



Fur Trade Rendezvous at Fort Washita

Come experience the commerce of the wild frontier as reenactors take visitors back to the time of fur trappers and traders at the Fur Trade Era Rendezvous April 4 to 8, held at the Fort Washita Historic Site in Durant. Learn about the lifestyle of the time period between 1820 and 1850 through high-spirited competitions, educational stations, and much more. Step back in time to when the West was young as guests experience a wide variety of living history presentations including storytellers in character and participants in period clothing.

Bring cameras and capture an era of the past. Enjoy a picnic lunch with family and friends or choose from a variety of modern food vendors available. Wednesday through Friday attractions are geared toward schoolchildren as local school groups will be attending. The event occurs Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Ron Petty at 580/924-6502.



Spring Encampment at Fort Gibson



The Spring Encampment (formerly Heritage Days) will be happening once again at Fort Gibson Historic Site on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Visitors to this free event will see several new presenters as well as many old favorites. This year's reenactors will include 1840s troops, as well as Civil War and Indian Wars presenters. Included in these will be American Indian and African American portrayals. As always, Friday will be set aside as Education Day. From 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. visitors will see a concentration of living history demonstrations presented especially for area schoolchildren.

Saturday features a "Day in the Life" presentation in the log fort where a pre-Civil War garrison will carry on the daily routine of the frontier fort in its heyday. In addition to military drill and weapons demonstrations, there will also be civilian presentations. Planned activities include blacksmithing, candlemaking, cooking, and period games and pastimes. The post bake house will operate all day Saturday, turning out nineteenth-century-style bread.

By popular demand, this year's event will see the return of vendors to the site. There will be a modern food area where visitors will find sandwiches, drinks, dessert items, and other treats.

Fort Gibson Historic Site is located on State Highway 80 in Fort Gibson. Regular admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors, and \$1 for students age six to eighteen. Children five and under are admitted free. For more information, call 918/478-4088 or e-mail fortgibson@okhistory.org

Granny's Apron Day at the Cherokee Strip Museum

Tie on your favorite apron and join the fun at the Cherokee Strip Museum on April 15 at 2 p.m. Granny's Apron Day will feature guest speaker Crystal Layton. Granny wore her apron to protect her dress, but it was used for much more, such as drying tears, carrying garden vegetables, wiping dirty faces, shooing flies, and carrying hot pots. Visit the museum to learn more about the history of the apron. Refreshments will be served. The Cherokee Strip Museum is located at 2617 West Fir in Perry. For more information, please contact museum director, Peggy Haxton, at 580/336-2405.

Easter sunrise service and egg hunt hosted by the Pawnee Bill Ranch

The Pawnee Bill Ranch is once again hosting the Pawnee communitywide, nondenominational Easter sunrise service on top of beautiful Blue Hawk Peak. The service is cosponsored by the Pawnee Ministerial Alliance and will be held on April 8 at sunrise, which is approximately 6:45 a.m. Immediately following the service the Friends of the Pawnee Bill Ranch Association will hold its fundraiser breakfast in the conference room of the museum. The meal will consist of eggs, ham, biscuits, gravy, and a drink for a suggested donation of \$5. All proceeds benefit the Pawnee Bill Ranch.

On April 7 the Pawnee Bill Ranch will host the Pawnee Lion's Club annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hundreds of area children will gather around the shelter and picnic grounds for their chance to find a golden egg filled with the biggest prize money. Thousands of eggs filled with money and candy will be hidden around the ranch grounds following the tradition that Pawnee Bill started more than one hundred years ago. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m. For more information, call 918/762-2513.



Courtesy of the Library of Congress



Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

Every year legislative leaders ask me to predict how budget cuts will impact the Oklahoma Historical Society. Usually, they are looking for simple numbers, such as staffing levels, deferred maintenance, and changes in visitors and patrons served.

All of these measurements, however, track short-term changes. I am more concerned about long-term changes, especially our ability to attract and sustain partnerships.

