



Festival of Lights at Oklahoma Route 66 Museum



To help Clinton kick off the 2014 holiday season, the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as participating in Clinton's annual Festival of Lights parade that evening. To encourage all Oklahomans to come experience the history of Route 66, admission to this event is free.

The Festival of Lights is an annual holiday extravaganza consisting of a parade, extended business hours for local retailers, silent auctions, and, of course, pictures with Santa Claus. Various businesses, civic clubs, and school groups enter the parade, making the event a must-see for western Oklahomans for the past quarter century. Different categories of awards will be given for the best floats entered into the parade. The Festival of Lights parade will begin at 7 p.m. on Frisco Avenue. Please visit downtown Clinton for this incredible main street holiday celebration.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Museum is located off Interstate 40 at Exit 65 in Clinton, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the winter months

of December and January. The museum will be closed on Sundays and Mondays as well as the first week of January 2015. For additional information, please call 580-323-7866 or email rt66mus@okhistory.org.

Christmas in the Village at the CSRHC

Take your family and visit the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid for Christmas in the Village on Friday, December 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visitors to this community event will be enchanted by the Heritage Center's beautifully adorned Victorian Christmas Village all aglow. "Christmas in the Village is quickly becoming a cherished community tradition. It's a fun and memorable experience in a beautiful setting for family photos," said Andi Holland, director of the Heritage Center.

Escape to a simpler time and experience Christmas in the Cherokee Outlet as it was more than one hundred years ago, with the sights, smells, and sounds of the holiday season. Admission for the event is \$5 per person, and free for CSRHC members. The group tours include character-led tours of the beautifully adorned historic buildings, Christmas treats and cider, a musical performance, an activity with the schoolmarm, and an ornament. Christmas in the Village is sponsored by Humphrey Abstract Company.

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center is located at 507 South Fourth Street in Enid. For more information, please call 580-237-1907 or visit www.csrhc.org.



Murrell Home to host Christmas Open House



The historic Murrell Home in Park Hill will be hosting its fourteenth annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 14, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to tour the 1845 mansion and learn about Christmas customs from the mid-Victorian period. The halls will be decked in Christmas fashions of the 1800s, and live music will fill the air. Each room in the home will have an all-new Victorian Christmas theme with more decorations than ever before. The Friends of the Murrell Home will sponsor a reception with refreshments. The Murrell Home Christmas Open House is free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated.

The museum is located three miles south of Tahlequah at 19479 East Murrell Home Road in Park Hill. The 1845 plantation home was the residence of George and Minerva



(Ross) Murrell, and it is a National Historic Landmark. For more information on the event, contact the Murrell Home at 918-456-2751 or murrellhome@okhistory.org.



Director's column

By Dr. Bob L. Blackburn
Executive Director

It is a good day when you are with five hundred friends using words like “partnerships,” “family,” “leadership,” and “research.” Saturday was one of those days.

The event I attended this Saturday morning was Ancestry Day, a two-day conference cosponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Oklahoma Genealogical Society, and Ancestry.com. More than five hundred people attended from all parts of the country.

As I sat with friends on the stage waiting to offer a welcome, I started thinking about what the conference meant in terms of the Oklahoma Historical Society's progress.

Twenty-five years ago, when I became deputy director, there was a sense of mistrust between the genealogical community and academic historians like me. I can remember strained meetings talking about basics such as collections policies (we had none at the time), staffing plans, and resource allocation. Even within the research division there was a lack of cooperation with little fiefdoms protecting small plots of turf.

Gradually, the walls of mistrust came down, one brick at a time. We found ways

to raise all ships together, including the Indian Records, maps, photographs, newspapers, film, and family research collections. The History Center accelerated that sense of cohesion in one giant leap forward.

Most importantly, the growing sense of partnership came from people stepping onto the stage of our institutional history.

Denzil Garrison, a dean of the OHS Board, is a devoted genealogist who recognized the need to use our resources more efficiently and gave me cover. Aulena Gibson, another genealogist and board member, added her support to the ongoing conversation. Billie Fogarty, a warrior for genealogy and a board member, was on the stage with me this morning talking about partnerships and our entrepreneurial business plan.

