



## Antique Doll exhibit at the Drummond Home

The Fred Drummond Home in Hominy will host an Antique Doll exhibit throughout the entire month of February. This exhibit will feature a wide array of German-made dolls, including dolls by Armand Marseille, Kestner, and Koppelsdorf. There also will be a large group of china and porcelain dolls. Of course, paper dolls will be included too. Along with the exhibit, visitors will be able to learn about the history of various dolls. If you are a doll collector, an avid doll lover, or a mother or grandmother who has a special little girl or girls, this exhibit is sure to delight. During your visit, you are encouraged to tour the rest of the beautiful, historic Drummond Home. The Antique Doll exhibit is included with the regular admission fee. Admission prices are \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors (age sixty-five and up), and \$1 for children (ages six to eighteen). Children age five and under are free. There is a group rate of \$2.50 per person offered for groups of ten or more. Regular hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Fred Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price Avenue in Hominy. For more information about this exhibit, please call 918-885-2374 or email [drummondhome@okhistory.org](mailto:drummondhome@okhistory.org).



## Third Saturday Living History program at the Murrell Home

Visit the George M. Murrell Home in Park Hill on Saturday, February 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. to participate in a nineteenth-century living history activity. The Third Saturday Living History program is free and open to visitors of all ages. It is held on the third Saturday of each month, with a new topic for each program.

Regular hours of operation at the home are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information please call 918-456-2751, email [murrellhome@okhistory.org](mailto:murrellhome@okhistory.org), or visit [www.facebook.com/murrellhome](http://www.facebook.com/murrellhome). The Murrell Home 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 is a National Historic Landmark.

## "Freedom's Hope: In Search of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" presentation at Sod House Museum

The Sod House Museum in Aline will host a presentation on Saturday, February 20, at 10 a.m. Professor Jana Brown from Northwestern Oklahoma State University will present "Freedom's Hope: In Search of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." This presentation will include an overview of black history in Oklahoma and the struggles faced by African Americans.

Brown will discuss some examples of the fulfillment of the freedmen's goals as well as some struggles they encountered. Toward the end of Reconstruction, Southern freedmen began seeking alternatives to life in the South. Brown will discuss the factors that motivated freedmen to leave the South and goals they had when seeking a new home. Eventually, they looked toward new lands opening up in Oklahoma Territory. Combined with freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes, these individuals created at least fifty All-Black towns. In addition to these incorporated towns, there were other smaller enclaves of black settlers. Professor Brown's current research includes the All-Black enclave that existed in Major County, Oklahoma, near Cleo Springs. This group is associated with the Pioneer Cemetery and what was the Happy Valley School.

Professor Jana Brown is the social science education coordinator and an instructor of History at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Brown is currently seeking a PhD at Oklahoma State University.

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

## Henry Overholser Mansion to offer new programs

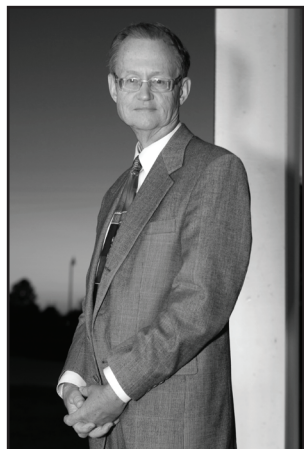
The Henry Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City will offer new programs beginning Tuesday, February 2. Visitors to the mansion will have two new opportunities to learn more about the history and collections of this Oklahoma City treasure.

Director's Tours will take place each Saturday at 2 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes and examine archival materials as well as other collections of the mansion not available during regular tours.

"Mysteries of the Mansion" will take place at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. These extended tours will allow guests to tour the mansion at night, examine archival materials, and hear some amazing stories. Guests are asked to RSVP in advance. The "Mysteries of the Mansion" tour in February will take place on Thursday, February 18. To make a reservation for this tour, please call 405-525-5325 or email [overholsermansion@preservationok.org](mailto:overholsermansion@preservationok.org).

Regular hours of operation at the mansion are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Overholser Mansion is located at 405 Northwest Fifteenth Street in Oklahoma City. It is owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society and managed by Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.





## Director's column

**By Dr. Bob L. Blackburn**  
**Executive Director**

I often get the question of what I love most about my job.

If I set aside working with people who share my passion for history, and if I assume that everyone knows I enjoy taking on challenges of getting things done, I usually say working with collections is what I love the most.

As a historian I like using collections, but most of all I enjoy identifying, chasing, and securing collections and then making them accessible to others, both for now and in the future.

When I say collections, I use a broad brush, including manuscripts, documents, maps, books, photographs, oral histories, film and video footage, artifacts, buildings, archaeological sites, and simple information. Each piece preserved and every shred of evidence saved contribute to our knowledge about Oklahoma and its people.

Each year since 1989 I have prepared a short list of "accomplishments" as part of our requests to the Oklahoma Legislature. A review of those highlights reveals a number of collections-based projects.