Partnerships are at the heart of our success in the battle to collect, preserve, and share Oklahoma history. Without this blending of resources to achieve common goals, I would not be so optimistic about the future of the OHS during these troubled times.

You can see the results of partnerships in everything we undertake and every success we celebrate.

The reinvented Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, which opened last month with great fanfare, would still be in the planning phases if not for Lew Ward and the hundreds of donors in Enid who shared our vision for a Smithsonian-quality museum and research center.

The *Heroine*, the steamboat that sank in the Red River in 1838, would still be

a waterlogged mystery without our partnerships with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Institute of Nautical Archeology.

The digitization and keyword indexing of more than seven million pages of newspapers in our collection would not be underway without our partnerships with every newspaper publisher in the state and the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation created by Edith Kinney Gaylord.

The second generation of permanent museum exhibits at the OHC would not be on the drawing board without our partnerships with the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board and energy companies such as Continental Resources, Devon, Chesapeake, Chaparral, Mustang, and Helmerich & Payne.

And we would not be fighting so hard to create an institutional home in Tulsa without the steady support of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, the George Kaiser Family Foundation, and the many men and women from the creative community such as Jim Halsey, Roy Clark, Garth Brooks, Walker Hanson, Steve Ripley, John Wooley, and Caroline Wills.

To forge lasting partnerships, the OHS must sustain the first two parts of our long-term strategy—higher standards and greater efficiencies. Both require adequate support from the state.

If we are to recruit, develop, and retain staff members who are dedicated and motivated to do more than just a good job, we must have basic resources. If we are to convince others that mediocrity is not acceptable, we must improve our care for collections and properties.

Yes, the OHS will likely suffer a third straight year of budget cuts. It is our job to reach beyond that short-term setback and keep our partnerships intact for the long haul.

Dr. Bob

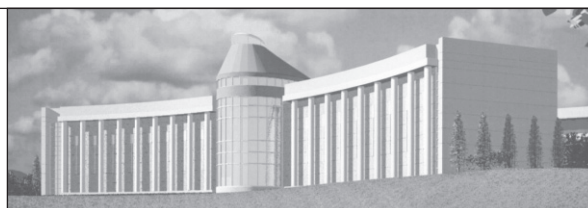
Development News

by Paul F. Lambert

Ballots and other materials related to the election of individuals to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society recently were mailed to all members of the OHS eligible to vote in the election. Unfortunately, the printer made a mistake in printing number nine envelopes, despite having produced proofs that were correct. Because they also stuffed and mailed the ballot package, we did not realize the error had been made until they already were in the mail.

There is supposed to be a signature line on the back of the envelope next to the member's printed name and address. The instructions indicate that members should sign on that line. Members are requested to sign anywhere on the back of the return envelope. We were stunned to discover that our vendor produced correct proofs and then failed to execute the job properly. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Members also have received a mailing regarding the OHS Annual Meeting in April. We have joined forces with the Oklahoma Folklife Council to produce a three-day event combining the usual features of our Annual Meeting with special programming and activities of the Oklahoma Folklife Symposium. The special events begin with our Okie Folkies Coffeehouse Era Concert on the evening of Wednesday, April 18, at the beautiful Coleman Theatre. Featuring Mason Williams and eleven other outstanding musicians, this is going to be a wonderful evening, and I hope to see many members there!



