

Elizabeth Winroth

in Memoriam

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Chris Thiry thanking Elizabeth Winroth for organizing the WAML Fall 2001 Meeting in Portland, OR.

Elizabeth Winroth, Map Librarian at the Oregon Historical Society and a longtime member of the Western Association of Map Libraries, passed away on March 5th after a short battle with cancer.

Elizabeth received a Bachelor's degree in anthropology from Portland State University in 1974 and her Masters in Library Science from the University of Hawaii in 1975. She served as the Oregon Historical Society's Map Librarian for over 26 years. During that time, she worked tirelessly to organize, preserve, and enhance the Society's highly regarded collection of Pacific Northwest Maps, which dates back to the year 1551. She shared her in-depth knowledge of the region's history with countless researchers, students, and colleagues. Those who worked with her marveled at her ability to interpret the layers of information that maps can provide.

Elizabeth was active in the Western Association of Map Libraries, organizing and hosting the Fall Meeting, which was held at the Oregon Historical Society in October 2001. She served on the Oregon Geographic Names Board for many years, first as Recording Secretary, then as Technical Advisor. She was first co-author of an atlas, the *Business District Map of Portland, Oregon* and also compiled and edited the *Union Guide to Photograph Collections in the Pacific Northwest*, both of which were published by the Oregon Historical Society. She contributed several book reviews to the *Information Bulletin* and *Oregon Historical Quarterly* and contributed to the report on the Western Association of Map Libraries meeting in Washington, D.C.

The Oregon Historical Society has established the Elizabeth C. Winroth Fund for Map Acquisitions to honor her memory and legacy. Contributions may be sent to the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205.

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