Then there is our staff. Chad Williams and Laura Martin are our field generals, dealing with challenges every day and looking ahead for opportunities. They lead through action, not just words. And our volunteers, manning the tables and doors this morning, lead with their generosity and passion for family research.

The Ancestry Day conference is a reflection of how far we have come.

Ancestry.com, the largest online provider of research material in the world, approached us two years ago seeking a partnership. Since then, that partnership has created a new stream of revenue dedicated to collections and funded new computers for the reading room of the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center. Just as importantly, our partnership has opened new channels for us to share our rich collection of information with ever more people.

Yes, it is a good day when you are with friends talking about family history and how far we have come. And there is more to come as we build bridges to a greater sense of community.

Dr. Bob

Development News

By Larry O'Dell

It's the holidays again, and I would like to offer you the chance to share what this outstanding organization does with friends and colleagues. An OHS gift membership will introduce your acquaintances to our thirty-plus museums and historical sites, this monthly publication, and the fine scholarship of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. There is also the ability to acquire the perks of our partner membership with the Smithsonian. The larger and more vibrant our membership, the stronger and more active our organization.

It is easy to purchase an OHS gift membership. One way is online, by navigating to www.okhistory.org/support/membership. There you can browse the different membership levels and buy the best choice for your friends and family online. Another option is to contact our membership office at 405-522-5242, 1-800-750-4090, or ohsmembers@okhistory.org to give the gift of Oklahoma history and all that the Oklahoma Historical Society has to offer this holiday season. Remember, your gift is tax deductible.



New Members, October 2014

*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

Associate

*James and Rosalie Bates, Alvin, TX
*Ed and Teresa Bradway, Clayton
*Merrill Burruss Jr., Geary
Gary Wilson, Edmond

Friend

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*John and Mary Ann Coates, Oklahoma City
*Bill and Mariam Corbett, Tahlequah
*Ken and Leah Dick, Lawton
*David Huff, Killeen, TX
*William and Drexel Malone, Shawnee
*Jerry J. Ransom, Greenville, TX
*Niki Richardson, Lindsay
*Chris and Myrna Speligene, Guthrie
Dr. Suzanne Spradling, Nichols Hills
*Jeannette Uhles, Broken Arrow

Family

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Dakota Beckham, Tahlequah
Sunny Bernhardt and Mark Gassen, Kingfisher
Kelly Brown, Midwest City
Vicki Brown, Midwest City
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Mark and Darla Hetchler, Yukon
Melody Jack and Paul Richenburg, Oklahoma City
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Joel Knight and Abraham Henry, Oklahoma City
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Leigh Parks, Oklahoma City
Dorothy Parmele, Oklahoma City
Chris and Roxana Pribil, Edmond
*Patty Roloff, Oklahoma City
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Corrie Seeley and Johnny Schafer, Calumet

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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Events

Experience beautiful light displays and the fascinating history that makes **Muskogee** a unique must-see for the holidays. Okie Heritage History Tours has teamed up with the Muskogee County Transit Authority to offer a combination of two Muskogee tours for a discounted price. Climb aboard Muskogee's vintage trolley with local author and historian Jonita Mullins for a tour of the Garden of Lights in Honor Heights Park, followed by a drive through five historic neighborhoods. Many grand homes and historic buildings are part of what made Muskogee a Distinctive Destination, as named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2011. Group tours are \$10 per person and available each Tuesday in December. Other dates can be arranged by request. For more information or to book a combination tour, please call 918-682-0312 or visit www.okieheritage.com/okie_heritage_history_tours.