New Members, February 2012

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

Director

*Betsy Daugherty, Nichols Hills
*Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Drummond, Pawhuska
*William French, Weatherford
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nichols, Oklahoma City

Fellow

*Karen Keith, Tulsa

Friend

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Shirley Darnell, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferretti, Edmond
*Mary Alice Foster, Stillwater
*Donna Hallman, Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Hankinson, Yukon
*John Henry, Altus
*Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, Tulsa
Joan Murray-Hogan, Muskogee
*Jo Ann Neher, Ann Arbor, MI
*Mr. and Mrs. Norris Price, Oklahoma City
*Greg Price, Oklahoma City
*Stephen Reagan, Norman
*Doreen Weibel, Oklahoma City

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Bency Achenkunju, Yukon
Sonya Aguilera, Oklahoma City
Estella Akanmu, Oklahoma City
Trasen Akers, Oklahoma City
Anna Alex, Yukon
Ricky Alexander, Oklahoma City
Rachel Alfaro, Oklahoma City
Lauren Alfonzo, Oklahoma City
Heidi Alford, Cibola, TX
Janet Allen, Oklahoma City
Rachel Allen, Tuttle
*Dr. and Mrs. Ali Alli, Oklahoma City
Kerstin Allison, Oklahoma City
Melissa Altdorffer, Oklahoma City
Carol Andeel, Edmond
Jennifer Anderson, Edmond
Marcia Anderson, Yukon
Rodd Andrews, Oklahoma City
Jennifer Anecheta, Oklahoma City
Nicole Angle, Moore
Linda Archer, Harrah
Yohanni Arguelles-Diaz, Oklahoma City
Jeffrey Asbury, Edmond
Sandra Ashby, Midwest City
Lisa Atkinson, Oklahoma City
Angela Atterberry, Oklahoma City
Todd Autry, Tulsa
Debra Awbrey, Yukon
Izad Azadpour, Oklahoma City
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Dora Baker, Oklahoma City
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Aubrey Ballard, Bethany
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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Events

The Old Greer County Museum and Hall of Fame, Inc., will hold its annual Rattlesnake Bake Sale across from the Greer County Court House in **Mangum** on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 2012. The bake sale will begin at 9 a.m. both mornings. All proceeds will be used for upkeep of the museum. Contact Judy at 580/782-2851 or email museum222@att.net for more information. The Rattlesnake Derby and Flea Market will be April 27 to 29 in Mangum. Call the Rattlesnake Association at 580/782-2434 or the Greer County Chamber of Commerce at 580/782-2444.

Join the Oklahoma Museums Association on Saturday, April 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. for the Wine and Palette Fundraiser. Let your inner artist flourish while a talented art instructor guides you in creating your own Red Tree masterpiece to take home. The event will occur at Put A Cork in It Winery in Bricktown, **Oklahoma City**. Everyone is encouraged to attend, from those who have never painted before to seasoned artists. The following is included with your \$100 registration: canvas, paints, art instruction, wine, snacks, and use of brushes, easel, and aprons. Funds will go toward supporting Oklahoma museums. Space is very limited, and registration can be completed at <https://okmuseums.ejoinme.org/MyPages/WineandPaletteFundraiser/tabid/334139/Default.aspx>. Attendees must be twenty-one years of age or older. For more information, call 405/424-7757.

The American Indian Youth Leadership Spring Powwow will be held on April 7 at the McCurtain County Sports Complex in **Broken Bow**. Events will include an exhibition stickball game, gourd dancing, and a dancing contest in the evening. Arts and crafts vendors will also be onsite. Come experience the beauty of American Indian culture at this free event from 1 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, contact Monica Billy at 580/584-3365. (travelok.com)

The annual Montmartre Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival on April 5 at the University of Arts and Sciences in **Chickasha** features hundreds of artists of all ages creating wonderful works of art in chalk. Participants will receive a six foot square of pavement in which to create their original piece of artwork. Up to four artists can work on each square. Water-based, temporary chalk is the only medium permitted. Registration for the Montmartre Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival begins at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event. Judging will begin at noon. Cash awards will be

presented around 1:30 p.m. on the main stage. Come to witness the creation of magnificent artwork as well as to enjoy live music, vendors, and a variety of exhibits. Admission is free. For more information, contact Jacquelyn Knapp at 405/574-1303. (travelok.com)

