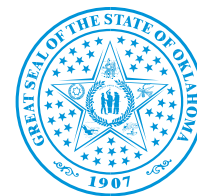




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## OHS Board sets April 2009 Annual Meeting plans

The OHS 2009 Annual Meeting will be held on April 22, 23, and 24 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, at the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 Southeast Adams Blvd.

Arrangements have been made by the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, comprising Board members Guy W. Logsdon (chair), Denzil Garrison, Mary Brett, and Leonard Logan. Among the OHS staff members and volunteers involved in planning and executing the event are Bob Blackburn, Barbara Garrison, Paul Lambert, Geneva Little, Brittany Molloy, Alma Moore, and Tim Zwick.

The conference hotels for the Annual Meeting are the Hotel Phillips at 821 Johnstone, The Inn at Price Tower at 510 Dewey Ave., and The Hampton Inn, at 130 Southeast Washington Blvd.

Special room rates for Annual Meeting attendees and participants have been established on a block of rooms at each hotel. Reservations may be made by calling the Hotel Phillips (\$80) at 800/331-0706, The Hampton Inn (\$89) at 918/333-4051, or The Inn at Price Tower (\$129) at 918/336-1000.

Individuals attending the Annual Meeting are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Tell the desk clerk you are with the Oklahoma Historical Society to receive the special rate.

A registration form will be mailed separately to all members of the Society. Please fill it out and return it with your payment as soon as possible. Packets with tickets and name tags may be picked up at the Community Center at the OHS registration table beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday,

April 22, and from 8 a.m. on both Thursday, April 23, and Friday, April 24.

OHS members are encouraged to register early. There are a limited number of tickets for admission to special events and meals. The preregistration deadline is April 15, 2009. A registration fee of \$15 for OHS members and \$20 for nonmembers is required regardless of the number of events you plan to attend. Because the Annual Meeting is a self-supporting function, the revenue is used to pay expenses. No refunds will be made after April 17, 2009.

On Wednesday evening, April 22, the OHS will host a special reception in the Terrace Room of the Phillips Tower in Bartlesville. During the reception the OHS will honor Denzil Garrison for his more than three decades of service to the OHS. Refreshments will be served, and the Phillips Museum, located just across the street from the Phillips Tower, will be open for touring.

Concurrent paper sessions, each with two to three presenters and one moderator, on a wide variety of historical topics will be held on Thursday, April 23, and Friday, April 24, at the Bartlesville Community Center.

On Thursday and Friday an Exhibitors' Area will be located in the Bartlesville Community Center.

On Thursday and Friday mornings a break area will offer several complimentary beverages.

At 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, members and guests will gather in the Community Room of the Bartlesville Community Center for a luncheon, the cost of which will be outlined in the materials mailed to members. The luncheon address

will be given by noted author Michael Wallis of Tulsa.

### Annual Membership Meeting

After the luncheon, at approximately 2:15 p.m. in the Community Room, members will attend the OHS Annual Meeting of the Membership. OHS president James R. Waldo will describe the State of the Society, followed by the announcement and swearing-in of new Board members.

### Optional Activities

On Thursday afternoon, April 13, participants will have free time to explore attractions in the Bartlesville area, including the Frank Phillips Home, Washington County Historical Museum, the restored Nellie Johnstone No. 1 oil well, all in Bartlesville. In nearby Dewey is the historic Dewey Hotel and the Tom Mix Museum.

### An Evening at Woolaroc

Later on Thursday, an evening at Woolaroc will be offered, featuring social time at the Frank Phillips Lodge, dinner at the Events Center, and touring the renowned Woolaroc Museum. Details as to cost will be provided in the registration packet mailed to members.

### Awards Luncheon

The Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 24, will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the Community Center. After the meal, presentations will include the Muriel H. Wright Award, the Joseph B. Thoburn Award, and the William D. Pennington Memorial Award, as well as awards for the Best Book on Oklahoma History, the Outstanding Thesis on Oklahoma History, the Outstanding Local Historical Society or Museum, the Outstanding OHS Support Group, and the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

## Honey Springs offers a look at Civil War Life

On Saturday, March 7, Honey Springs Battlefield Site will mount its annual Civil War Life living history program, according to Ralph Jones. The event begins at 1 p.m. and continues until 4 p.m. Jim Langley, a reenactor specializing in Civil War medicine, will present his interpretations of realistic medical scenes. He is widely known for his realism and his knowledge of innovations, successes, and failures of Civil War-era doctors.

The Tenth Kansas Infantry will be in bivouac during the day, in preparation for participating in the evening's Candlelight Tour.

The annual Candlelight Tour, which will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. that night, will feature some of Langley's work. Other scenes will include Union or Confederate soldiers as well as civilians. As in past years, beginning at 7 p.m. and every fifteen minutes thereafter, guides will lead groups of twelve to sixteen people on forty-five-minute tours of the scenes.