In the early 1990s we received our first newspaper grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Other grants followed. Some were for a statewide inventory of existing collections, and others were for digitization and online searchability. By the end of this year, every newspaper published in Oklahoma

Territory, Indian Territory, and Oklahoma before 1923 will be online, searchable, and free to the public. That makes me smile.

In the late 1990s we convinced the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce that the OHS was the right place to deposit its archival collection of more than seven hundred bound volumes of original correspondence, reports, and promotional material dating to 1898. By the end of this year the entire run of the chamber's newsletter will be digitized, searchable, and free to the public.

At the turn of the millennium, we received a grant to sponsor an underwater archaeological investigation of a riverboat that sank in the Red River in 1838. The result was a vast collection of nautical data about riverboat construction, the story of one boat from construction to sinking, and a trove of artifacts that have been used in two museum exhibits. Two forthcoming books will make the collections even more accessible.

In the second decade of the twenty-first century, we pulled in more than one million paper-based photographs from the archives of the Oklahoma Publishing Company, spanning the years 1928 to 1998. And each paper-based photograph was identified with full caption and reference to the story that it illustrated. By the end of the year more than a half million of those images will be online, searchable, and free to the public.

The list of the collections saved, preserved, or made more accessible over the past thirty years is long and deep. And we are not finished. Despite the budget cuts and a smaller staff, we will continue our pursuit of collections and our efforts to preserve and share them now and in the future.

Yes, I often get the question of what I love most about my job. The answer to the question is all around me in the Oklahoma History Center and in the many museums and historic sites around the state. That makes me happy.

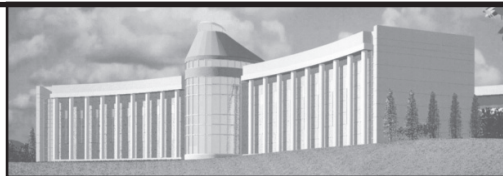
*Dr. Bob*

## Development News

By Larry O'Dell

The Oklahoma Historical Society would like to thank everyone who donated in 2015. Our Annual Giving Campaign goal this fiscal year, which ends in June, is \$200,000. At the beginning of January 2016, the OHS had achieved a little more than two-thirds of the goal, \$153,000. The Development Office appreciates all of the help that OHS supporters have given. During these times of shaky budgets and economic downturns, it is very affirming to the agency. These funds are especially helpful as the OHS continues to fulfill its mission of collecting, preserving, and sharing Oklahoma history.

The OHS is proud of how far the campaign has come, but we still need help to reach our goal. It is through this fundraising that we accomplish many of the exhibits, events, projects, and acquire collections to help tell the story of Oklahoma. You can contribute online at [www.okhistory.org/support/annualgiv](http://www.okhistory.org/support/annualgiv). Donors may leave the usage of their donations to the discretion of the OHS, or they may designate specific projects or programs that they wish to support. Feel free to contact me at [lodell@okhistory.org](mailto:lodell@okhistory.org) or 405-522-6676. You also may contact Shelly Crynes at [scrynes@okhistory.org](mailto:scrynes@okhistory.org) or 405-522-0317 with any questions.



## New Members, December 2015

\*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

### Director's Circle

Lona Barrick, Ada  
\*Lee and Sherry Beasley, Oklahoma City  
\*Jerry and Nancy Cotton, Edmond  
\*Roy Oliver, Oklahoma City

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\*The Small Group—Architects, Edmond  
Allen Wright, Edmond

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\*Ralph and Marina Rouse, Oklahoma City

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\*Loren and Jeanne Becker, Duncan  
\*Nancy Benedict, Edmond  
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\*Bob Curtis, Oklahoma City  
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\*Gerald and Joy Hofmeister, Tulsa  
\*Glenna Huls, Haddonfield, NJ  
\*Konrad Keesee, Oklahoma City  
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\*John and Eugena Swofford, Shawnee  
\*Robert Varnum, Nichols Hills

### Family

Norman and Kerry Bayley, Edmond  
Gregs and Marisa Boonstra, Oklahoma City  
Douglas and Lauren Branch, Oklahoma City  
Anne-Marie Burns, Jones  
Mario Castillo, Oklahoma City  
David and Lisa Chapman, Oklahoma City  
Patricia Craig, Clinton, NC  
Tommy and Sally Dee, Newcastle  
Tommy and Susie Dee, Hinton  
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# AROUND OKLAHOMA

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## Events

Experience a historic battle as it comes to life on Friday, February 19, through Sunday, February 21, in **Yale**. The Battle of Round Mountain reenactment will re-create a Civil War era winter encampment. This event takes place over three days, with living history soldiers setting up opposing camps on Friday and hosting a day of educational demonstrations for schoolchildren. Vendors in period attire also will be on hand selling their wares. The battle itself begins Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. and visitors are invited to witness as Union and Confederate soldiers slowly advance toward one another on the battlefield. See smoke fill the air as the soldiers fire cannons and guns. This living history event also features a Civil War era ball on Saturday. Costumed attendees will swirl around the dance floor as traditional fiddle music is performed on stage. On Sunday, a period church service will be held at 10 a.m. All events will take place at a new site west of Yale, just north of the junction of Highway 51 and Highway 18. For more information please call 918-519-7071 or email [artilleryman.jl@gmail.com](mailto:artilleryman.jl@gmail.com).