Celebrate Oklahoma's Western heritage at the 100th annual Old Settlers Reunion in **Cheyenne** April 16 to 22. This week-long festival is held every five years to commemorate the 1892 Cheyenne-Arapaho land opening. Head to Main Street for a variety of exciting events. Watch as decorated floats, wagons, marching bands, antique cars, and people dressed in pioneer clothing make their way through downtown Cheyenne during the Saturday morning parade. Browse arts and crafts booths while listening to fiddlers and music from the past. Stop by the gun show to see guns both new and old, and visit the quilt show to see the showcase of local quilting talent. A gunfight straight out of the Wild West is sure to enthrall visitors. Do not miss the whiskers contest, where men from the area show off their beards. Stick around for the rodeo, where the best cowboys around will compete. Admission is free. For more information, contact Melanie Cole at 405/769-9117. (travelok.com)

The annual 89er Days Celebration from April 17 to 21 commemorates the Land Run of 1889 and the birth of **Guthrie**. Come celebrate this historical event with fun activities that celebrate this bygone era. The 89er Celebration kicks off on Tuesday with the annual Chuckwagon Feed. A delicious western-style dinner will be catered and live music will be played. Join the locals and attend the 89er Celebration's annual 1889-style baseball game. Come experience the game the way it was meant to be played and enjoy old-time soft drinks, peanuts, and popcorn during the game. The 89er Celebration also includes an arts and crafts show featuring numerous displays and items for sale. Carnival food vendors will also be at the event. The highlight of this annual celebration is the 89er Parade on Saturday at noon with buggies, horses, round-up clubs, antique cars, and marching bands. Stick around for the 89er Rodeo, featuring a variety of traditional rodeo events including bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, and the popular mutton bustin' event for the kids. Also enjoy a 5K and 10K run, a carnival, and themed window displays throughout town. For more information,

contact Albert Hawkes at 405/282-2589. (travelok.com)

A Family History Expo will be held April 11 at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and explores resources for tracing your family history. Attendees can choose from three of nine available class sessions. Topics include Old South migrations, the Miller Roll applications, organization, digital photography, researching with Ancestry.com, and more. The opening keynote will be given by Arelene H. Eakle, Ph.D., and closing keynote by Holly T. Hansen. Pre-registration is \$39 and registration at the event is \$59 with lunch included. For complete details and registration, visit www.familyhistoryexpos.com.

Awards

The Board of Directors at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in **Oklahoma** have announced the 2012 honorees who will be celebrated at the 51st Western Heritage Awards on April 21. First established in 1962, the awards were to honor the legacy of literature, music, film, and television that reflect the stories of the American West. The awards program also recognizes inductees into the Hall of Great Westerners and the Hall of Great Western Performers, as well as the recipient of the Chester A. Reynolds Memorial Award. This year's honorees are Bruce Boxleitner and the late Fess Parker for the Hall of Great Performers, Temple Grandin, Ph.D., and the late Walter Prescott Webb, Ph.D., for the Hall of Great Westerners, and the late Jerry Cates for the Chester A. Reynolds Memorial Award. For more information, contact Catherine Page-Creppon at cpage@nationalcowboymuseum.org or 405/478-2250.

Do you want to have your organization's meeting, event, or exhibit featured in the "Around Oklahoma" section of the *Mistletoe Leaves*? The "Around Oklahoma" section features Oklahoma history and heritage-related activities or programs sponsored by entities other than the Oklahoma Historical Society. To submit news items, please contact Tabatha Toney, assistant editor, by email at ttoney@okhistory.org or mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, during the first week of the month before you wish a news item to appear. For example, if you wish a news item to appear in our May issue, please send it to our editors by the first week of April. Thank you for your submissions.