Head to **Yukon** for Christmas in the Park, a drive-through Christmas lights tour, offered from 6 to 11 p.m. every night from Saturday, November 22, through New Year's Eve. It showcases one hundred acres spread across three interconnecting city parks that are lavishly decorated. This includes nearly three miles of illuminated paths for motorists, self-guided tours along the 2.2 miles of walking trails, and various costumed characters throughout the parks. Christmas in the Park is the City of Yukon's special holiday gift to everyone and admission is free. Donations in any amount are merrily accepted at the Chisholm Trail Park exit. Funds raised go toward new displays, decorations, and lights that make the park more festive each year. To alleviate traffic, visitors are encouraged to take Exit 138 off Interstate 40 to enter the attraction. For more information about the City of Yukon's events, call 405-354-8442, 405-350-8937 or visit www.cityofyukonok.gov.

Ring in the holiday season with a festive tree lighting and living windows walk in **Tishomingo**. On Wednesday, December 3, from 6 to 9 p.m., stroll up and down Main Street, sip free coffee or hot chocolate, and enjoy living scenes of Christmas displayed in more than twenty business windows. Individuals of all ages will be in the windows depicting various Christmas activities. School and church choirs will sing carols on street corners, and visitors are encouraged to sing along. For more information, please call 580-371-2175.

Kick off the holiday season at **Tonkawa's** Olde Tyme Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. The free festivities include a parade, pictures taken with Santa at the depot, and a giant tree lighting. Bring the whole family out to get in the holiday spirit and learn the true meaning of Christmas. Tonkawa is located 2.5 miles east of Interstate 35 on US Highway 60. For more information, please call 580-628-2220.

Enjoy a holiday-themed parade on Saturday, December 6, featuring a variety of brightly decorated floats at the annual **Atoka** Christmas Parade. The evening begins with local musicians performing at 4 p.m. and the parade will follow at 6 p.m. Holiday-themed floats will make their way down Court Street in downtown Atoka, featuring walking groups, classic cars, horse-drawn carriages, and riders on horseback culminating in a surprise visit from Santa Claus on a fire truck. This event is free, so bring the entire family to enjoy the parade and share in the holiday spirit. From US Highway 69/75 in Atoka, turn onto Court Street. For more information, please call 580-889-2410 or 580-364-4753.

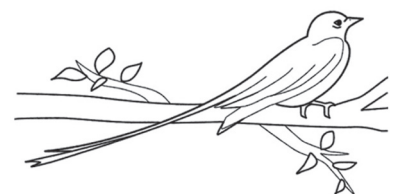
Visit **Mangum** on Thursday, December 11, for an open house celebration at the Old Greer County Museum and Hall of Fame. The Museum Board of Trustees and Directors will host the free event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours and refreshments will be provided in the decorated museum, half-dugout, and Seagrave Fire House. Featured will be the new Model G Train running in the front hallway and the genealogy department, which has recently been moved into the museum. There are sixty rooms of history in the museum plus 134 monuments of at least 270 Old Greer County Pioneers on the grounds. The open house event is free, but donations are always accepted. The Old Greer County Museum and Hall of Fame, Inc., are located at 222 West Jefferson Street in Mangum. Please call 580-782-2851 for more information.

Get into the holiday spirit by attending the annual Victorian Christmas Open House at the Moore-Lindsay Historical House Museum in **Norman**. The event will be held Friday, December 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 508 North Peters Avenue. Free carriage rides can transport visitors to the December Norman Art Walk a few blocks over on Main Street and the Winterfest activities in Andrews Park. Live music, hot drinks, and Christmas

treats are offered free to the public. The historic Moore-Lindsay House will be fully decorated with trees in every room adorned with Victorian-style ornaments. For more information, call 405-321-0156 or visit www.normanmuseum.org.

On Saturday, December 13, watch Main Street come alive with holiday lights at the **Guymon** Parade of Lights. This parade features festive cars and floats decorated in the spirit of the season. The parade finishes with an opportunity to get a photo with Santa. A static parade will continue on Main Street at the East Fifth Street intersection where groups will be selling baked goods, hot cocoa, and spiced cider. Guymon is located off of US Highway 412. Please call 580-338-3376 for more information.

