



## Tracing Our Roots: Oklahoma's Historical Black Towns Tour

The Langston University Marching and Jazz Band will perform at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The Langston University Department of Music and the Oklahoma Historical Society are partnering to present Tracing Our Roots: Oklahoma's Historically Black Towns Tour. This is a ninety-minute black history program that will travel throughout the state.

The program will feature music performed under the direction of the Langston University Band Director Larry Birden, Jr. Also, the history presentation by Bruce Fisher will trace the migration of African Americans to Oklahoma and the social and political climate that led to the establishment of historically all-black towns.

Rare film footage of rural black communities in the late 1920s from the OHS Currie Ballard Collection will be shown. The film footage was originally shot by the Reverend Solomon Sir Jones of Muskogee from 1924 to

1929. Oklahoma historian Currie Ballard recently discovered the film. In November 2011 a Yale University archivist showed footage of the historic film at the Association of Moving Images Archivist Conference. Other than Yale University, the Oklahoma Historical Society is the only institution that owns this vintage film footage.

The statewide tour of this performance will resume on February 15, 2012, and end February 19, 2012. Langston University students will visit Tatum, Taft, Redbird, Rentiesville, Boley, Booksville, and Clearview. Performances are planned for Muskogee, Boley, Ardmore, and Shawnee.

For additional information, email Bruce Fisher at [brucefisher@okhistory.org](mailto:brucefisher@okhistory.org) or Larry Birden, Jr., at [labirden@lunet.edu](mailto:labirden@lunet.edu).



Langston University Band

## In memoriam: James O. "Jim" Kemm

James "Jim" Kemm, a former president of the Oklahoma Historical Society, died on November 23, 2011, at the age of 90. Jim was a freelance writer who had a lengthy career in public relations, trade association management, and journalism.

Jim held the offices of president and vice president of the Oklahoma Historical Society during his eighteen years of service on the OHS Board of Directors. In 2007 he retired as treasurer and was named Board Director Emeritus.

Jim was born on May 6, 1921, in Springfield, Missouri, one of four children of Oswald and Vivian (Baldrige) Kemm. He served during World War II as a cryptographer with the U.S. Army in Alaska and the Aleutians. Following the war he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia where he met and married Betty Ann Harner. During their sixty-four-year marriage they raised three daughters, traveled extensively, and relaxed at their cabin in Missouri. Jim loved history, art, singing, fishing, and watching Mizzou Tigers teams.

A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, he was assistant professor of journalism at Rider College in New Jersey, then worked on the editorial staff of the Springfield, Missouri, newspaper. He was executive manager of the Oklahoma Petroleum Council until it merged into the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association of Oklahoma in 1982 with Jim becoming its executive vice president of public relations. He retired in 1983.

Jim was the author of a number of publications, including *Rupert Hughes: A Hollywood Legend* (1997) and *Tulsa, Oil Capital of the World* (2004). He also owned an extensive collection of vintage Oklahoma oil postcards and a number of historic photographic images of oil fields.

A civic leader, Jim was a member of many organizations including the Public Relations Society of America and the Tulsa Society of Association Executives, which he helped found. Jim received numerous professional honors including the national Award of Merit for Management Achievement from the American Society of Association Executives.

His extensive public service included appointment as chairman of the Governor's Council on Tourist Development by Governor Henry Bellmon. Jim also was named vice chairman of a similar advisory group by Governor Dewey Bartlett.

Jim is survived by his wife, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or to the Tulsa Conservation Foundation, 5401 South Sheridan Road, Suite 201, Tulsa, OK 74154.





## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

In the world of public history, we are always searching for ways to connect with people who will use our resources, read our books, attend our events, or view our exhibits.

We reach out to educators, students, genealogists, historians, tourists, and anyone who is curious about state and local history. The million dollar question is—how do we appeal to the greatest number of people as we collect, preserve, and share the story?

After thirty-two years at the Oklahoma Historical Society, I believe one of the best tools at our disposal is shared memory.

Shared memory does not have to be recent events. It can be the memory of ancestors who fought in the Civil War. It can be the memory of values and lessons learned in church, on a farm, or in a small town.

Whatever the memory, it can bind us together into a family, a band of brothers and sisters, or a community. The result is a greater sense of belonging to something

that is greater than ourselves.