The Spencer Historical Society will host a celebration for the 113<sup>th</sup> birthday of the **Spencer** Post Office. The public is invited to attend this event, which will be held on Thursday, February 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will have refreshments and a display of historical memorabilia, including photographs of the original 1903 post office. The current Spencer Post Office is located at 3601 North Spencer Road in Spencer. Please call Linda Verges at 405-771-3561 with questions.

The Oklahoma Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta and the sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians will be hosted by Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) in **Shawnee** on February 26–27. The primary purpose of the conference is for history professionals, faculty, and students to share their research and other aspects of their work. The paper sessions and panels will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, in the upper level of the Geiger Center at OBU. Oklahoma Baptist University is located at 500 West University Street in Shawnee. For more information please contact Dr. Glenn Sanders at 405-585-4157 or [glenn.sanders@okbu.edu](mailto:glenn.sanders@okbu.edu).

Spend your Leap Day afternoon with the Oklahoma Museums Association (OMA). On Monday, February 29, from 2 to 4 p.m., OMA District Five will host a Leap Day party with museum gallery tours, behind-the-scenes tours, group discussions, and networking. The event will be held at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art in **Shawnee**. The Leap Day party is free to attend, but OMA asks that you complete a registration form on their website at [www.okmuseums.org](http://www.okmuseums.org). The deadline to register is February 22. Questions or comments about the event may be directed to Delaynna Trim, OMA District Five representative, at [dtrim@mgmoa.org](mailto:dtrim@mgmoa.org) or 405-878-5300. The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art is located at 1900 West MacArthur Street in Shawnee.

## Announcements

The Love County Historical Society's 2016 calendars are available for sale from its offices in **Marietta**. Featured in the calendars are historic photographs from across Love County, including photos of the Greenville boys basketball team in 1941, First Baptist Church in 1910, McGehee corn picker in 1947, Nipp family in 1956, Thackerville fifth grade in 1954, Orr mechanics in 1938, Leon girls basketball team in 1956, Burneyville juniors in 1941, bread delivery in 1950, Enville School in 1924, Meadowbrook seniors in 1946, and Belleville baseball team in 1947. The calendars cost \$5 each and may be purchased by visiting the Pioneer Museum in Marietta. Several Love County businesses will sell the calendars, with a list available by calling the Love County Historical Society at 580-276-9020. Orders also may be placed by mailing a check to the society at PO Box 134, Marietta, OK 73448, or by calling Laquitta Ladner at 580-276-3477. Please note that \$1.75 postage and handling will be added to all orders that are mailed.

The Woody Guthrie Center and Archives in **Tulsa** is pleased to announce a continued partnership with the BMI Foundation to encourage and support academic research in its archives. Applications are now being accepted for the eleventh annual BMI Woody Guthrie Fellowship. The filing period for proposals is open until February 15. First established in 2005, the Woody Guthrie Fellowship seeks to encourage unique exploration into the life and legacy of one of the most influential folk musicians in American history, Woody Guthrie. The BMI Foundation, in

cooperation with the Woody Guthrie Center, will award up to \$5,000 for scholarly research at the extensive Woody Guthrie Archives, a paper-based research repository located in Tulsa. Scholars pursuing research related to Guthrie's life, historical context, creative works, and musical legacy, as well as his philosophical, political, or humanistic ideals, are encouraged to apply for this prestigious fellowship. For the first time this year, applications for the Woody Guthrie Fellowship may be completed entirely online, no later than February 15 for projects beginning in summer 2016. Competition rules and applications are available at [www.woodyguthriecenter.org/archives/bmi-fellowship](http://www.woodyguthriecenter.org/archives/bmi-fellowship). For more information please call 918-574-2710.

## Exhibits

Visit the Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum in **Woodward** and enjoy an exhibit of artwork by Lane Kendrick. The exhibit opened in January and will be on display until Saturday, February 6. Many of Kendrick's paintings feature American Indian and Western cultures, legends, and folklore. Kendrick combines nature with American Indian spiritual beliefs. She also helps to support military programs like Wounded Warrior, the Patriot Guard, Folds of Honor, and Honor Flights, making her work available to be used as fundraisers for their programs. The Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum is located at 2009 Williams Avenue in Woodward. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free. Please contact Director Robert Roberson at 580-256-6136 or [pipm@swbell.net](mailto:pipm@swbell.net) for more information.



Do you want your organization's meeting, event, exhibit, or announcement included in the "Around Oklahoma" section of *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](mailto:eebrown@okhistory.org) or by mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. If you wish a news item to appear in the March issue, you must submit it by Wednesday, February 3, 2016.



## New Oklahoma National Register listings

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce twelve new National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listings in Oklahoma. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

Located in the vicinity of Erick, the Vannerson Homestead is significant in the area of Exploration and Settlement as it is one of few remaining early settlement homesteads in Beckham County. Significant for early settlement, the property has two half-dugouts that have the potential to yield information about the early construction methodology in Beckham County. The property also has many other buildings associated with ranching in Oklahoma.