Witness traditional American Indian dancing at the New Year's Eve Powwow in **Tulsa** on Wednesday, December 31. The powwow kicks off at 1 p.m. with gourd dancing until 4:30 p.m., followed by a supper break. Gourd dancing resumes at 6 p.m. and the grand entry begins at 7 p.m. Dance contests that will be featured at the fourteenth annual New Year's Eve Powwow include fancy dance, straight dance, jingle dress, and fancy shawl. This free event is sure to be an exciting way to ring in 2015. The Tulsa Convention Center is located at 100 Civic Center in downtown Tulsa, near West Seventh Street and South Houston Avenue. For more information, please call 918-639-7999 or 918-832-1981.



Do you want your organization's meeting, event, or exhibit included 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 Evelyn Brown, assistant editor, by email at eebrown@okhistory.org or by 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 an item to appear in the January issue, you must submit by the first week of December.

Celebrate the winter solstice at Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center

Visit the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center on Sunday, December 21, for guided walks to learn about the winter solstice and how American Indians dealt with the changes in the seasons. The pace of life today is so rushed and hectic that the natural rhythms of the sun, moon, and stars are forgotten. American Indian farmers understood these rhythms. In the rhythm of the sun, the winter solstice is a period of rest, preparation, and celebration.

Archaeologist and manager Dennis Peterson will lead guided tours starting at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. Each walk will take about two hours and require a mile of easy walking. Peterson will describe this unique, prehistoric American Indian mound site, the types of mounds, why they were created, and why some of the mounds are lined up for the sunsets of the solstices and equinoxes. He will discuss the history of the excavations, American Indian ceremonies, and stories of unusual happenings associated with the mounds. For those wishing to see the sunset, the 2 p.m. walk will end just before sunset, which is when the alignment will take place. Come out to experience one of the most unique historical sites in the United States as seen through the eyes of an archaeologist.



There is a small fee for this series of tours of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, in addition to the daily admission fee. Reservations are required for large groups. Be certain to dress for the weather.

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma and is administered by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The center is regularly open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. The center does close for state holidays. Daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$1 for children older than six. The center is located three miles east of Spiro, on Highway 9/271 and four miles north on Lock and Dam Road. For more information or to schedule a group or school tour during the solstice walks or some other time, please call 918-962-2062 or email spiro@okhistory.org.

2014 Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame induction

On Saturday, October 18, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association inducted two new members into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame at the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum in Clinton. The event also celebrated the Oklahoma Route 66 Association's twenty-fifth anniversary and included a classic car show earlier in the day. Every two years, two individuals, one living and one deceased, are selected by committee for the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame. The two recipients for 2014 were Marian Clark of Tulsa and posthumously J. M. Davis of Claremore.

Marian Clark is a nutritionist, culinary authority, and noted author who volunteers at the Tulsa Historical Society and is a member of the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Library. Some of her works include *The Route 66 Cookbook*, *The Main Street of America Cookbook*, and *Hogs on 66: Best Feed and Hangouts for Roadtrips on Route 66* coauthored with Michael Wallis. More than 125,000 copies of her catalogue of works have sold to date. Marian Clark also has been featured on the Food Network as well as on the British television series *Cookabout with Max and Greg: Route 66*. She was chosen as the Route 66 Personality of the Year for the 2007 Route 66 International Festival held in Springfield, Illinois, and also served as a director for the Tulsa International Route 66 Festival in 2004.

John Monroe Davis was the owner of the "World's Largest Private Gun Collection" during the twentieth century, and he is the namesake for the J. M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum located in Claremore, Oklahoma. Born in 1887, Davis was given his first firearm, a muzzle-loading shotgun, at the age of seven by his father. In his early adulthood, Davis moved to Claremore and purchased the Mason Hotel in 1916. In the hotel, Davis displayed more than one hundred firearms and eventually expanded his collection to include bladed weapons, World War I posters, American Indian artifacts, and German beer steins. In 1926 Route 66's creation and path adjacent to the hotel helped his eclectic collection become one of the first roadside attractions along the Main Street of America. Davis's historical possessions ultimately outgrew the storage capacity of the Mason Hotel, and in 1965 he transferred ownership of his numerous artifacts to the J. M. Davis Foundation.