A new project recently funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Inasmuch Foundation is a great example of how to use shared memory to attract a crowd. It is a museum exhibit called *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, scheduled to open at the Oklahoma History Center in May 2012.

Everyone, without exception, can tell a story about the movies.

It might be the memory of the first time they saw a movie. In my case it was taking the Santa Fe train from Edmond to downtown Oklahoma City to see *Bambi*. Or it might be the memory of an exceptional movie that tugged at their emotions. In my case, that is a long list.

In our exhibit we will tie those memories to the broader picture of Oklahoma history.

We will feature the business of the movie industry, from the design and management of theaters to the marketing and making of movies in the state. We will connect the movie stars and artists behind the camera to their roots in Oklahoma and the people and institutions that inspired them to pursue their art. We also will expand on the topic of Oklahoma's image in the movies, contrasting myth and reality to show how state history has been shaped in large part by what is seen on the silver screen.

Yes, we are always searching for ways to connect with people. Shared memory will help us create new memories.

*Dr. Bob*

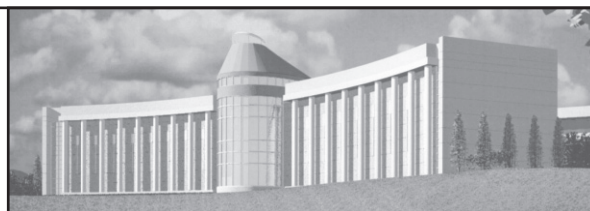
## Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

A new e-newsletter soon will be sent to all OHS members who have submitted their email addresses to us. It will be available as a result of our Development Office working with Crescendo Interactive to develop our new planned giving website. The weekly e-newsletter will provide the most current news from Washington, D.C., and will feature sections on Savvy Living and Personal Planning, gift stories, finance news, and timely articles. If you decide after receiving an issue or two that you do not want to receive future issues, just click on the appropriate tab at the end of an issue and you will be removed from that list.

Typical of subjects covered in the Personal Planning section of the e-letter include "Wills – Good and Bad," "Wills – Perils of Probate," "Social Security," "Married Couples and Property," and IRA and 401K – "Designated Beneficiary Options." Savvy Living articles provide information on subjects such as how to find a good contractor or handyman, fire safety tips, or how to select the best Medicare prescription plan for you. Financial news each week will give updates on stocks, bonds, CDs, and mortgages. Many articles from these sections will be archived and accessible to newsletter recipients.

On another matter, we have been conducting a massive membership campaign. One of the lists of potential members we used was processed incorrectly which resulted in letters with odd-looking names, i. e. zip codes included with names in the addresses, to be sent. This caused the computer not to recognize duplications between people on the list and our existing members. This was handled by a contractor who sent the letters without first informing us of this problem! The computer also failed to catch some duplications on other lists for various reasons. While it is necessary for us to conduct campaigns of this scale to grow our membership, we apologize to any members who may have received a letter inviting them to join.



## New Members, November 2011

**\*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level**

### Director

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gragg, Edmond  
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Linda Simonton, Arcadia  
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Bruce Johnson, Indian Head Park, IL  
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Patricia Lowry, Oklahoma City  
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Louise Painter, Oklahoma City  
Steven Parker, Tecumseh  
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Patton, Oklahoma City  
Mr. and Mrs. William Pirtle, Oklahoma City  
\*Hazel Prim, Oklahoma City  
\*Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Scott, Tecumseh  
\*Mr. and Mrs. David Singer, Oklahoma City  
Carol Sloan, Moore  
Judith Steelman, Oklahoma City

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# AROUND OKLAHOMA

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## Meetings

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 2, at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. The topic of this month's meeting will be "Preserving Family Legends." Carolyn Steele from Tulsa will be combining her knowledge of storytelling and genealogy to inspire others to write their family stories and bring their ancestors to life. Steele's work includes her study of genealogy and history to create short stories. She wrote "Something for Melba" about her Alaskan grandfather; "The Bride," the story of her mail-order-bride grandmother; and "The Rescue," which tells of the frozen wilderness in Alaska.

