

# Romancing Oregon

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### February 14, 2015

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Aloha Grange - 185th and TV Hwy - Square Dance or Casual Attire  
7:00 - 8:00 Plus and Phase III Rounds; 8:00 - 10:00 Mainstream  
and Phase II Rounds; 10:00 - Refreshments -Chocolate Valentine & Oregon Desserts

#### OREGON STATE FACTS

State Motto: *"She Flies With Her Own Wings"*

Electoral Votes for President: 7

State Song: *Oregon, My Oregon.*

Admission to Statehood: February 14, 1859

State Flag: The only state flag displaying different images on each side.

State Nickname: The Beaver State



The 1957 Legislature bestowed upon Dr. John McLoughlin the honorary title of "Father of Oregon" in recognition of his great contributions to the early development of the Oregon Country. Dr. McLoughlin originally came to the Northwest region in 1824.



The Chinook salmon, (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) the largest of the Pacific salmon, was declared the state fish in 1961.



*Castor canadensis*, the American Beaver, was named the Oregon state animal in 1969. Oregon is also known as "The Beaver State."



The native Oregon Swallowtail (*Papilio oregonius*) was designated the state insect in 1979. The Oregon Swallowtail lives mainly in the lower sagebrush canyons of the Columbia River and its tributaries.



The Oregon sunstone is the official state gemstone. The large, brightly colored stone in the feldspar family is found in southeastern Oregon counties.



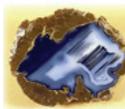
Milk was selected in 1997 as the state beverage. The legislature recognized that milk production and the manufacture of dairy products are major contributors to the economic well-being of Oregon agriculture.



Official State Dance: Square Dance. The pioneer origins of the dance and the characteristic dress are deemed to reflect Oregon's heritage; the lively spirit of the dance exemplifies the friendly, free nature and enthusiasm that are a part of the Oregon Character.



Oregon's deepest gorge is the Hell's Canyon - 7,900 feet. It's located between Oregon and Idaho on the Snake River.



The Thunderegg is the official state rock. These geodes contain minerals of many different colors and/or crystals, and are popular items to cut and polish to reveal the beautiful designs inside.



The hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) was named state nut by the 1989 Legislature. Oregon grows 99 percent of the entire U.S. commercial crop. The Oregon hazelnut, unlike wild varieties, grows on single-trunked trees up to 30 or 40 feet tall.



*Pseudotsuga menziesii*, the Douglas Fir, was declared the state tree in 1939, and is the source of most of Oregon's softwood lumber production.



The Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) was chosen as Oregon's state bird by Oregon's school children in a poll sponsored by the Audubon Society in 1927. The Western Meadowlark is known for its beautiful song.