**Vannerson Homestead**

The University of Oklahoma Armory, constructed in 1919, is significant for its association with Education and the Military. The University of Oklahoma initiated its Student Military Regiment, later to become the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), in 1917. Two years later in 1919, the university constructed the armory to house the program. The intent was to prepare college-aged men and women to lead American soldiers to armed conflict while receiving a higher education. The armory is the best representation of the role that the ROTC program has played in Education and Military of men and women on the University of Oklahoma campus.



**University of Oklahoma Armory**

The John and Mary Fuksa Farm, located in Garfield County, is significant for its association with agriculture and for its architecture. The farm is an excellent local example of the rural farmstead, wholly self-sufficient in its operation. The buildings on the John and Mary Fuksa Farm are reflective of the ongoing use of historic farm operations.

Funded through a Certified Local Government grant, four nominations were prepared for properties in Enid. The Robert R. and Minnie L. Kisner Mansion, located on Wynona Avenue, is significant for its Neoclassical Revival architectural style and for its association with Community Planning and Development of Kisner Heights.



**Robert R. and Minnie L. Kisner Mansion**

Marshall Hall, located on the Northern Oklahoma College campus, is significant for its architectural style of Gothic Revival.

The Public Library of Enid and Garfield County, located on West Maine Street, was constructed in 1964, and is significant as a locally outstanding example of New Formalism architecture.

Finally, the Santa Fe Freight Depot, located on North Washington Avenue, was constructed circa 1924 and is significant for its association with rail-related transportation.



**Santa Fe Freight Depot**

Also funded through a Certified Local Government grant, the Lake Ponca Duck Pond Historic District, located in Ponca City, is significant for its association with the work relief and public works programs of the New Deal and its importance as a public recreation area. The park is also significant as an outstanding example of National Park Service Rustic architecture and landscape design as applied to a municipal park. The park has been in continuous use since the CCC construction was completed in 1938.



**Lake Ponca Duck Pond Historic District**

Constructed in 1939, the Fairview Community Center is significant for its association with the Public Works Administration. Located on East Broadway in Fairview, Major County, this building was designed by John C. Hope, an Oklahoma City architect.



**Fairview Community Center**

The Foyil Filling Station is located along an original Route 66 alignment in the town of Foyil, Rogers County. The filling station is significant for its association with Transportation and Commerce along Route 66 from the time the highway was established in 1926. The station is also significant for its Craftsman architectural design.



**Foyil Filling Station**

The National Register nomination for the Santa Fe Depot located in downtown Oklahoma City was funded through a Certified Local Government grant. The depot is significant for its association with rail transportation in Oklahoma City. It is also significant as an excellent example of the early 1930s Art Deco style. The building, constructed in 1932, continued to service passengers until 1979 when rail service was terminated.



**Santa Fe Depot**

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listings continue on the facing page. *See page five.*



## New NRHP listings, cont'd.

Tulsa adds a new National Register location to its ever-increasing inventory. The Belmont Apartment building is located on South Denver Avenue West. The building is significant in the area of Community Planning and Development for its association with apartment construction in Tulsa in the 1920s. The Belmont is one of the few surviving examples in the 1920s apartment zoning district and maintains excellent integrity.



**Belmont Apartments**

Listing in the National Register is an honorific designation that provides recognition, limited protection and, in some cases, financial incentives for these important properties. The State Historic Preservation Office identifies, evaluates, and nominates properties for this special designation. These nominations are made on a quarterly basis. If you believe a property in your area is eligible, please fill out the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form located at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrprelim.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrprelim.htm). For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, please contact Lynda Ozan at [lozan@okhistory.org](mailto:lozan@okhistory.org) or 405-522-4478.

## 2016 is proclaimed “Historic Preservation Year”

A proclamation signed by Governor Mary Fallin on December 10, 2015, designated January through December 2016 as “Historic Preservation Year” in the state of Oklahoma.

The document reads, in part, “[I] urge participation of our citizens in conferences, exhibits, and promotional events focused on Oklahoma’s archaeological and historic resources, their importance, and their preservation.”