There is a charge of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students in grades 1 through 12. Reservations are recommended. Call 918/473-5572 or e-mail <honeysprings@okhistory.org> for additional information.

Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site is located seven miles north and east of Checotah off U.S. Bus. 69.





## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

As I look back over the landscape of our history, I see qualities that make Oklahoma a great place to live. Creativity, tenacity, diversity, and opportunity are just a few.

One quality that stands out is our passion for public service, whether it is teaching, fire fighting, elective office, or volunteerism. Oklahomans are generous people.

Today, I want to tip my hat to one person, an adopted Oklahoman, who has made a career of public service—Dr. LeRoy Fischer.

Dr. Fischer was born in southern Illinois and completed his Ph.D. in history as a Lincoln scholar. He served his country during World War II and came to Oklahoma after the war to teach in the history department at Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State University.

He married an Iowa farm girl, Martha, started a family, and built a house only a few blocks off campus so he could walk to his office rain or shine.

As an educator, Dr. Fischer will long be remembered by several generations of students whose lives he influenced. For me, that influence started when my father, after retiring from the Highway Patrol, earned his master's degree in history at A&M.

His influence continued when I attended OSU to work on my master's and doctorate degrees. His research seminar still stands out in

my memory for the lessons I learned, including deadlines, organization, careful research, and clarity in expression. At the time, we graduate students complained about the highly structured and sometimes painful approach to the art of history, but now we all celebrate the influence it had on us.

For us graduate students, Dr. Fischer served as a role model in the way he wholeheartedly embraced the outreach mission of a land grant university. He knew who supported his academic freedom—the people of Oklahoma—and he was committed to serving them in return.

The list of organizations and causes that he served is too long for this limited space, but his oversized footprints can be followed to the Civil War Centennial Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Oklahoma Heritage Association, and the Civil War Roundtable.

Then there is his devotion to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Dr. Fischer was elected to the OHS Board of Directors in 1966. He has served on virtually every committee, including the executive and publications committees, for more than thirty years. He was an early champion for historic preservation, especially his beloved Old Central, and he never gave up his dream of creating the Honey Springs Battlefield Park.

Dr. Fischer, who will turn ninety-two this year, has decided not to seek reelection to the OHS Board. The OHS Annual Meeting in April will be his last Board meeting.

In the future, Dr. Fischer may not be sitting at the table as we continue our quest to collect, preserve, and share Oklahoma history, but he will be there in spirit, serving as usual as we strive to live up to his standards.

Yes, I see many qualities that make Oklahoma a great place to live. Dr. Fischer, a gifted public servant, represents them all.

## Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

The 2008–09 Annual Giving Campaign of the Oklahoma Historical Society is well underway. From July 1, 2008, to February 6, 2009, we have received three \$50,000 donations and have raised a total of \$586,950 in cash and pledges for the Annual Giving Campaign and \$298,390 in cash and pledges for specific projects. All of the Annual Giving Funds raised will be used to plan and execute new museum exhibits and to conduct educational programs and special events.

While donations of any amount are appreciated, those who contribute \$1000 or more will be listed on our Annual Donor Board in the Oklahoma History Center. The current donor board will be changed shortly after July 1, 2009, to list the donors from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. All new and renewing memberships at \$1000 or higher also will be considered Annual Fund Donors and will be listed on the donor board. Annual Campaign donors who are not members of the OHS will receive Honorary Director's Circle or Honorary Benefactor Member status. Multiple donations during the period will be summed, and the donor will be listed on the donor board at the level that reflects the total.

Membership contributions and Annual Giving donations each carry their own benefits. Membership benefits begin at \$35 while Annual Giving benefits start at \$1000. In this issue we have listed the Annual Giving donation benefits. Membership benefits were listed in a recent issue of *Mistletoe Leaves*, and both Membership and Annual Giving benefits will be featured in future issues.

New and upgrading members for January are listed in this issue, and the list, like December's, is impressive. We are growing rapidly, and we are most grateful to our long-term members and to our new members for their personal interest and financial support. Anyone with questions regarding the Annual Giving Campaign or membership in the OHS is encouraged to contact me at 405/522-5217, at <plambert@okhistory.org>, or at 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-7914.