Sherry L. Beasley appointed to the OHS Board of Directors

Sherry L. Beasley was recently appointed to the board by Governor Mary Fallin. She is the president and owner of the Oklahoma City interior design firm Interior Images, Inc. She graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in education from the University of Central Oklahoma. Beasley taught fourth grade in Solon, Iowa, and served as a substitute teacher in Sacramento, California. After returning to Oklahoma, Beasley earned her M.A. in interior design from the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers and is a registered interior designer in the state of Oklahoma. She served on the building committees of Bishop McGuinness High School and the Oklahoma Dental Association, as well as worked on interior

design projects with the historic Hefner Mansion. Beasley formerly served as president of the Oklahoma County Dental Alliance and Oklahoma Dental Alliance. She has served on the Trinity Episcopal School Board of Trustees and is past president of the Trinity Episcopal School Parent Teacher Association. She has served on the boards of the March of Dimes and the Payne Education Foundation. Beasley currently serves on the Executive Board of Allied Arts, and the Saint Anthony's Foundation and is a trustee of the University of Central Oklahoma Foundation. Beasley and her husband Lee have three sons and five grandchildren.

Museum Store News

By Russ Haynes

Hello to everyone from the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store! Spring is here and with it we have more new books for you. We continue to find new and intriguing books that help tell the story of Oklahoma and its people. We now have more than one thousand titles to choose from, and if you are ever in Oklahoma City, please stop by and take a look. You won't be disappointed!

Wishbone: Oklahoma Football, 1959-1985 by Wann Smith. Provides an in-depth account of Sooners football from the team's final years under Coach Bud Wilkinson through its remarkable turnaround under Coach Barry Switzer. At the heart of the story is the phenomenal success of the Wishbone offense. Draws on firsthand accounts from players, coaches, and university administrators, many never before published. 329 pages. Hardback. \$24.95

Tent Number Eight: An Investigation of the Girl Scout Murders and the Trial of Gene Leroy Hart by Gloyd McCoy. Dissects and describes the investigation of the Locust Grove Girl Scout murders as well as the trial of the accused murderer, Gene Leroy Hart. Provides background information on all the parties involved and the explanations regarding why certain decisions were made, including the acquittal of the accused and what might have happened if the lawyers on both sides had made different decisions and if modern technology were available. 329 pages. Paperback. \$18.99

Cossacks, Indians, and Buffalo Bill: The Adventures of Georgian Riders in America by Richard Alexis Georgian. The book follows the adventures, romance, and tragedies of Georgian men and women who were seduced by the promise and opportunity of making a living in America. Their thrilling feats of horsemanship captured the imagination of the American cowboys and became the gold standard of trick riding up to the present time. 436 pages. Paperback. \$18.95

The People of the River's Mouth: In Search of the Missouri Indians by Michael Dickey. The book recalls the Missouri Indians' many contributions to history and their interactions with French, Spanish, and early American settlers. Examines the Missouri's unique cultural traditions through archaeological remnants and archival resources and investigates the forces that weakened the Missouri and led to their eventual removal to present-day Oklahoma. 157 pages. Paperback. \$19.95

To order you can call the Museum Store at 405/522-5214. Please make checks payable to the Oklahoma Historical Society. To facilitate orders paid for by check we ask that, if possible you call or email first to check for product availability. If this is not possible, do not worry we will do our best to fill any part of your order that we can. Overseas members must email us for a shipping quote before submitting an order. For questions and suggestions, you can call or email at giftshop@okhistory.org. Thank you for your patronage, and we look forward to hearing from each one of you!

Murrell Home hosts Arkansas Civil War tour

The Friends of the Murrell Home organization is sponsoring a bus tour of historic sites in northwest Arkansas on Saturday, April 14. The tour will explore sites related to the Pea Ridge military campaign during the Civil War and the Murrell Home's ties to the Cherokee Nation. The tour will include stops at the Pea Ridge Battlefield, nearby Trail of Tears sites, and the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. Tour guides will provide historical information at each site. The tour begins at 8 a.m. at the Murrell Home in Park Hill and will return at 8:30 p.m. Cost for the program is \$30 per person and includes admission to all historic sites and museums. Printed information packets about the historic sites will also be provided. Major credit cards are accepted. To reserve a seat or for more information, please call the Murrell Home at 918/456-2751.