## New Members, cont'd.

### Family

Ronald and Sharon Hendricks, Oklahoma City  
\*Kurte and Reba Hudson, Oklahoma City  
Gary and Janet Hughes, Ponca City  
Anny Jacobs, Norman  
Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez and Alain Pollez, Tishomingo  
Bryan and Nedra Jaekel, Oklahoma City  
Clifford and Carolyn Kennedy, Edmond  
Tom and Linda Klos, Oklahoma City  
Peggy Laxton, Oklahoma City  
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\*Abner and Ann Lemert, Cedar Vale, KS  
\*Lori Lewis, Broken Arrow  
William Lonergan, Bexley, OH  
Hazel Lopez, Oklahoma City  
Karen Luman, Oklahoma City  
Pat Lynam, Jenks  
\*Dan and Barbara Martin, Ramona  
Gilbert Miller, Sapulpa  
Max and Alice Moulton, Oklahoma City  
Erin and Anita Nash, Edmond  
Carolyn Parker, Oklahoma City  
\*Dannie Pierce, Newalla  
Pat Pierce and Kristy Clarkson, Oklahoma City  
Eddie and Judith Poarch, Oklahoma City  
Sharon Postoak, Centrahoma  
Roy Prevett, Prague  
Louis and Marcy Price, Oklahoma City  
Jo Ann Reece and James Smith, Norman  
Gordon and Jane Romine, Tulsa  
Robert and Heather Ross, Oklahoma City  
Jeff and Svetlana Salzer, Yukon  
Jeffrey and Carol Savage, Grove  
Jay and Stephanie Savill, Jones  
Terry and Mary Schwanda, Edmond  
Terry and Debbie Simpson, Norman  
John and Carol Sykes, Norman  
Tamara Thomas and Ron Reagan, Norman  
Vance Thomas and Justin Thomas, Oklahoma City  
Jace and Alicia Thoreson, Warr Acres  
Kyle and Debbie Thoreson, Bartlesville  
Blaine Trimmell, Edmond  
Sallie Upchurch, Flower Mound, TX  
James and Susan Warram, Fairfield, OH  
Stan and Paula Willingham, Clinton

### Individual

Sherry Allensworth, Enid  
Wayde Barnes, Idabel  
Dwight Berglan, Norman  
Marrie Berry, Fort Gibson  
Yvonne Betron, Las Vegas, NV  
Ruth Booton, Oklahoma City  
Lisa Bradley, Norman  
Brenda Brazell, Yukon  
Sergio Briones, Burns Flat  
Kayla Byrd, Webbers Falls  
Nancy Cain, Oklahoma City  
Carl Conallis, McAlester  
Dale Crabtree, Oklahoma City  
Billy Crynes, Norman  
Joshua Cullom, Muskogee  
Shirley Dahl, Clifton, TX  
Catherine Deal, Wichita, KS  
Dennis Eller, Tacoma, WA  
Robin Frehner, Stillwell  
George Frickel, Cleo Springs  
Janet Gibbons, Tulsa  
Dustin Goad, Warner  
Lynda Hagar, Stilwell  
David Hand, Hegins, PA  
John Harper, Lindsay  
Brandon Harris, Ardmore  
Brenda Holguin, La Puente, CA  
Richard Hunt, Ramona  
Howard Hunter, Sayre  
Donavan James, Honobia  
Jarod Johnson, Seminole  
Ryan Kenaga, Tulsa  
Jennifer Kerns, Salina  
Jason Lanter, Broken Arrow  
Louise Lazalier, Norman  
Luin Leshner, Stillwater  
Jared Lencioni, Weatherford  
David Liberty, Farmington, MO  
Crystal Lienhart, Tulsa  
Linda McCormick, Sapulpa  
Lorrie McDaniel, Kiefer  
Terry Mock, Bethany  
Garrett Moore, Lawton  
Karren Napier, Oklahoma City  
Charlene Narvaez, Tulsa

Robert Orso, Ada  
Jose Perales-Santana, Stillwater  
Eva Perry, Norman  
Sharon Pettit, Tulsa  
Joshua Pickering, Fort Sill  
Janet Pitt, Oklahoma City  
Anita Reese, Norman  
Caleb Rice, Broken Arrow  
Robertta Roads, Edmond  
Betty Roe, Lone Grove  
Gordon Rudd, Tulsa  
Sara Sanderson, Stillwater  
Valerie Settles, Bethany  
Alice Simpson, Oklahoma City  
Michael Skaistis, Tulsa  
Billy Sneed, Enid  
David Sneed, Ocala, FL  
George Sneed, Georgetown, TX  
Jack Story, Kaw City  
Charles Tilden, Spencer  
Anthony Ulloa, Indianola  
Timothy Viles, Jay  
Bill Weldon, Maysville  
G. Henry Wells, Fair Oaks, CA

### Organizational

Balanced Wellness Chiropractic, Oklahoma City  
Dewey High School Library, Dewey  
Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO



## Museum Store News

By Jera Winters

History is full of romance, and at the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store, we have a unique gift that your valentine will love.

For your lady love, we offer a variety of solid and liquid perfumes made right here in the Sooner State. For the dashing gentleman, we have a variety of beard oils and care products to ensure a handsome and luxurious beard. These fragrances and oils, made of high quality essential oils and natural ingredients, are made by a husband and wife team in Jones, Oklahoma.

If baubles are her favorite gift, we have recently expanded our line of jewelry to include the beautiful creations of Silver Leaf Gems. The selection varies greatly in style and in materials, as three different family members work together to create unique pieces. Silver Leaf Gems is a family owned and operated business that creates and operates in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Sweets for your sweet? As always, we are happy to feature Bedré products in our store. What valentine wouldn't love to receive a multitude of Meltaways? For those who want something a little more decadent, we have chocolate-dipped chips and pretzels. Made in Sulphur, Oklahoma, by the Chickasaw Nation, Bedré chocolates are always a favorite.