The J. M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum opened under the guide of the State of Oklahoma in 1969 and has continued to be a significant attraction on Route 66 today. Mr. Davis's award was posthumously accepted by Wayne McCombs, executive director of the J. M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum.



Wayne McCombs, on behalf of J. M. Davis, and Marian Clark accept Route 66 Hall of Fame honors.

Deck the Halls at the Oklahoma History Center

Load up the family and Deck the Halls at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. This family friendly event will include hands-on activities and a chance to meet a variety of historical Mr. and Mrs. Clauses.

Santa and Mrs. Claus from various time periods will be dressed in historic attire and available to take photos. Learn about Christmas traditions of yesteryear and participate in other holiday-themed activities.

This event is free with admission to the museum. Museum admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for students, and free for children five and under. As always, admission is free to OHS members.

The History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. For more information, please call 405-522-3602 or email education@okhistory.org.



OHS hosts regional conference of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM)

In October the George M. Murrell Home hosted the Mountain Plains Regional Conference of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM). The forty attendees to the program participated in workshops, sessions, and field trips designed to share how different sites interpret their multicultural history. Preconference workshops included orchard maintenance, nineteenth-century firearms, and Cherokee heritage crafts such as twining and basket weaving. The conference sessions were presented by attendees from all over the Mountain Plains region and encompassed a wide range of subjects including curatorial tips, knitting skills, and how to identify the time period of fiber arts, as well as genealogy and historic foodways. On the final day of the conference, attendees were treated to a day at the Pawnee Bill Ranch, where they toured the site, visited the bison, and a lucky few learned to drive a horse-drawn wagon. The conference ended with a tour of Fort Gibson Historic Site and dinner in the barracks building, followed by a spirited live auction. The event was the toast of the season.

According to their website, the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums serves those involved in living historical farms, agricultural museums, and outdoor museums of history and folk life. Since its founding in 1970, ALHFAM has been at the forefront of the growth and professionalization of the use of living history techniques in museum programs. ALHFAM members and member institutions can be found across the United States and Canada and in many other countries. For more information, visit www.alhfam.org.



Museum Store News

By Jera Winters

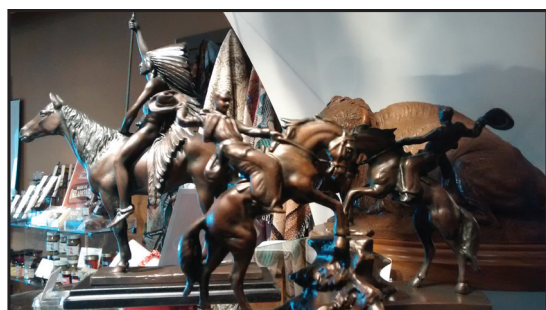
The Oklahoma History Center Museum Store is proud to be your source for great products that highlight the culture and history of Oklahoma. We are happy to announce the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store's annual Holiday Sale, Friday and Saturday, December 5-6.

During our Holiday Sale, we offer an extra 10 percent off to OHS members on regularly priced merchandise, giving members 25 percent off. Nonmembers will receive 10 percent off regularly priced merchandise. We also have discounts on many items throughout the store.

We have many products that are great gift ideas for the Oklahomans in your life. We have a wide range of gifts made right here in Oklahoma, from housewares to décor. Our most recent addition is statuary made by the Oklahoma Casting Company, located in Ponca City, Oklahoma. We also offer Oklahoma-made pens, dish towels, and food products, to name a few items from our great Made in Oklahoma line.

For the kids, we offer a wide selection of classic vintage-style toys. You can find all the best toys that continue to delight and amaze, such as Slinky, Silly Putty, and classic versions of popular board games. Our vintage candies make great stocking stuffers.

Call or stop by for these and many other unique products. Books also can be ordered on the Museum Store website at www.okhistory.org. Members always receive a discount of 15 percent on Museum Store purchases. Please contact us at 405-522-5214 with any questions about these or any other of our great items.