## Events

Travel to **Muskogee** from January 13 to 15 for the Martin Luther King Soul Food Cook-Off and feast on delicious soul food dishes such as sweet potato pie, smothered chicken and rice, homemade macaroni and cheese, mustard greens, and hot water cornbread. Walk through the different booths with various soul foods and taste the creations of local cooks. The event features the different cooks competing in different categories to create the best dishes. Attendees will vote for their favorites, and judges will award the grand prize. This event is family friendly and will provide fun and full stomachs. In addition to food, the Muskogee Civic Center is also holding a Blues Review on Friday at 7 p.m. and a gospel show on Sunday, January 15, at 6 p.m. (travelok.com)

Enjoy U.S. military history? See it in action at the Airborne Demonstration Team Open Hangar Day in **Frederick** on January 28. Visit the historic Frederick Army Airfield section of the Frederick Regional Airport for a day of aviation, along with military displays, living history, ground and air vehicles, and combat equipment. In the morning the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team will showcase skills learned in jump school through authentic World War II-era training. Watch the team jumpers as they make parachute jumps from a World War II-style C-47 aircraft. The event occurs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Frederick Regional Airport. For more information call 580/335-2126 or 580/335-3344. (travelok.com)

For those who enjoy the outdoors and wildlife, travel to the Quartz Mountain Nature Park in **Lone Wolf** on January 21 or 22 for the In Search of Eagles event. Eagles usually arrive at Quartz Mountain near the end of December and stay until March. Eagles can be seen flying to and from their roosting areas. Join the park naturalist for an informative eagle presentation at the Group Camp Community Building, located across from the Quartz Mountain grocery store and caravan to eagle viewing locations around Lake Altus-Lugert. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and inclement weather will cancel the event. For additional dates or information, call 580/563-2238 or 405/319-8380.

## Exhibits

*Will James: The Hays Collection* opens at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in **Oklahoma City** December 9 and will be on display until October 14, 2012, in the Eldridge Gallery. The exhibition brings together many works of art and memorabilia of renowned western artist and author Will James. For more information, call 405/478-2250.

The new history museum in **Temple** illustrates the historical B & O Cash Store, once the third largest department store in the state. Started by Bob and Otho Mooney with borrowed money, the store was so successful Sears and Roebuck bought out the Mooneys in 1929. For this story and the town's history, Temple's new museum contains photographs, family histories, and artifacts. The museum is open on Saturdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and by calling at 580/342-6930. For more information email powgraz@pldi.net

After the discovery of the first photograph of Edmond Burdick, the namesake of **Edmond**, the Edmond Historical Society has announced a new exhibit. To view the photograph and other previously unknown details about Burdick, the Edmond Historical Society created a new exhibit, *I Was Lonesome, Awful Lonesome: Niners and Pioneers of Edmond*. The society also recently renovated its American Indian exhibit, *As Long as Grass Grows: Native Histories*. The Edmond Historical Society and Museum is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the museum is located at 431 S. Boulevard in Edmond. The 1889 Territorial School is open the first two Saturdays of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact 405/340-0078 or [www.edmondhistory.org](http://www.edmondhistory.org).

## Opportunities

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma in **Norman** is seeking applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program, which provides financial assistance to researchers working at the center's archives. Awards of \$500-\$1,000 are normally granted as reimbursement for travel and lodging. The center's holdings include the papers of many former members of Congress from Oklahoma as well as documents pertaining to public policy affecting agriculture, American Indian affairs, energy, foreign affairs, and the economy. A description of the collections can be found at [www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives/](http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives/). Graduate students researching for a publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply. Professional researchers and writers are also invited to apply. There is no standardized application, but each applicant should submit 1) a research proposal of no more than one thousand words; 2) a personal vita; 3) an explanation of how the Carl Albert Center's resources will aid the researcher; 4) a budget proposal; and 5) a recommendation letter from an established scholar in the researcher's discipline attesting to the significance of the research. Applications are accepted anytime. For more information, please contact Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. For more information, call 405/325-5835 or email [channeman@ou.edu](mailto:channeman@ou.edu).

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](mailto: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 February issue, please send it to our editors by the first week of January. Thank you for your submissions.



# OHS ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as available. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of *Mistletoes Leaves* for addition, corrections, and expanded articles.