## New Members, January

\*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

### Benefactor

\*Edwin and Mary Malzahn, Perry

### Director's Circle

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## Meetings

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society** will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 2, at 6 p.m., in the Chesapeake Event Center, at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., in Oklahoma City. William I. Davis, Jr., will give a presentation entitled "Researching Ancestors in the 1836 Texas of Independence." As part of his talk he will share techniques on how to create a video record. (Special to ML)

## Seminars

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society** will host its spring seminar on Saturday, March 21, 2009. It will be held in the Chesapeake Event Center at the Oklahoma Historical Society, 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Kelvin L. Meyers, a professional genealogist and historian, who has worked in the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library. His topics will include church and tax records and secular and religious newspapers. He will also explain how to access prison, asylum, and court records to learn the true story behind those "scallywags, rogues, and ruffs" in your family. Complete the registration form that is available at the society's web site at <www.okgensoc.org>. The form and your check need to be received by the OGS by March 7 in order to take advantage of a \$10 reduction in the registration fee. On the day of the seminar registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the seminar will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. For information e-mail <OkGenSoc@aol.com>. Or just call Jan Fendley at 405/364-5374 or Billie Fogarty at 405/637-1907. (Special to ML)

## Events

The Gilcrease Museum, at 1400 North Gilcrease Museum Rd., **Tulsa**, is hosting "The Early Cherokee Connections of the Gilcrease Museum" for their March forum at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Dr. Duane King, director of the Gilcrease Museum and University of Tulsa vice president for museum affairs, will speak on the historic Cherokee alliance with Britain. Among the earliest visual representations of American Indians collected by Thomas Gilcrease are two portraits of Cherokee diplomats painted in London in June and July, 1762. Their visit followed a similar trip to the Cherokee Nation by a British delegation at the end of a three-year war between the Cherokee Nation and Great Britain. King will tell the story behind the portraits and the diplomatic exchanges

revealed through the Gilcrease archival collections and other object and archival records on two continents. The Gilcrease forum is sponsored by The Gillies, the museum's volunteer service organization. The event is open to the public and free with museum admission. (Special to ML)

The Arbuckle Historical Society of Murray County and a group of Sulphur Public School Alumni will host a ceremony honoring Chickasaw Captain Raymond Harvey on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the American Legion Building, 910 West Fifth St., **Sulphur**. A number of guest speakers will be present for the unveiling of a plaque in honor of Harvey who served in the Korean War and received the "Congressional" Medal of Honor. Contact Roland Earsom for more information at 580/622-5118 or e-mail 580/618-0444. (Special to ML)

**Tulsa's** Cain's Ballroom will be the venue for a tribute to Bob Wills on Saturday, March 7, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. The event will feature music by a variety of Western Swing performers. Contact Hunter Rodgers at 918/584-2306 or e-mail <info@cainsballroom.com>. (Special to ML)

**Miami's** Ottawa/Peoria Cultural Center, located at 114 South Eight Tribes Trail, will host the annual Peoria Stomp Dance. The event will feature cultural song and dance from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 7. A dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Get in touch with Annette Black at 918/540-2535, extension 15 or e-mail her at <ablack2@peoriatribe.com>. (Special to ML)

The Spring into Summer Arts and Crafts Show will take place on Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 5 p.m., at the Payne County Expo Hall in **Stillwater**. The event will feature more than eighty booths. For info e-mail <craftshowok@gmail.com> or call Teri Aldridge at 580/455-2273. (Special to ML)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Grape Ranch Vineyard in **Okemah** on Saturday, March 14, from 2 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Food, wine, and alcoholic beverages will be served, and the event will include live music and green frozen roses. E-mail Tina Massey at <tina@graperanch.com> or call 918/623-2250. (Special to ML)

In **Ponca City**, the 101 Ranch Collectors' Western Memorabilia Show will take place on Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hutchins Memorial at Fifth and Overbrook Streets. This twelfth

annual buy-sell-trade show will feature items related to western, cowboy, or American Indian heritage. These will include 101 Ranch items, cinema collectibles, saddles, boots, guns, chaps, pocket watches, spurs, and coins. Contact Gene Putt at 580/762-7682. (Special to ML)

**Chandler** will host an Easter egg hunt at the Lincoln County Courthouse on March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Toddlers and children up to age ten can hunt eggs and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny as he hands out prizes to the children. Free admission. Call Linda Stidham at 405/258-0673 or send an e-mail to <chandlerchamber@sbcglobal.net>. (Special to ML)

**Yukon's** Robertson Activity Center, located at Highway 66 and Mustang Road, will be the venue for "Taste of Yukon." The food extravaganza will feature local and area restaurants and food vendors and will take place on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For additional information just telephone Jan Scott at 405/350-8937. (Special to ML)

If you enjoy bluegrass music, there are several festivals slated for March. **Sayre** will host the Dyson Bluegrass Festival on Friday through Sunday, March 20-22. Contact Darlene Dyson at 580/928-5909 or e-mail <sayrechamber@att.net>. The following weekend the Agriplex Auditorium and Fairgrounds in **Hugo** will be the venue for family entertainment with old-time, country, and bluegrass music. The Hugo event will occur on Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call the Hugo Area Chamber of Commerce at 580/326-7511 or go to <www.hugochamber.org> for more info. (Special to ML)