Holiday decorations and events at Pawnee Bill Ranch

Pawnee Bill's 1910 mansion will once again be beautifully transformed for the holiday season. Holiday decorations will be put in place by staff members and volunteers from the community and can be seen during normal hours of operation December 1 through 31. Pawnee Bill's home is a Tudor-style arts and crafts bungalow and the decorations used for the holiday season are those typical of that time period.

Help the Pawnee Bill Ranch celebrate the holiday season on Saturday, December 13. The Friends of the Pawnee Bill Ranch Association's annual meal and meeting is planned for 11:30 in the ranch's big barn. The meal and meeting are open to Ranch Association members or those who wish to become members.

As a special treat that day, December 13, the ranch is hosting a Santas of the World Tour from 1 to 3 p.m. in the mansion. Various Santa Claus characters will be dressed authentically from their particular time period and country of origin. The tour is free and open to the public. Please call 918-762-2513 for more information.

Home School Day 2014 a success at the Oklahoma History Center

On Monday, October 13, hundreds of individuals visited the Oklahoma History Center for the sixth annual Home School Day event. Activities took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., allowing home school families to stop by any time. The museum offered a hands-on adventure into Oklahoma's past.

Visitors enjoyed interacting with historical interpreters, taking part in hands-on activities, watching demonstrations, and following a scavenger hunt through the museum exhibit galleries.

There were also booths set up with activities and information provided by other local museums and institutions. Admission to Home School Day was free to all families, sponsored in part by SONIC, America's Drive-in.



Photographs courtesy of Marvin Lee.

Drummond Home to host Christmas festivities

The Friends of the Fred Drummond Home invite all to attend their annual Christmas event that will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. The site will be decorated for the holiday season, with a Christmas tree in almost every room. For the enjoyment of the public, the band Finnegan's Awake will be play Scottish folk music to welcome the holiday season. The music will also honor Frederick Drummond, who was of Scottish descent. Santa Claus will be in attendance, handing out treats to all the children as well as adults. An array of holiday goodies will be available to eat and drink.

The Fred Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price Avenue in Hominy. For more information about this event, please call 918-885-2374 or email drummondhome@okhistory.org.



Twenty-year members renew in October 2014

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

Samuel T. Allen, Sapulpa, September 21, 1955
 David and Joyce Walters, Eufaula, September 1, 1972
 University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville, TN, October 1, 1972
 Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL, December 1, 1972
 Bill and Mariam Corbett, Tahlequah, June 8, 1980
 Dale and Phyllis Regier, Yukon, September 1, 1980
 Darrel G. Walker, Konawa, October 1, 1981
 Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 2, 1982
 David and Arlene Baker, Lawton, October 4, 1984
 L. Ernestine Maphet, Gate, October 1, 1985
 Pushmataha County Historical Society, Antlers, October 15, 1986
 Bob D. Hammons, Sallisaw, October 20, 1986
 Jerry Koelsch, Locust Grove, October 20, 1986
 Alva Public Library, Alva, October 24, 1986
 Marjorie Couch, Oklahoma City, October 27, 1986
 Nancy Gee, Miami, October 28, 1986
 John L. Lillibridge, Gaithersburg, MD, October 30, 1986
 Lydia Spalding, Bartlesville, November 4, 1986
 Violet Spinler, Winthrop, MN, November 4, 1986
 David Huff, Killeen, TX, November 5, 1986
 David K. Petty, Guymon, November 10, 1986
 Ruth Schreiner, Duncan, November 13, 1986
 David Lee, Centennial, CO, November 17, 1986
 Ed and Teresa Bradway, Clayton, October 6, 1987
 Steven and Dena Wagner, Trinidad, CO, October 26, 1987
 Janice Johnson, Edmond, June 13, 1988
 Checotah Landmark Preservation Society, Checotah, October 17, 1988
 Kenneth and Joanne Parrott, Stillwater, September 20, 1989
 Jean Phillips and Jan Miller, El Reno, January 4, 1990
 Spencer Historical Society, Spencer, September 28, 1990
 J. M. Jackson, Oklahoma City, October 9, 1990
 Richard Lowitt, Concord, MA, October 15, 1990
 Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum, Woodward, October 31, 1990
 Mary F. Duffe, Austell, GA, October 4, 1991
 Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, November 23, 1991
 National Route 66 Museum and Old Town Complex, Elk City, July 20, 1992
 Billy F. Burke, Bakersfield, CA, October 15, 1992
 Charles and Linda Zeeck, Oklahoma City, October 18, 1993
 Everett and Judy Cutter, Douglas, September 2, 1994
 Roy C. Hightower, New Bern, NC, September 15, 1994

