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## Women in Wine

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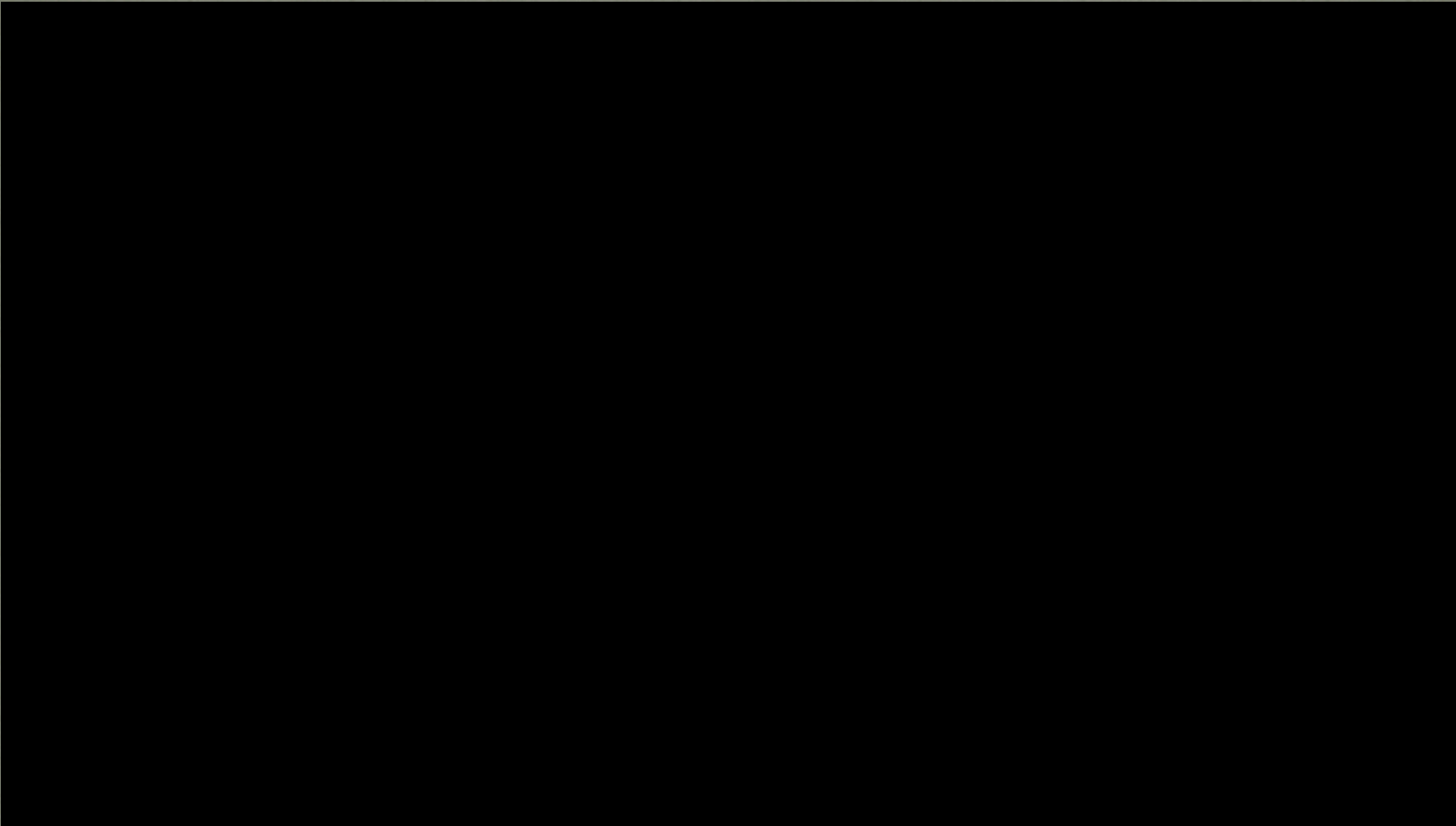
Collaborative Research by Meghan Gillen, Amanda Maxwell,  
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# Oregon Wine History Project

- Document and archive the history of Oregon's wine industry through oral histories and objects
- Make these histories available through the Digital Commons
- Primary focus on the Willamette Valley





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# Goals

- Research , design and create an exhibition about female roles in the Willamette Valley wine industry.
- Spotlight other Oregon wine regions: Walla Walla & Umpqua Valley
- Expand exhibition: then and now



# Research

- Find background information on wineries, vineyards and personal biographies.
- Spotlight region information
- Selecting individuals to interview
  - Ginny Adelsheim, Diana Lett, Nancy Ponzi & Susan Sokol Blosser
- Utilize Linfield College Archives and Digital Commons.





# Interviews

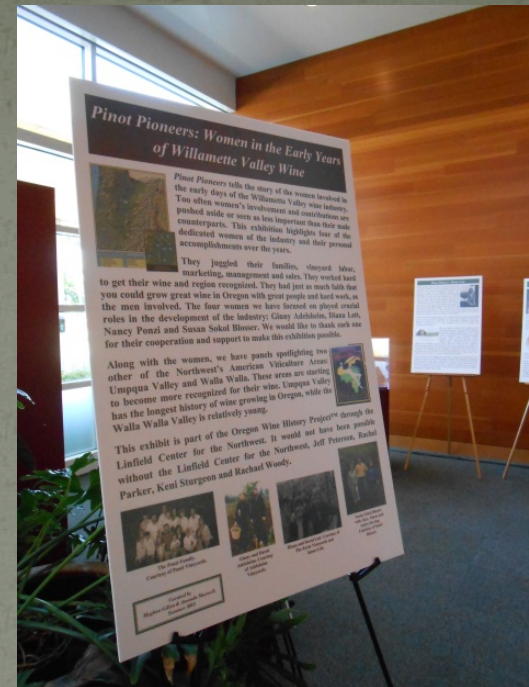
- Start with four interviews.
- Create interview questions and highlight personal contributions to the industry.
- Schedule dates and times for interviews
- Equipment





# Exhibit

- Title
  - Pinot Pioneers: Women in the Years of Willamette Valley Wine.
- Write text
- Gather & inventory gifted objects
- Set Up
- Install in Nicholson Library





# Next Steps

- Open exhibit until August 17<sup>th</sup>
- Keep exhibit open through Fall Term
- Second open in September with expansion
  - Highlight current female leaders of Willamette Valley wineries





# Questions?



**Pinot Pioneers: Women in the Early Years of Willamette Valley Wine**

Pinot Pioneers tells the story of the women involved in the early days of the Willamette Valley wine industry. Too often women's involvement and contributions are pushed aside or seen as less important than their male counterparts. This exhibition highlights four of the dedicated women of the industry and their personal accomplishments over the years.

They juggled their families, vineyard labor, marketing, management and sales. They worked hard to get their wine and region recognized. They had just as much faith that you could grow great wine in Oregon with great people and hard work as the men involved. The four women to have focused on played crucial roles in the development of the industry: Lanny Adkins, Diana Lett, Nancy Petal and Susan Sakel Blosser. We would like to thank each one for their cooperation and support to make this exhibition possible.

Along with the women, we have panels spotlighting two other of the Northwest's American Viticulture Areas: Umpqua Valley and Walla Walla. These areas are starting to become more recognized for their wine. Umpqua Valley has the longest history of wine growing in Oregon, while the Walla Walla Valley is relatively young.

This exhibit is part of the Oregon Wine History Project through the Linfield Center for the Northwest. It would not have been possible without the Linfield Center for the Northwest, Jeff Peterson, Rachel Parker, Keri Sturgeon and Rachael Wood.