**Tahlequah's** Cherokee Heritage Center is hosting "Indian Territory Days" on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The living history event will feature Cherokee history and culture from the 1880s with demonstrations and activities. Contact Tonia Weavel at 918/456-6007, extension 241 or email <education@cherokeeheritage.org>. (Special to ML)

**Ada's** Pontotoc County Agriplex will be the venue for a Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club Swap, Show, and Sale on March 27-29. Children's activities as well as demonstrations such as rock and gem cutting, polishing, and knapping will take place. Admission is free. Hours on Friday are 10 to 6 p.m.; on Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 10 to 5 p.m. For info call Ed Vermillion at 405/527-6431 or e-mail <okieed42@classicnet.net>. (Special to ML)

## Committee names candidates for 2009 Board election

Board member and chair of the 2009 OHS Nominating Committee Dr. Marvin E. Kroeker has announced the names of the individuals who will stand for election to the OHS board of Directors.

The OHS Constitution and By-laws provide that 13 of the 25 members of the Board are elected by the OHS membership on a rotating basis. In 2009 the membership will elect 1 (one) member from District 2, 1 (one) member from District 4, and 2 (two) members from the state at-large.

Biographical sketches of the nominees appear below by district and in alphabetical order.

Ballots and voting instructions will be mailed to the membership in March. Completed ballots may be cast in person or by mail and must be received in the executive director's office before 12:00 noon, Friday, April 17, 2009.

### District 2

#### Betty Crow (Altus)

Mrs. Crow grew up in Tulsa and is a graduate of Oklahoma State University in Elementary Education. She retired after teaching 25 years in the Altus public school system. She was appointed to the first Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma School for Science and Mathematics, and she has served on the boards of The Oklahoma Center for the Book, Red Earth, Inc., A+ Schools, and the Oklahoma Heritage Association. Crow also served on the Altus Library Board and was involved in events benefitting the Museum of the Western Prairie. She received the Oklahoma Heritage Regional Award for "People Who Have Made a Difference in Oklahoma" in 2004. As a member of the Board of Guardians of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion, she compiled a series of scrapbooks portraying the history of the mansion and its families. She has co-authored three books: *The House Oklahoma Built*, *The Art Treasures of the Oklahoma State Capitol*, and *The History of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion*. Mrs. Crow has been a member of the OHS since 1998.

#### Lindsay Robertson (Norman)

Dr. Robertson graduated from Davidson College with an A.B. in American Studies. He received his M.A. from the University of Virginia in history and continued at that institution to earn his J.D. and Ph.D. in history in 1986 and 1997, respectively. Currently Robertson serves as Orpha and Maurice Merrill Professor of Law, History and Native American Studies and Faculty Director of the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Dr. Robertson has published extensively, including *Conquest By Law* published in 2005 by Oxford University Press and the forthcoming work *Native Americans on the Web: A Guide to the Very Best Sites* as well as numerous other essays, law review articles, and book reviews, many relating to Native American issues. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, as well as the Order of the Coif. He has been active at many professional conferences serving as

moderator or presenter, including a presentation at the 2005 OHS Annual Meeting. Dr. Robertson has been a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society since 2002.

### District 4

#### William Corbett (Tahlequah)

A Pennsylvania native, Dr. Corbett served in the U.S. Navy, 1970-74, and received the Ph. D. in history from Oklahoma State University, 1982. He taught at OSU, Northern Oklahoma College, and is professor of history at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah. He has presented numerous public programs on a variety of historical topics including POW camps, the Civil War in Indian Territory, the women's suffrage movement in Oklahoma, and Oklahoma/Indian Territory Rough Riders. He is author of *Oklahoma Passage: The Telecourse Study Guide*, chapters in two OHS books, and articles as well as book reviews in professional journals including *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, *South Dakota History*, *Red River Valley Journal of History*, and *Western Historical Quarterly*. He was a consulting editor and contributor to the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. He received the OHS's Muriel Wright Award in 1981. Corbett serves as a humanities scholar for Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma, and the Museums on Main Street project. He has been a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society since 1980, was elected to the OHS Board of Directors in 1994, and elected Treasurer in 2008.

#### Kathy Hewitt (Muskogee)

A practicing CPA in Muskogee since 1980 and a former Mayor of the community (1992-96), Ms. Hewitt is a graduate of Muskogee High School who attended the University of Oklahoma and Northeastern State University, earning a degree in Accounting and Business Administration. She was recognized as the NSU College of Business & Industry Outstanding Alumni in 1999. She was recognized as one of four Women of Distinction by the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce in 2007. Ms. Hewitt is an active volunteer, currently chairing the following: Community Board for BancFirst, Georgia Pacific Advisory Board, Board of Trustees, Murrow Indian Children's Home, Board of Trustees, Muskogee Regional Medical Center, and Muskogee Animal Control Board. Previous service has included Director, Oklahoma Municipal League; Chairperson, Five Civilized Tribes Capital Campaign Fund; Chairperson, Muskogee Public Library Board of Directors; and Director, Northeastern State University Alumni Association. Ms. Hewitt has been a member of the OHS since 1996.