Some events require registration or admission fees. Registration is limited for some workshops and seminars. Some events sponsored by the OHS are held at sites rather than at the property on which the OHS office or museum is located.

Please visit the OHS website, [www.okh-history.org](http://www.okh-history.org), to verify dates, hours, exact location, admission fees, and other relevant information.

Click on "Calendar of Events" for additional information about the OHS events listed below.

## January

- 1-31 *Key Ingredients: American By Food*, Fort Gibson Historical Site, Fort Gibson
- 1-31 *Oklahoma Driven: Cars, Collectors, and the Birth of the Oklahoma Highway Commission*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *"Pickin' and Grinnin': Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 14 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline



**Sod House Museum, Aline (photo courtesy of Jim Argo).**

- 17 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 19 SHPO HPRC meeting regarding nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, Oklahoma History Center, OKC.
- 26 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

- 31 Woody Crumbo Centennial Birthday Celebration

## February

- 1-29 *Oklahoma Driven: Cars, Collectors, and the Birth of the Oklahoma Highway Commission*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-29 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-29 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



- 1-29 *"Pickin' and Grinnin': Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 2 Living history presentation, "Life at Mount Vernon: Through the Eyes of James Anderson," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 9 Living history presentation, "Abraham Lincoln and the Indians," by Fritz Klein, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 11 Abraham Lincoln Saturday Activity Day, Oklahoma History Center, OK
- 11 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 16 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

## March

- 1-31 *Oklahoma Driven: Cars, Collectors, and the Birth of the Oklahoma Highway Commission*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *"Pickin' and Grinnin': Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



**Byron Berline, Roy Clark, and Jana Jae at the Hee Haw exhibit opening**

- 1 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 8 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 10 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 17 Twenty-fifth Annual Family Kite Flight Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 20 Vernal Equinox Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 23 Fort Towson Timeline Education Event, Fort Towson Historic Site, Fort Towson
- 24 Cowboy Round-up Education Day, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 31 Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day 2012, Fort Towson Historic Site, Fort Towson

## April

- 1-30 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *"Pickin' and Grinnin': Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 4 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry



**Rose Hill School, Perry**

- 10 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 14 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 21 Sod House Days, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 26 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 28 Dutch Oven Cooking Class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

## May

- 1-31 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



# January - June 2012

- 1-31 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

- 1-31 *"Pickin' and Grinnin': Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

- 1 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 2 SHPO Workshop, "The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 2 SHPO Workshop, "Determination of Eligibility under Section 106," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 2 Oklahoma National History Day: Junior Competition Day, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



- 3 SHPO Workshop, "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 3 Oklahoma National History Day: Senior Competition Day, OKC
- 4 SHPO Workshop, "Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 4 SHPO Workshop, "The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Houses," Travertine Nature Center, Chickasaw National Recreation Center, Sulphur
- 9 Education Day, George M. Murrell Home, Tahlequah



**George M. Murrell Home, Tahlequah**

- 12 Thirty-fourth Birthday Bash and Seventh Annual Archaeology Day, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 12 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 15 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

## June

- 1-30 *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- TBA *Woody Crumbo Centennial* exhibit
- 6, 13, 20, 27 OkieTales, storytelling for children, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 6-8 Oklahoma's Twenty-fourth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Tahlequah
- 9 Fort Towson Homecoming, Fort Towson Historical Site, Fort Towson
- 9 Quilting Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 16 Tenerife Lace Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline



**Teneriffe Lace Sample**

- 21 Summer Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

## Pearl Harbor exhibit opened at the Oklahoma History Center

The Oklahoma History Center is celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor with an exhibit that opened on December 7: "Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor." Although no Japanese airplanes bombed the state of Oklahoma, many Oklahomans experienced the devastation those planes unleashed on Pearl Harbor. With this new exhibit, the OHC hopes to tell important stories so that succeeding generations will remember the bravery and lives lost at Pearl Harbor.

Some of the artifacts on display include a Japanese flight suit and naval uniforms, artifacts from aboard the *USS Oklahoma* during the attack at Pearl Harbor, and letters from a bereaved mother to her son who she would never see again. The exhibit will also feature several interviews with veterans of Pearl Harbor, Wake Island, and the Philippines.



