

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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## HIGH DESERT MUSEUM TO HOST OREGON HUMANITIES' "THIS PLACE" COMMUNITY CONVERSATION Central Oregon residents invited to talk about power, place and belonging

**Bend, OR** ~ "Place" is a complicated and powerful idea. It informs our identities and the way we live our lives, whether we're talking about the communities we're a part of, the neighborhoods where we live or the lands that people before us called "home." Sponsored by Oregon Humanities, a series of 90-minute community discussions, called *This Place*, are happening across Oregon this fall. One of these free conversations will be held at the High Desert Museum on October 10 at 6:00 pm.



"The discussions provide Oregonians with an opportunity to explore their relationship to the places they've come from and where they are now," said Dr. Christina Cid, director of programs at the High Desert Museum. "Participants will come away from this conversation with a strengthened sense of community support and collective engagement around their exploration of place, as well as a resource list and information to help them continue the conversation."

*This Place* is part of a statewide initiative by Oregon Humanities to bring 25 conversations about place to communities across the state this fall. The community conversations will

culminate in a one-day gathering on October 28, at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg.

Trained facilitators in tribal resource management, anthropology, conflict resolution, applied theology, natural resource management, ethnic studies and fisheries science lead these conversations. For more information about this community discussion or to RSVP for the program, visit

<http://www.highdesertmuseum.org/conversation-project-place> or call 541-382-4754 ext. 241.

To learn more about the one-day gathering in Newberg, visit <http://oregonhumanities.org/programs/this-place/>.

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*About the High Desert Museum: Through exhibits, wildlife and living history, the High Desert Museum creates learning experiences to help audiences discover their connection to the past, their role in the present and their responsibility to the future. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1982*

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