The gift of history

The officers, directors, and staff of the Oklahoma Historical Society recently were honored to receive a donation from Dr. Nazih Zuhdi to provide 518 new Family Memberships in the OHS to his friends and colleagues. This will expose the new members and their extended families to all of the benefits of membership.

Many members of the OHS provide gift memberships to other individuals or families, and we want to encourage other members to do the same. Our growing program of activities for people of all ages, conducted at the Oklahoma History Center and at thirty museums and sites throughout the state, combined with our publications, ensures that all can enjoy membership in the OHS.

Membership revenues support our publications and education programs. Tax-deductible gift memberships benefit the OHS by making it possible for us to continue to focus on quality in our efforts to collect, preserve, and share the history of Oklahoma and its people. New members will enjoy being a part of an organization that has focused on this mission since 1893.

Members who would like to give the gift of history to others are encouraged to contact Alma Moore at 405/522-5242 or ohsmembers@okhistory.org; Shelly Crynes at 405/522-0317 or scrynes@okhistory.org; or Paul Lambert at 405/522-5217 or plambert@okhistory.org for more information.



Children wrapping the May pole at the Rural Heritage Festival, Cherokee Strip Museum

Rural Heritage Festival at the Cherokee Strip Museum

Bring your family and enjoy the activities at the Rural Heritage Festival on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry. Activities include wrapping the May pole at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., a 1910 school session at 11:15 a.m., blacksmithing, cowboys, rope making, lye soap making, cakewalks, square dancing, and more. Donations are accepted for entry to the event. Visitors can also attend the downtown Perry Spring Fest. For more information, call 580/336-2405

Okie Folkies Coffeehouse Concert to kickoff OHS Annual Meeting activities

A special concert by noted Oklahoma musicians will be held at the Coleman Theatre in Miami on Wednesday, April 18. Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. It will be free of charge to the public. The event will be the "kickoff" event for the OHS Annual Meeting.

Headlining the program will be Mason Williams (vocals/guitar), who played folk music in coffeehouses in Oklahoma before finding fame as a composer, recording artist, comedy writer, author, and poet.

Other notable performers will include Steve Brainard (vocals/guitar/banjo), Bill Cheatwood (guitar/banjo), Baxter Taylor (vocals/guitar), Amber Vallee (concertina), Shanda McDonald (fiddle), Kathy Dagg (mandolin/guitar), Ed Petitt (vocals/guitar), Art Eskridge (vocals/guitar), Richard Sharp (vocals/bass), and Mike Flynn (vocals).

Coordinated by Rodger Harris of the Oklahoma Folklife Council, this will be a two-hour concert with an intermission midway through the program. Staged in the Coleman Theatre, concert attendees will enjoy the 1920s elegance and outstanding sound that the venue features.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the folk music of the coffeehouse era. Members are invited to attend whether or not they can participate in Annual Meeting activities on Thursday and Friday.

Reception planned at Dobson Museum

OHS Annual Meeting participants are encouraged to visit the Dobson Museum in Miami during the annual meeting in April. On Thursday, April 19, beginning at 2:30 p.m., a reception will be held at the museum, located at 110 A Street S.W. The reception is sponsored by the Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ottawa County Historical Society.

This is an outstanding museum that highlights the history of Miami and Ottawa County. A major renovation and updating of exhibits will be completed by the time of the reception. The museum's website is <http://route66memorabilia.org/dobson.html>.

Shuttle buses at Annual Meeting

Participants of the Annual Meeting of the OHS next month will have access to shuttle buses for transport to the Coleman Theatre, the luncheon venue on the NEO college campus, the reception at the Dobson Museum, and back to the hotels. There will be no charge for the bus service.