### At- Large

#### Richard James (Stroud)

Mr. James was born on a farm northwest of Prague, Oklahoma. He attended a one-room grade school and graduated from Prague High School. After service in the United States Navy in World War II, he graduated from Tulane University and was honored as a Phi Beta Kappa and then from the University of Oklahoma School of Law where he was member of the Order of the Coif. Mr. James began practicing law at Stroud, Oklahoma, in 1949 and he continues to practice law there 60 years later. He has served on the Stroud School Board and has been active in the Lions club for 60 years. He served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1951 to 1955 and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1956. He served on the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and A&M colleges from 1967 to 1971 and served four years on the Oklahoma Indigent Defense Board. Mr. James has been a member of the OHS since 1986.

#### Joseph R. McGraw (Tulsa)

A native of Tulsa, Mr. McGraw earned a degree in Political Science from Notre Dame University in 1955 and an L.L.B. degree in 1959 from the University of Tulsa School of Law. He founded McGraw Breckinridge Company, Realtors in 1965, merged with another firm in 1986, and today is Chairman of the Board of McGraw Davison Stewart, Realtors, the largest independent real estate company in Oklahoma with 550 professional sales associates. He served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1964 to 1966 and in the Oklahoma State Senate (1966-72). He served as president of the Greater Tulsa Board of Realtors. He presently is a director of the following corporations and organizations: American Bank and Trust Company, McGraw Oil Company (President), Mill Creek Lumber Company, Natureworks Art Show, Oklahoma Botanical Garden (Vice Chair), and Oklahoma Aquarium Foundation (Advisory Board). He also served on the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission. Mr. McGraw has been a member of the OHS since 2002.

#### Samonia C. Lee Meredith (Oklahoma City)

Born in Oklahoma City as a ninth-generation Oklahoman, Ms. Meredith has lived in Norman, Muskogee, Tahlequah, Loyal, and Oklahoma City. She currently lives in Lincoln Terrace, the historic neighborhood south of the Capitol building. In 1998, she graduated from Oklahoma City University with a dual major in history and Spanish. After having worked at a state agency, in 2003 she went to work for her parents, Mary Ellen (Milam) Meredith and the late Dr. Howard L. Meredith, editing/proof reading manuscripts, handling distribution for Noksi Press (Cherokee-English language books), helping oversee an addition to the historic Roy Turner home, planning and directing annual festivities, and other such duties. During that time she has been able to volunteer heavily for various organizations, including serving as President of the Friends of the Oklahoma History Center (2005-08), of which she is presently Treasurer. She is also an active member of the Junior League (Board Member, 2007-08), Leadership Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals (Board Member 2005 to present), and the Oklahoma City Arts Festival. She is currently working with others to start a travel group to explore all of Oklahoma.

#### Barbara Thompson (Oklahoma City)

Ms. Thompson has been an OHS Director since 1990 and has served on seven different committees, chairing two of them. She chaired the OHS volunteer research committees that developed training manuals on Plains Indians, Pioneers, Black History, and the Five Civilized Tribes. She coordinated the OHS Plains Indians program that was presented to 20,000+ school children. She participated in the planning to completion of the Oklahoma History Center. She assisted with education programs for the History Center Indian Gallery, and is a long-time supporter of Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield. She earned a B.A. in French and teaching certificates (French and history) from the University of Oklahoma. She taught in Oklahoma City area public and private schools, developing and teaching French programs on educational TV, writing teachers' guides, and conducting workshops. She was Oklahoma and America's Mother of the Year, Honorary Consul of France for Oklahoma, and recipient of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor from the French President, France's highest award for civilian service. She was selected for the OU Regents' Alumni Award, OU College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumnus, OU College of Education Meritorious Service Award, and is past president of OU's Bizzell Library Society.

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collections  
A New Blog from the Oklahoma History Center

The OHS web site, at <[www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org)> has a new feature! "Found In Collections," a blog (like an online magazine), has interesting and useful posts based on OHS collections. Posted monthly, each blog offers articles on artifacts, history, manuscripts, maps, photos, and preservation issues. See, for example, "Coin-Operated Perfume Dispenser," by Susan Berberet, Asst. Curator of Collections, and "Caring for Your Photos," by Beverly Mossman, Asst. Photo Archivist. Enjoy!