State Historic Preservation Office to host December workshops at OHC

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to present a series of special workshops during the first week of December.

All workshops will take place in the OERB Classrooms at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. There are no registration fees required. If you have questions, please call 405-521-6249. Note: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, please call 405-522-4484 at least two days prior to the workshop.

Wednesday, December 3 - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

Wednesday, December 3 - 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

Thursday, December 4 - 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants

Friday, December 5 - 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Working with the National Register of Historic Places

Note to design professionals: Many of these programs qualify for HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. The SHPO will provide a certificate of attendance, and participants must self-report their attendance to the board.



New Members, cont'd.

John and Melinda Thomason, Edmond
Mary Towner, Stillwater
John and Kelly Walter, Pauls Valley
*David and Joyce Walters, Eufaula
Ted and Brenda Welchel, Blanchard
Mike and Doyleen Wester, Shawnee

Individual

Sammy Aranda, Guymon
Earl Baker, Wagoner
Robert Barger, Weatherford
Jerry Don Baxter, Atoka
Jose Camarena, Enid
Dalton Carrington, Fort Sill
Juanita Criowley, Sperry
Christopher Cruz Mercado, Vance AFB
Josh Dickson, Enid
Gregory Durbin, Broken Arrow
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It's a Holiday Happening in Ponca City

Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 13 and 14 and join in the festivities of a Ponca City Holiday Happening. Marland's Grand Home, the Pioneer Woman Museum and Statue, the Ponca City Art Center, and the Marland Mansion are celebrating the season with activities and open houses in the true sense of the holiday spirit. Round up the children, hop in the car, and join the fun while shopping locally 'til you drop and enjoying light refreshments surrounded by the sound and scent of the holidays with garland strung and lights twinkling.

On Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Pioneer Woman Museum and Statue will host an open house event. As a special "thank you" for all the support given throughout the year, the public is invited to A Very Merry Open House. Enjoy hot cider and cookies while the soft sounds of the holidays play in the background. Free gift wrapping on all Pioneer Woman Museum gift shop items will be available. Admission to this event is free. The Pioneer Woman Museum and Statue are located on the corner of fourteenth and Highland at 701 Monument Road in Ponca City. For more information, please call the museum at 580-765-6108.

The Ponca City Art Center will host The Art of Christmas at the historic Soldani Mansion on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. each day. This event will be a come-and-go open house. Christmas trees will be on display showcasing the fanciful to the ornate. Get ideas and vote on your favorite tree while the children participate in a make-and-take craft for \$1 in the children's craft corner. Gifts will be available for purchase including Fractured Art Pieces and Audrey Schmitz's Limited Art Center ornaments. Munch on homemade goodies while you browse, and purchase some treats to enjoy at home. This family affair is free to the public. The historic Soldani Mansion is located at 819 East Central in Ponca City. For more information please call 580-765-9746 or email poncacityartcenter@gmail.com.