Provided by the Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau and the OHS, the buses should prove a significant convenience for registrants staying at the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, and Microtel Inn & Suites.

Twenty-year Members Renew in February

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that, when they renewed their memberships in February, have been members twenty or more years. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

Betty Kemm, Tulsa, February 1, 1963
 Leo Demmer, Union City, February 1, 1969
 Jerry Anduss, Piedmont, February 17, 1970
 State University of NY at Albany, Albany, NY, October 1, 1972
 Bill Settle, Muskogee, February 1, 1973
 Shirley Rider, Adair, February 1, 1974
 East Texas Baptist University Library, Marshall, TX, December 1, 1974
 Kenny and Diane Brown, Edmond, May 1, 1976
 Phil and Gayle Roberts, Edmond, February 1, 1977
 Harvey Yost II, Stillwater, February 1, 1977
 Eugene Baade, Renton, WA, January 1, 1978
 Broken Bow Public Library, Broken Bow, March 1, 1978
 Stigler Public Library, Stigler, June 1, 1979
 Allen and Linda Hicks, Kenefic, May 1, 1980
 George Pendleton Jr., Dallas, TX, January 2, 1981
 Floyd Stephens Jr., Bixby, January 2, 1981
 Buckley Public Library, Poteau, April 1, 1981
 Peggy Talley, Poteau, May 1, 1981
 Suzanne Crawford, Lawton, November 1, 1982
 Blaine Shaffer, Omaha, NE, February 1, 1983
 Rolland Haun, Saint Louis, MO, January 1, 1984
 Timothy Palmieri, Aliquippa, PA, January 2, 1984
 David Stevens, Noble, January 2, 1984
 Bob and Mary Brown, Burneyville, February 1, 1984
 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 1, 1984
 Rose State College Library, Midwest City, December 1, 1984
 Bonnie Bolding, Midwest City, January 18, 1985
 Directorate of Museums & Military History, Fort Sill, October 1, 1985
 Idabel Public Libraries, Idabel, December 1, 1985
 Kenneth Corder, Edmond, February 1, 1986
 David Kelsay, Meeker, August 25, 1986
 Betty Ruth Kemp, Norman, November 4, 1986
 Betsy Amis Daugherty, Nichols Hills, November 24, 1986
 Sapulpa Historical Society, Sapulpa, January 21, 1987
 Eva Gerard, Denison, TX, February 9, 1987
 Ruth Maples, Amarillo, TX, May 25, 1988
 Sybil Mayes, Mustang, December 22, 1988
 John Heisch, Oklahoma City, January 31, 1989
 Hartshorne Public Library, Hartshorne, March 6, 1989
 Southern Prairie Library System, Altus, October 16, 1989
 Donna Koelsch, Locust Grove, December 6, 1989
 Floriene, Fitzgerald, Sebastopol, CA, December 19, 1989
 Lloyd Noble, Tulsa, December 26, 1989
 Eileene Huff, Drumright, February 7, 1990
 Mike and Darla Terry, Enid, February 23, 1990
 Greer Cty. Genealogical & Hist. Soc., Mangum, February 23, 1990
 Roger Hardaway, Alva, December 17, 1990
 Eva Briley, Idabel, February 6, 1991
 Dick and Teri Shifrin, Oklahoma City, February 20, 1991
 INCOG, Tulsa, September 18, 1991
 Tulsa City County Library, Tulsa, January 3, 1992
 Claire Martin, Springfield, IL, January 28, 1992
 Robert Chester, Enid, February 28, 1992

"Tangible History" at the Frank Phillips Home

The first in a series of presentations of "Tangible History" for the 2012 season will be presented Friday, April 20, at the Frank Phillips Home in Bartlesville. The Nellie Johnstone Questers offer the program to everyone free of charge. The program is from 12:10 to 1 p.m. and is entitled "Staffordshire Pottery" and is presented by Jane Webb.