## Fort Gibson Bake Day is March 28

The OHS's Fort Gibson Historic Site will hold its annual Public Bake Day on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to watch army-style bread making in the fort's restored nineteenth-century bake house. Everyone is welcome to bring their own items to bake in the old-fashioned, wood-fired oven. If you plan to bake your own delicious loaf, bring your oldest pan. The pans sit directly on the oven floor. In addition, the Friends of Fort Gibson will sell bread from the oven, with proceeds of \$3 per loaf going to support the site.

The post bake house is located near the Visitors Center. The entire fort will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is located on S.H. 80 in the town of Fort Gibson. Standard site admission is in effect that day: \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for 65+, and \$1 for 6-18. Kids aged 5 and under are admitted free. There is no admission fee for the bake house, and admission is free to the Visitors Center for those wishing to sample bread at the Friends group table. Call 918/478-4089 for information.



## Make a fashionable Victorian hat at the Pawnee Bill Museum on March 5

On Thursday, March 5, the Pawnee Bill Ranch will host a class devoted to creating beautiful, authentic Victorian hats. The lessons will take place in the museum's conference room at 6:30 p.m.

All materials will be supplied. Participants are asked to bring their own scissors.

A registration fee of \$20 covers the materials, but preregistration and prepayment are also necessary.

For more information on activities at the Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site, call the staff at 918/762-2513. The ranch is located on U.S. Highway 64, one-half mile west of Pawnee.



## STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST OKLAHOMA FOCUS

March 1-May 1 Grades 1-12  
For details call 405-522-4019 or  
visit [www.okhistory.org/kids](http://www.okhistory.org/kids)

OHS Kids and the History Center are once again seeking the best student photographs of Oklahoma. Landscapes, wildlife,

plants, flowers, architecture, and historic structures are good subjects.

The contest categories are grades 1-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. First-place, second-place, and third-place prizes will be awarded in each category.

The contest begins March 1 and continues to May 1. Winners will be announced on May 15. Entries should be submitted as 8x10 prints and may NOT be e-mailed. All must be postmarked by May 1. There is a limit of three (3) entries per person.

For more details and entry forms visit <[www.okhistory.org/kids](http://www.okhistory.org/kids)>; send e-mail to <[kids@okhistory.org](mailto:kids@okhistory.org)>; call 405/522-4019 or 405/511-4485. Go out and shoot!

### Sod House hosts lecture program

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, OHS's Sod House Museum on North Highway 8 near Aline will host a lecture on "The Homestead Act," to recognize Abraham Lincoln's legacy in Oklahoma. The presenter will be Dr. Allan Mason, assistant professor of political science at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Soddies like the one at Aline have come to symbolize the homesteaders of Oklahoma and other parts of the Great Plains of North

America. Constructed by Marshal McCully in 1894, Aline's Sod House is Oklahoma's only extant soddy actually built during the homestead era. Furnished and preserved by the Oklahoma Historical Society, the house features authentic artifacts of early farm life, outbuildings, cellar, equipment and farm machinery. Guided tours available with advance notice. The house is open April 1 through October 31 and November 1 through March 31. Phone 560/463-2241 for details.

## OHS Places . . .

### Cherokee Strip Museum

2617 West Fir Ave.  
Perry, OK 73077  
Phone: 580/336-2405  
Open: Tues.-Fri. 9-5; Sat. 10-4  
Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and state holidays.  
Admission: Free; however, donations accepted.

The Cherokee Strip Museum is located in Perry, a town that became populated on September 16, 1893, the day that the Cherokee Outlet was opened to non-Indian settlers. Prior to the land opening a land office had been established and a post office opened on August 25, 1893, at the future town site. The Southern Kansas Railway (later part of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system) had built its line from Kansas through this area with a water station known as Wharton situated near present Perry.

The museum has exhibits that showcase the historical events and the people who populated the area called the Cherokee Outlet. A one-room schoolhouse is located on the museum grounds. This building, moved to the grounds in 1971, had been Rose Hill School. Built in 1895 in the Black Bear Township of Noble County, the school had played an important role in community life by serving as an educational facility, a social gathering place, and a place of worship. Activities such as spelling bees, plays, pie suppers, and cakewalks held in that small school brought families together.

Rose Hill School now provides a venue for living history programs for Oklahoma's fourth-grade students. Through scheduled programs students can experience a school day in the early twentieth century. Visitors walk across a "time" bridge over a creek to travel back to 1910. A costumed schoolmarm teaches penmanship, ciphering (arithmetic), and reading from *McGuffey's Reader*. The young scholars also study history, geography, accomplish chores, and play period games. Teachers and school officials can book "A Day at Rose Hill School" by calling 580/336-2405 or e-mail <[csmuseum@okhistory.org](mailto:csmuseum@okhistory.org)>.

