Portland Oregon 97228

or e-mail information to

membership@oregonSDOP.org

for membership application

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

☐ My family came to Oregon before Feb. 14, 1859.
☐ I would like to join Friends of SDOP.

Miss Pioneer Oregon

Since 1901, SDOP has selected a young woman as an official representative of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

This is an excellent opportunity for

- ♦ Any single woman age 16-21, who is descendant of an Oregon Pioneer.

- ♦ Must be a Regular or Life SDOP member in good standing.

- ♦ Must have a pioneer ancestor that settled in the Oregon Country before February 14, 1859, the date of Oregon joining the Union.

Miss Pioneer Oregon is required to attend official functions of SDOP and appear in her pioneer costume and sash.

- ♦ SDOP Banquet where she gives a five minute speech on Oregon history or her pioneer heritage.

- ♦ Founders' Day at Champoeg State Park in May

- ♦ Annual Membership Meeting in June

- ♦ Annual picnic at Champoeg State Park in July

Miss Pioneer Oregon will receive a cash award of \$500, which is paid in two installments, a Life Membership in SDOP, and the privilege of officially representing SDOP.

SDOP Activities

♦ February

Oregon Statehood Celebration Banquet is held each February to salute Oregon's entry as the 33rd state to join the Union. The banquet features a speech by Miss Pioneer, a keynote speaker on a topic of historical or cultural interest and entertainment relating to our history. Members contribute to a display of family heirlooms, photos, SDOP scrapbooks, and artifacts. It is a unique opportunity for members to share family stories and celebrate Oregon's birthday of February 14, 1859!!

♦ May

Founders' Day. SDOP is invited by Friends of Historic Champoeg to celebrate the historic Territorial Provisional Government vote by the pioneers in 1843.

♦ June

Our Annual Business Meeting is held in June to elect our officers and Board of Directors for the coming year (July through June).

♦ July

The Membership Picnic is held at Champoeg State Park at the Pavilion which was built especially for The Oregon Pioneer Association. This is our annual potluck event and includes Miss Pioneer Oregon, a program of historical interest, family stories and lots of great food.

Membership Meetings

SDOP meetings are held in various locations around the state. We visit local places of historical/cultural interest to further our awareness of our pioneer history and combine this with a Board Meeting. Members and visitors are always encouraged to join us! In addition to our activities in February, May, June and July, SDOP holds four additional meetings in January, March, November and September.

SDOP Newsletter

Our Newsletter highlights activities of SDOP and keeps members informed of meetings, the SDOP calendar, reunions, historical events, current events, historical articles and sketches. It is published five times a year.



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Junior Awards Program and Scholarships

All entrants must be SDOP members. For information and/or application for Junior Awards or Scholarships, please check the newsletter or contact:

SDOP Awards Committee

P.O. Box 6685

Portland, Oregon 97228-6685

Rules and awards for Junior SDOP members include:

- Grades 1-4: cash award for a drawing

- Grades 5-8: cash award for a short essay

- Grades 9-12: cash award for an essay

- One or two small college scholarships are awarded to SDOP members each year.

Pioneer Member Qualifications

All direct descendants of pioneers who arrived and settled in the Oregon Country—the present states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia and parts of Montana prior to the entry of Oregon to the Union on February 14, 1859 — qualify for membership.

Friends of SDOP

For those whose families arrived after statehood, or who are just interested in Oregon history, membership is available as Friends of SDOP.