UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History to host Holiday Open House Preview and Book Signing

EUGENE, Ore. – (November 29, 2011) – On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Past and Presents, the museum store at the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH) will host a Holiday Open House Preview and Winter Evening Book-Signing event. The museum store features nature-inspired gifts, many by local artists, and a wide array of books and games. Special coupons, featured gifts and refreshments will be offered. Your museum store purchase benefits museum educational programs. During the event authors Mel Aikens, Jon Erlandson, Tom Connolly, Dennis Jenkins, Don Dumond, Madonna Moss, and Kenny Moore will be available to sign their books. The event runs from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; admission is free.

The five new books by MNCH archaeologists featured at the event are:

- **Oregon Archaeology.** This book provides a complete summary of the human and natural history of Oregon’s four major geographic regions by former MNCH director Mel Aikens and MNCH archaeologists Tom Connolly and Dennis Jenkins.

- **Northwest Coast: Archaeology As Deep History** Written by Madonna Moss, MNCH curator and UO Anthropology professor, this book provides a concise summary of current knowledge about the archaeology of the Northwest Coast, extending from northern California and the Oregon Coast to southeast Alaska.

- **The Archaeology of North Pacific Fisheries.** Edited by Madonna Moss and Audbrey Cannon, this book illustrates how the archaeological record reveals new information about ancient ways of life and the histories of key species in Alaska, British Columbia and Puget Sound.

- **10,000 Years of Shoes: The Photographs of Brian Lanker.** Edited by Jon Erlandson and Sarah McClure—and including essays by Tom Connolly, Erlandson, Petr Hlavacek, and Kenny Moore—10,000 Years of Shoes, explores the form, function, history, and diversity of shoes, with stunning photos that will activate your sense of wonder.

- **Archaeology on the Alaska Peninsula: The Northern Region, Fifty Years Onward. University of Oregon Anthropological Papers, No. 70, 2011.** In 1960 the author, Don E. Dumond (now MNCH director emeritus and UO Anthropology professor emeritus) began a University of Oregon project of archaeological research on the Alaska Peninsula of southwest Alaska that continued through the first decade of the twenty-first century. The book provides an update on work on both sides of the Peninsula—the winter-icebound coast of the Bering Sea on the northwest, and the unfreezing coast of the Pacific on the southeast—yielding results covering more than 9,000 years.

**About the Museum of Natural and Cultural History**
The UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History is located at 1680 E. 15th Avenue in Eugene and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults, $2 for —more—
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seniors and youths ages 17 and under, and $8 for families (two adults and up to four youths). Museum members are admitted free. Guided tours are offered each Friday at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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