Since 1993 the operation of the Cherokee Strip Museum has been jointly accomplished by the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Cherokee Strip Historical Society. Annual events include a tea and open house held in September to commemorate the land opening.



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Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that had been members for twenty or more years when they renewed in December,

Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

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## Lincoln's Legacy exhibit on view at Oklahoma History Center

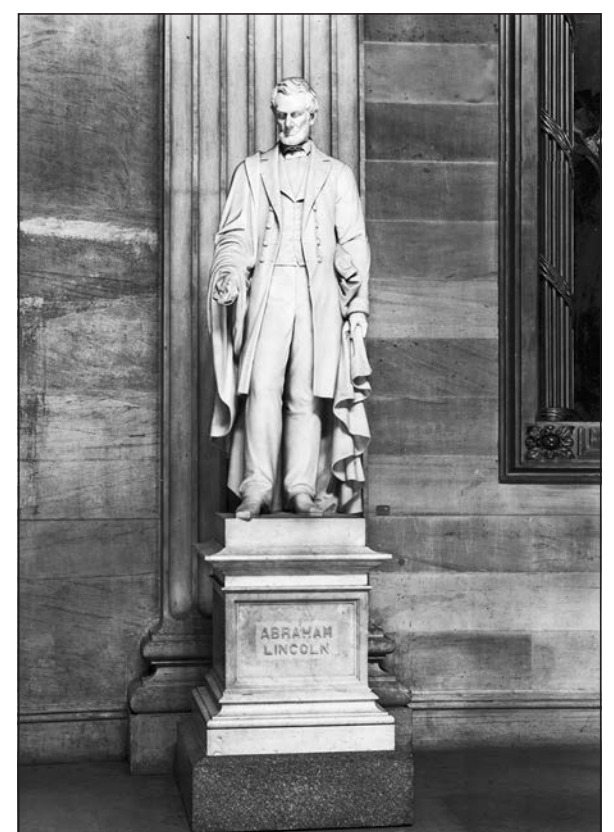
A special exhibit devoted to *Lincoln's Legacy* in Oklahoma will be on display in the Research Center's Reading Room at the History Center from March through July 2009. The presentation utilizes artifacts and documents from the OHS archive and highlights the actions of Lincoln's presidency to show how the Civil War, Emancipation, and the Homestead Act impacted Oklahoma's development.

Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States, campaigned on a platform limiting the expansion of slavery. He preserved the Union and issued the Emancipation Proclamation. And he charted a course for equal protection under the law. An Emancipation Day flyer from June circa 1910 is on exhibit.

During the Civil War more than eighty engagements were fought between the North and South in Indian Territory. The largest battle, which occurred at Honey Springs on July 17, 1863, involved Union, Confederate, and Indian troops as well as the First Kansas Colored Regiment. Copies of *Harper's Weekly* magazine tell the story.

Abraham Lincoln advocated free land. In 1862, with his strong support, Congress passed the Homestead Act, allowing individuals to claim up to 160 acres of land on the frontier. In Oklahoma, the promise of that act was manifest in a series of land runs and openings. Several documents, including a homestead certificate, are on view in the exhibit.

Also included are items from the OHS collection of sculptor Vinnie Ream Hoxie, whose likeness of Lincoln was commissioned for display in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol building.



**Abraham Lincoln by Vinnie Ream Hoxie (OHS photo).**

## Volunteer training planned at the History Center on March 14

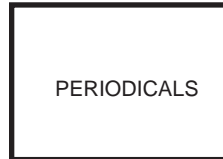
The Historical Society needs you! Volunteer training will be conducted on Saturday, March 14, at the Oklahoma History Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Robbin Davis at <rdavis@okhistory.org> or call her at 405/522-0754. Volunteers are needed on a daily basis to assist visitors of the OHC and with a variety of activities throughout the building. Some are tour guides, some greet visitors, some assist in the Gift Shop. Prior application to the program must be made to attend the training. More information and an application form can be found on the Internet at <www.okhistorycenter.org>.

"Behind-the-scenes" volunteers provide a variety of support services to the other areas of the Oklahoma Museum of History and to the Research Division. On-the-job training is provided. BTS volunteers will arrange their work schedule through the Volunteer Coordinator and the department to which they are assigned.

Want to volunteer in the Research Division (working with manuscripts, photos, etc.) but can't physically come to the History Center to help with projects? Call Steve Hawkins at 405/522-5176 and ask about his "I'm Not Here" volunteer program. Some projects can be accomplished from the privacy of your own living room! For instance, at this very moment, volunteers are busily re-indexing the 1890 Census, a clerical task, using the Census that is posted on the Internet!