For more information about the "Tangible History" programs or details about the Frank Phillips Home, contact Kim Goss at 918/336-2491, ext. 104 or visit www.frankphillipshome.org.

New Members, cont’d.

Mary Barton, Oklahoma City
Brandi Bass, Oklahoma City
Mavis Bates, Oklahoma City
Tina Baugh, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Will Beckman, Edmond
Denise Bennett, Edmond
Candace Bergren, Edmond
Sharon Bolt, Oklahoma City
Keri Bonham, Yukon
Jeffrey Bowling, Yukon
Deontae Braxton, Edmond
Briana Brewer, Oklahoma city
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brittain, Midwest City
Angela Brittsan, Edmond
Rebecca Brock, Edmond
*Dorothy Brown, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Brown, Oklahoma City
Jody Brown, Moore
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Oklahoma City
Susan Brown, Oklahoma City
Kaye Bryant, Oklahoma City
Bevin Burdg, Oklahoma City
Shanna Burge, Okarche
Michael Butterfield, Oklahoma City
JoBeth Buyten, Norman
Joey Cagle, Oklahoma City
Nada Cain, Oklahoma City
Martha Camp, Oklahoma City
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Ken Burns to introduce new documentary at the Oklahoma History Center

Renowned documentarian Ken Burns will introduce his new production, *The Dust Bowl*, in the Chesapeake Events Center of the Oklahoma History Center Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Individuals must register in advance to attend the special event.

Members only will be allowed to register beginning Friday, March 30. Registration will be opened the general public on Friday, April 6. Registrations will not be taken prior to these dates. To register, please call 405/522-0765.

The doors to the History Center will open at 6 p.m., and doors to the Chesapeake Events Center will open at 6:15 p.m. The Museum Store and the American Indian Gallery will be open until 7 p.m.

Burns will speak, show excerpts from *The Dust Bowl*, and answer questions. The documentary features interviews with Dust Bowl survivors, dramatic photographs, seldom-seen movie footage, and dramatic narrative. Much of the research for the documentary was conducted at the Oklahoma History Center.

Burns has been recognized with twelve Emmy Awards and two Oscar nominations for his documentaries on subjects such as *The Civil War*, *Baseball*, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, *The War*, and *Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*. He also has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. One noted film critic declared Burns to be “not only the greatest documentarian of the day, but also the most influential filmmaker period.” *The Dust Bowl* will be shown on OETA, the Oklahoma Network, and on PBS stations throughout the United States.

Brown to speak on the Homestead Act and land runs

Join us at the Oklahoma History Center on Thursday, April 26, for a special lecture and discussion on the Homestead Act of 1862 and the Oklahoma land runs. Dr. Kenny Brown from the University of Central Oklahoma will look at the historic act and its impact on the opening of Oklahoma. Through the Homestead Act, settlers gained access to government land and could file a claim, improve the land, and file for a permanent deed to the property. The museum will open at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Seating is first come and admission is free. For more information, contact Jason Harris at jharris@okhistory.org or 405/522-0785.



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Advanced registration required for some special events at the Oklahoma History Center

In order to enhance the quality of certain programs, including events featuring historical reenactors such as Fritz Klein (who portrays Abraham Lincoln), several significant changes in how the events are conducted will be instituted.

When scheduling makes it possible, the Oklahoma History Center will stage public performances both in the afternoon and in the evening. This hopefully will make it possible for more individuals to attend one of the presentations.

In addition, the performances will be staged in the Chesapeake Events Center. This will reduce the size of the audiences to a maximum of 350, but the quality of audio and video will be enhanced. There will not be a bad seat in the room as everyone will be relatively close to the stage.

Advanced registration will be required to attend. The registration period for OHS members generally will begin two weeks prior to the event. Registration will be available to both members and nonmembers one week in advance of the program.

The registration schedule, along with details as to how to register, will be announced in future issues of *Mistletoe Leaves* and in *OHS EXTRA!*