On Saturday, December 13, Marland's Grand Home will hold its Yes Mary Virginia, There is a Santa Claus open house from 1 to 5 p.m. This annual holiday open house is free to the public. Guests will be greeted by Mary Virginia Marland accompanied by Santa Claus, who will entertain visitors with tales of bygone days and exciting things to come. Guests are invited to tour Virginia and E. W. Marland's first Ponca City home decorated for the holidays each year by the Twentieth Century Club. As a special treat, the library will be decorated in traditional 1920s style. The areas of the home displaying American Indian and 101 Ranch artifacts will be decorated by their respective groups. Family Christmas ornament crafting will be presented by the Friends of Marland's Grand Home. Christmas carols around the piano will delight visitors as they sip a variety of gourmet hot chocolates and nibble on holiday cookies. A limited number of artisan, handmade fox hunting ornaments will be available for purchase, along with Marland history books, prints and postcards. Marland's Grand Home is located at 1000 East Grand Avenue in Ponca City. For more information, visit www.marlandgrandhome.com or call 580-767-0427.

The Marland Mansion will be open for Holiday Happenings weekend on Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, December 14, from 1 to 5:00 p.m. View the mansion at its loveliest, decorated in the splendor and sparkle of Christmas. Tours of the Marland Mansion will be held at 1:30 and 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday with specialized guides. The gift shop will be open with plenty of unique holiday gifts found nowhere else, so come do your Christmas shopping with the Marlands! The Marland Mansion was the home of oil baron E. W. Marland, a gracious and benevolent man who became Oklahoma's tenth governor in 1935. The estate has been home to four gubernatorial balls, galas, weddings, receptions, and special events. The Marland Mansion is located at 901 Monument Road in Ponca City. For more information call 580-767-0420 or go to www.marlandmansion.com or www.poncacitytourism.com.

Update on OHS Film Archives

By Corey Ayers

The WKY/KFOR film collection contains more than seven thousand reels of film and it has been more than a year now since the film and video department began the digitization of the collection. In the process we have uncovered some amazing footage documenting the history of Oklahoma from 1953 to 1980. John F. Kennedy, Mickey Mantle, Richard Nixon, and Elvis Presley are just a few of the names we have discovered on film, brought back to life digitally, and are sharing on our YouTube channel. The films not only offer an interesting view into the past of Oklahoma but also serve as a rich primary source for researchers. To date the film and video department has digitized and shared more than 250 films and hope to have more than 500 done by 2015. Visit www.youtube.com/user/kforarchives to view many of these videos.


Instagram, the photograph and video sharing smartphone application, is one of the most popular social media sites around today. The film and video department has set up an Instagram account that has become an instant hit. @OHSFILM is now followed by more than 2,400 people, and the response has been overwhelming. Fifteen-second clips of digitized film from the OHS collections give viewers a glimpse into what we are preserving. Follow along @OHSFILM on Instagram.



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December events at a glance

- 1-31** Holiday decorations, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
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- 1-31** *Born to Freedom: Allan Houser Centennial* exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-31** *Oklahoma @ the Movies* exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 2** Festival of Lights, Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, Clinton
- 3-5** State Historic Preservation Office workshops, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 5** Christmas in the Village, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 6** Deck the Halls, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 6** Christmas festivities, Fred Drummond Home, Hominy
- 10** “Christmas Traditions” brown bag lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 13** Santas of the World Tour, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 13** 120th Anniversary and Christmas Open House, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 13-14** Holiday Happening, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 14** Christmas Open House, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
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Sod House Museum celebrating 120th anniversary with Christmas Open House

The 120th anniversary of Marshal McCully’s sod house will be celebrated at the Sod House Museum’s Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 13, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The sod house will be decorated in the traditional style of the late 1800s, while the museum facility will be decorated for Christmas commemorating different decades, including the early 1900s without electricity, the 1940s and 1950s with icicles, the 1960s with a silver tree, and twenty-first century Christmas decorations. Christmas music and early day songs will be the entertainment for the event. Cookies and spiced cider will be provided by the Friends of the Sod House. To celebrate the 120th anniversary of the sod house the Friends group will be giving a Christmas tree ornament to each family in attendance. The Christmas Open House is free to visitors as our “thank you” for your continued support of the museum.

The Sod House Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8. For more information contact Director Renee Trindle at 580-463-2441 or sodhouse@okhistory.org.