Come to the OHC Museum Store for these and other fine Made in Oklahoma products. As always, members receive a 15 percent discount on Museum Store purchases. Please call us at 405-522-5214 with questions or to place an order.

## NRHP Nomination Grant applications available

The 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 (NRHP) nominations. The SHPO has reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2016 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the US Department of the Interior for the program. The funds will be equally divided in two grant rounds with any funds remaining from round one carried over for round two.

Applications and detailed instructions will be available from the SHPO on February 1. The deadline for round one applications is 5 p.m. on April 1, and the deadline for round two applications is 5 p.m. on June 3. Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Grant 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 NRHP. Applicants must be aware that \$1,700 (federal grant plus nonfederal match) is only an estimate of the cost for such projects and that more than the minimum \$700 nonfederal match may be necessary to cover the consultant fee. Consultants must consider the nature of the property proposed for nomination and many other factors as they develop their fee proposals.

The NRHP is the list of our nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes important in our past. While listing is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, the NRHP status of a property is often critical to the strategy for its preservation. The NRHP provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal and state tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain or submit a NRHP Nomination Grant application form, visit [www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm). You may also contact the SHPO at 405-521-6249. Information about the SHPO and its programs, including the NRHP, is available at [www.okhistory.org/shpo](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo).



## Oklahoma History Center to host President James Madison

The Oklahoma History Center is honored to present Bryan Austin as the fourth president of the United States, James Madison. This living history performance will take place on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this event, but seating is limited so an early arrival is recommended.

Currently, Bryan Austin represents the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and portrays President Madison in performances worldwide. Previously, he worked as a professional actor and director for everything from Shakespeare to puppetry.

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is more than a tourist destination; it is a living history concept that brings stu-

dents and visitors into the heart of history by using modern technology to tell the stories of America's past. This is accomplished through publications, online games, podcasts, music, photographs, videos, electronic field trips, classroom guides, and teacher training. The foundation is a not-for-profit, privately funded, educational, and cultural organization. The Oklahoma History Center is proud of its continued participation and partnership with this dedicated institution.

The History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. For more information about this living history performance or other upcoming events, please call 405-522-0754.

## Hotel information for the 2016 Oklahoma History Conference

The annual Oklahoma History Conference, sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society, will be held on April 27, 28, and 29, at the Woodward Conference Center in Woodward. A total of eighteen presentation sessions will take place on Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29. The theme for the 2016 conference is "Landmarks and Turning Points in Oklahoma History."

All OHS members will receive an invitation by mail with details regarding the cost to register and participate in various activities, luncheons, and tours. Non-members also are encouraged to attend. The hotels listed below have offered event rates for conference attendees. Prices do not include applicable taxes. In making a reservation with one of these hotels, please use the booking code "2016 OHS State Conference." For more information please contact Paul Lambert at 405-522-5217 or [plambert@okhistory.org](mailto:plambert@okhistory.org).

### Candlewood Suites

3350 Oklahoma Avenue  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-254-5200  
[www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/woodward/wwrcw/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/woodward/wwrcw/hoteldetail)  
Single: \$75/night  
Double: \$85/night  
One bedroom suite: \$85/night

### Holiday Inn Express

3333 Williams Avenue  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-256-5200  
[www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/woodward/wwrok/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/woodward/wwrok/hoteldetail)  
\$90/night

### La Quinta Inn

3410 Williams Avenue  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-256-5533  
[www.laquintawoodward.com](http://www.laquintawoodward.com)  
\$71.20/night

### Northwest Inn

3202 First Street  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-256-7600  
[www.northwestinnok.com](http://www.northwestinnok.com)  
\$69/night

### Sands Inn and Suites

2325 Oklahoma Avenue  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-256-7442  
[www.sandswoodward.com](http://www.sandswoodward.com)  
Single King: \$59/night  
King suite: \$69/night  
Double: \$69/night  
Triple: \$89/night

### Wayfarer Inn

2901 Williams Avenue  
Woodward, OK 73801  
580-256-5553  
[www.wayfarerinn.net](http://www.wayfarerinn.net)  
Standard: \$55/night  
Queen: \$60/night  
King: \$65/night  
Two beds: \$65/night  
Three beds: \$70/night  
Hot tub suite with King bed: \$85/night  
Kitchenettes with King or two beds: \$80/night  
Full kitchen suite with King bed: \$80/night  
Two-story kitchenette suite with King bed: \$85/night



# Oklahoma banking and commerce presentations

In November Michael J. Hightower, OHS banking and commerce historian, discussed his book, *Banking in Oklahoma, 1907–2000* at the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City.

To focus on women in banking, Hightower shared stories from three of his oral history interviewees: Roma Lee Porter, chairwoman of the board, City National Bank of Lawton; Meg Salyer, formerly with Chase Manhattan Bank of New York; and Marilyn Myers, chairwoman of the board, Central National Bank of Alva.

Hightower resumed his public speaking agenda in January with a presentation at the Beacon Club in downtown Oklahoma

City. His was the first in a series of presentations to celebrate the Beacon Club’s seventy-fifth anniversary.