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### Spiro Mounds Kite Flite and Vernal Equinox Walks planned for March

Come celebrate the end of Winter and beginning of Spring at the twenty-first annual Family Kite Flite Day at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center. Kite Flite Day will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Entry to the Interpretive Center and into most activities will be free, but there will be \$1 per car parking donation requested. It will be a great day to end the recent icy weather and start planning a garden.

Each year since 1987 the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center has hosted this day of spring fun and learning. Usually more than 600 folks bring lawn chairs, blankets, kids, and kites and fly the winds. "Professional" kites also launch fancier kites. Demonstrations by kites will include stunt kites, parafoils, and other special flying objects. Throughout the day, donated kites will be given away by drawing.

Along with the kite flying, younger kids can have fun in the children's area. They can dig in a sandbox for shells, jewels, coins, and even a special token that can be turned in for a kite. The traditional bubble-making area always draws a crowd. Vendors will offer arts and crafts, American Indian art, and food for sale. The grounds are perfect for a family picnic.

On March 19 and 20 the staff of the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center will offer guided Vernal Equinox Walks. You can learn from an archaeologist and ask questions, too. Each day a walk will start at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., led by archaeologist Dennis Peterson. Each two-hour venture requires a mile of easy walking. He will tell about the mound site, types of mounds, why they were created, and why some are aligned for the sunsets of the Solstices and Equinoxes. He will tell the history of the excavations, American Indian ceremonies and stories, and the unusual happenings associated with the mounds.

There is a small fee for this series of tours: \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. No reservations are required unless you are bringing a big group.

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma. The site is administered by the Oklahoma Historical Society. An Interpretive Center, with exhibits and general information, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. Admission, except for special programs, is free although donations are appreciated. The center is located 3 miles east of Spiro, OK on S.H. 9/U.S. 271 and 4 miles north on Lock and Dam Road. For information or to schedule a group or school tour, please call 918/962-2062 or e-mail <spiromds@ipa.net>.

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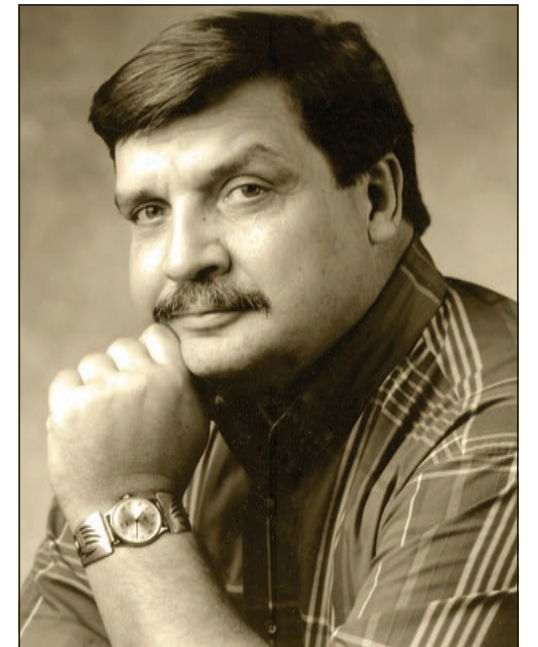
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## Michael Wallis to Speak at Annual Luncheon

Internationally renowned author and speaker Michael Wallis of Tulsa will give the keynote address during the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Annual Membership Luncheon will take place at 12 noon, Thursday, April 23, and will be one of the key events of the Annual Meeting at the Bartlesville Community Center.

Wallis's topic will be "Oklahoma, Where Reality and Myth Collide." He will discuss Oklahoma's "continuing identity crisis, the clichés and stereotypes that plague us," and use examples from the oil patch, the 101 Ranch saga, and Route 66.

It has been said that "reading a Michael Wallis book is like dancing to a romantic ballad. He offers his hand and gently guides you across the floor, swaying to the song of the American West." A member of the Writers Hall of Fame of America, Wallis was the first inductee into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame and has received the Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Center for the Book. He has written sixteen books, including *Route 66: The Mother Road*, which is credited with sparking the resurgence of interest in the highway. He is now working on a biography of David Crockett to be published in 2010.



## National Register nomination grants available from the SHPO

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The SHPO has reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2009 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U. S. Department of the Interior for the program. The funds will be equally divided for award in two grant rounds with any funds remaining from Round 1 carried over for Round 2. Applications and detailed instructions are now available from the SHPO. The deadline for Round 1 applications is 5 p.m. on April 1, and the deadline for Round 2 applications is 5 p.m. on June 1.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Recipients will use the grant funds and nonfederal match to retain an appropriately qualified professional to prepare a complete individual property nomination package for the National Register of Historic Places.

To obtain a National Register Nomination Grant Application contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or visit the web site at <www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm>.

Information about the State Historic Preservation Office and its programs, including the National Register of Historic Places, is also available at <www.okhistory.org>.