FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Shaw Historical Library receives grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust

July 29, 2011. Salem, ORE - The Oregon Cultural Trust announces FY2012 grants to 106 humanities, heritage and arts organizations across Oregon.

The Shaw Historical Library was awarded one of 60 competitive Cultural Development grants for fiscal year 2012 to update the Library's archival management procedures. We would like to thank everyone in Oregon who invests in our culture by donating to the Oregon Cultural Trust. We wish to salute all cultural nonprofits in the state that weave together the cultural fabric of Oregon and make this a wonderful place to live.

Each year, the Trust distributes 42% of the prior fiscal year's revenues; 58% remains in the endowment. In FY2011, Trust revenues totaled \$3,971,926, an increase of over 5% from FY2010's \$3,781,396. Although contributions increased five percent from \$3,702,885 to \$3,899,332, current low interest income resulted in a less than 1% increase in grant making this year.

Executive Director Christine D'Arcy stated, "This year's grants represent the variety and vitality of Oregon culture. From the development of the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation engine house and rail heritage center in Portland to the expansion of the Century Farm & Ranch Program in rural communities to the University of Oregon John Yeon Center's research and writing of the first monograph on the life and work of midcentury architect, John Yeon, the Trust is funding projects that reflect who we are, what shapes our communities and what we value."

Trust Manager **Kimberly Howard** observed, "The Cultural Trust collaborative outreach with our statewide partners, in March of this year, to communities on the coast, in Southern Oregon, Central Oregon and near east Oregon really made a difference in the grant requests we received. Cultural nonprofits are planning, partnering and finding ways to sustain the work they do which makes Oregon culture sparkle to the rest of the country."

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