In April Hightower will discuss the rise and fall of Penn Square Bank as part of the 2016 Oklahoma History Conference in Woodward.

Hightower is pleased to prepare a presentation for a business or community group in your area. He also accepts suggestions for avenues of research on Oklahoma banking and commerce history. Please contact Michael Hightower at [mhightower@okhistory.org](mailto:mhightower@okhistory.org) or 434-249-6043. For additional information about his current projects, visit his website at [www.michaeljhightower.com](http://www.michaeljhightower.com).

# “Red Hats for Valentine’s Day” class

Join the Oklahoma History Center for a day of fun and hat making. Learn the history of Edwardian milliners and create your own red hat for Valentine’s Day. On Saturday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants will construct 1890s-style Edwardian hats and tour the *Century Chest* exhibit. Attendees will receive one-on-one instruction and complete their hat project during the class. The cost for the class is \$30, which includes all supplies, lunch, and the tour. The Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register for the class, please call 405-522-3602.

## Twenty-year members renew in December

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

Steven and Joan Cole, Oklahoma City, January 26, 1966  
University of Texas—Arlington, Arlington, TX, October 1, 1972  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, October 1, 1972  
Edmond Library, Edmond, October 1, 1972  
University of Houston, Houston, TX, October 1, 1972  
Miami University Library, Oxford, OH, October 1, 1972  
State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY, October 1, 1972  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA, October 1, 1972  
Midwest City Library, Midwest City, October 1, 1972  
University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville, TN, October 1, 1972  
BYU/Harold B. Lee Library, Provo, UT, October 1, 1972  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, November 1, 1972  
Kansas State University Library, Manhattan, KS, November 1, 1972  
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, November 1, 1972  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, November 1, 1972  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA, December 1, 1972  
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, December 1, 1972  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, December 1, 1972  
Von Russell Creel, Midwest City, September 1, 1973  
Arthur Salisbury, Tulsa, November 1, 1973  
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, December 9, 1973  
Gerald Baehler, Broken Arrow, May 1, 1974  
C. E. Trousdale, Cleveland, November 14, 1974  
Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, December 1, 1974  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, December 1, 1974  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, December 1, 1974  
University of Tulsa—McFarlin Library #1, Tulsa, February 1, 1975  
University of Tulsa—McFarlin Library #2, Tulsa, February 1, 1975  
Brandeis University Library, Waltham, MA, March 1, 1975  
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, May 1, 1975  
Louise Lazalier, Norman, June 1, 1975  
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR, January 1, 1976  
University of Wyoming Libraries, Laramie, WY, September 1, 1976  
Marjorie Breidenbach, Broken Arrow, December 1, 1976  
Mary Blochowiak, Edmond, June 3, 1978  
William Harrison, Oklahoma City, December 1, 1979  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, January 1, 1981  
Dallas Public Library, Dallas, TX, December 1, 1981  
California State University—Chico, Chico, CA, December 1, 1981  
University of Nebraska—Omaha, Omaha, NE, December 1, 1981  
Steven Fisher, Oklahoma City, March 1, 1982  
Laquitta Ladner, Burneyville, April 1, 1982  
University of California—Davis, Davis, CA, June 22, 1982  
Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 2, 1982  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University Library, Weatherford, December 1, 1982  
Carl Cochrane, Hendersonville, NC, January 1, 1983  
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, January 1, 1984  
Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, February 1, 1984  
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, December 1, 1984  
Northeastern Oklahoma State University—John Vaughn Library #1, Tahlequah, December 1, 1984  
Northeastern Oklahoma State University—John Vaughn Library #2, Tahlequah, December 1, 1984  
Northeastern Oklahoma State University—John Vaughn Library #3, Tahlequah, December 1, 1984  
University of Texas—Austin, Austin, TX, December 1, 1984  
Rose State College Library, Midwest City, December 1, 1984

Evelyn Hart, Weatherford, May 1, 1985  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, December 1, 1985  
Vere Harmsworth Library—University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom, December 9, 1985  
Purdue University Library, West Lafayette, IN, January 1, 1986  
Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, January 1, 1986  
California State University—Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, January 1, 1986  
William and Mae Butler, Quinton, February 1, 1986  
Museum of the Red River, Idabel, February 6, 1986  
Atoka County Historical Society, Atoka, August 21, 1986  
John Lillibridge, Gaithersburg, MD, October 30, 1986  
Becky Meyer, Norman, November 24, 1986  
K. A. Klopfenstein, Fort Smith, AR, December 9, 1986  
Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater, December 11, 1986  
Geraldine Gesell, Knoxville, TN, January 8, 1987  
University of Georgia Library, Athens, GA, January 28, 1987  
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, May 7, 1987  
Baylor Library, Waco, TX, May 7, 1987  
Mike and Carol Compton, Yukon, September 25, 1987  
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Library, Miami, January 19, 1988  
Elaine Maples, Amarillo, TX, May 25, 1988  
Gregory Moore, Tulsa, June 21, 1988  
Robert Huckaby, Oklahoma City, September 2, 1988  
San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, TX, November 14, 1988  
Norman Public Library, Norman, December 6, 1988  
Shawnee Public Library, Shawnee, December 6, 1988  
Tim and Nancy Leonard, Oklahoma City, December 14, 1988  
Donald and Grace Boulton, Oklahoma City, December 15, 1988  
Sybil Mayes, Mustang, December 22, 1988  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, February 9, 1989  
Van and Liz Hughes, Edmond, November 22, 1989  
Jeanne Shirley, Del City, November 28, 1989  
Abner and Ann Lemert, Cedar Vale, KS, December 4, 1989  
Sequoyah County Historical Society, Sallisaw, February 7, 1990  
University of Missouri—Saint Louis, Saint Louis, MO, March 26, 1990  
Roger Hardaway, Alva, December 17, 1990  
Ann Alspaugh, Oklahoma City, December 18, 1990  
Jerry and Nancy Cotton, Edmond, January 30, 1991  
Dennis Peterson, Spiro, March 12, 1991  
Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, November 23, 1991  
Sharon Peck, Watts, December 31, 1991  
Washburn University, Topeka, KS, May 14, 1992  
Noble Public Library, Noble, November 10, 1992  
Ann Drummond Woolley, Ada, December 31, 1992  
Chester Grimm, Tahlequah, January 8, 1993  
Saint Gregory’s University Library, Shawnee, February 23, 1993  
Gilbert and LaVonne Carlton, Denver, CO, November 2, 1993  
Boise State University Library, Boise, ID, June 3, 1994  
Max Lehew, Edmond, December 14, 1994  
Charles and Phyllis Sandman, Oklahoma City, December 19, 1994  
Paul Bradley, Winfield, IL, December 19, 1994  
Barbara Kudravetz, Charlottesville, VA, December 20, 1994  
Texas Tech University Library, Lubbock, TX, July 28, 1995  
Jimmy Frazier, Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 1995  
Eleanor Smith, Tulsa, November 3, 1995  
GH2 Architects, Tulsa, November 10, 1995  
Bethany Library, Bethany, November 28, 1995

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### February events at a glance

- 1-29** *Water Policy in Oklahoma* exhibit, Museum of the Western Prairie, Altus
- 1-29** Antique Doll exhibit, Fred Drummond Home, Hominy
- 1-13** *Rooted In* agricultural art exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 4** James Madison living history presentation, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 5-7** World War II event, Fort Washita Historic Site, Durant
- 6** “Red Hats for Valentine’s Day” millinery class, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 6** Victorian Valentines workshop, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 10** Brown Bag Lunch and Learn program, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 13** *Stars on Their Shoulders: Military Uniforms of the Twentieth Century* exhibit opening, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 13** Quilting workshop with Martha Ray, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 18** “Mysteries of the Mansion” tour, Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City
- 20** “Freedom’s Hope: In Search of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” presentation by Jana Brown, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 20** Third Saturday Living History program, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 20** Tatting lace making workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 27-29** *Trappings of the Cherokee Strip* exhibit of fine Western art and custom cowboy gear, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid

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### Stars on Their Shoulders: Military Uniforms of the Twentieth Century exhibit to open at the Chisholm Trail Museum



The Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher is proud to announce the grand opening of a temporary exhibit highlighting the evolution of United States military general’s uniforms throughout the twentieth century. The exhibit will open to the public on Saturday, February 13, at 1 p.m. It will showcase the T. S. Akers Collection, the largest privately owned collection of military general’s uniforms in the state of Oklahoma.

“The twentieth century was a period of rapid advancement in military technology. The first World War saw the widespread use of machine guns. Many firsts were made with aircraft in combat, and mechanization marked the end of the horse. In time, automatic weaponry would become the standard, jet engines would replace propellers, and tanks would establish their dominance on the battlefield.

As the technology of warfare evolved, so did the uniforms of the American military; this evolution was often spurred on by the men in command,” said Akers.

The exhibit, *Stars on Their Shoulders: Military Uniforms of the Twentieth Century*, will feature fourteen original military uniforms all previously worn by generals of the United States Army and Air Force. Three of the original uniforms on display were worn by generals from Oklahoma. Through photographs and original uniforms, the exhibit will reveal the evolutionary history of US military uniforms from the turn of the century, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War era, and ending with the Persian Gulf War era.

After touring the exhibit visitors are encouraged to tour the rest of the museum, where they will learn about the histories of Jesse Chisholm, the Chisholm Trail, the 1889 Land Run, and early territorial and statehood days in Kingfisher and Kingfisher County. There is also a Victorian era historical site on the museum grounds with five original structures including two log cabins, the first bank building in Kingfisher, an original one-room school house, and a one-room rural church.

The Chisholm Trail Museum and Governor A. J. Seay Mansion are located at 605 Zellers Avenue in Kingfisher. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum and mansion are closed on major holidays. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children. For more information about the museum, mansion, exhibits, programs, and upcoming events, please visit [www.ctokmuseum.org](http://www.ctokmuseum.org), call 405-375-5176, or email [ctmus@pldi.net](mailto:ctmus@pldi.net).