## Oklahoma History Center call for volunteers

Volunteers are vitally important for the services they provide to the Oklahoma History Center. They give tours, are greeters and gallery hosts, assist kids in making tie dyed bandanas at September Fest, are door monitors for History Day, welcome patrons at exhibit openings, and are coat checkers at dozens of holiday parties. In 2010 they enjoyed field trips to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and to see *Passages* at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. They hear scholarly lecturers at monthly meetings and at Brown Bag lunches. Without volunteers the History Center would not be as great as it is, and they are to be thanked for their service!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer at the Oklahoma History Center, please contact Robbin Davis at [volunteers@okhistory.org](mailto:volunteers@okhistory.org) or 405/522-0745. The next new volunteer training classes are scheduled for April 9-13. More information and an application to the program can be found at [www.okhistorycenter.org](http://www.okhistorycenter.org) under "Volunteers."



**OHC volunteers on the annual fieldtrip (photo courtesy of Robbin Davis).**



## Twenty-year Members Renew in November

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

Samuel Allen, Sapulpa, September 21, 1955  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, October 1, 1972  
Ada Public Library, Ada, October 1, 1972  
Edmond Library, Edmond, October 1, 1972  
University of Houston, Houston, TX, October 1, 1972  
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, October 1, 1972  
Miami University Library, Oxford, OH, October 1, 1972  
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 1, 1972  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA, October 1, 1972  
Midwest City Library, Midwest City, October 1, 1972  
BYU/Harold B. Lee Library, Provo, UT, October 1, 1972  
Kansas State Univ. Library, Manhattan, KS, November 1, 1972  
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, December 1, 1972  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, December 1, 1972  
Rogers State University, Claremore, December 1, 1972  
Carl Albert State College, Poteau, January 2, 1973  
Muskogee Public Library, Muskogee, September 1, 1973  
Wichita State University Library, Wichita, KS, November 1, 1973  
Virginia Jimenez, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1973  
Arthur Salisbury, Tulsa, November 1, 1973  
C.E. Trousdale, Cleveland, November 14, 1974  
Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, December 1, 1974  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, December 1, 1974  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, December 1, 1974  
Eufaula Memorial Library, Eufaula, March 1, 1975  
Brandeis University Library, Waltham, MA, March 1, 1975

Hunter Library Serials Department, Cullowhee, NC, May 1, 1975  
James Lazalier, Norman, June 1, 1975  
Ward McCurtain, Beaumont, TX, June 1, 1975  
Arkansas State Univ./DB Ellis Library, Jonesboro, AR, January 1, 1976  
Stephen F. Austin State Univ., Nacogdoches, TX, November 1, 1976  
Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA, December 1, 1976  
UALR-Ottenheimer Library, Little Rock, AR, December 1, 1976  
Wilma Slater, Milburn, October 1, 1977  
Eugene Earsom, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1977  
SNU Library, Bethany, March 1, 1979  
Woodward Public Library, Woodward, June 1, 1979  
Carolyn Hanneman, Norman, August 1, 1979  
Kenneth and Lois Stern, Stillwater, September 1, 1979  
California State University – Chico, Chico, CA, December 1, 1981  
University of Nebraska – Omaha, Omaha, NE, December 1, 1981  
University of California – Davis, Davis, CA, June 22, 1982  
George and Margaret Selby, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1982  
Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 2, 1982  
Rieger Memorial Library, Haskell, December 1, 1982  
Southwest Oklahoma State Univ., Weatherford, December 1, 1982  
University of Mississippi, University, MS, March 1, 1983  
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, OH, May 1, 1983  
Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, February 1, 1984  
Stephen Schuster, Stafford, TX, September 1, 1984  
John Vaughn Library, Tahlequah, December 1, 1984  
Rose State College LRC, Midwest City, December 1, 1984  
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, December 1, 1984  
Saint Louis Public Library, Saint Louis, MO, January 2, 1985  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, December 1, 1985  
Vici School, Vici, December 1, 1985  
Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, December 1, 1985  
Northeast Campus LRC, Tulsa, December 1, 1985  
Vere Harmsworth Lib. – Univ. of Oxford, Oxford, ENG, December 9, 1985  
Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City, January 1, 1986

Purdue University Library, West Lafayette, IN, January 1, 1986  
California State Univ. – Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, January 1, 1986  
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, August 1, 1986  
Steve and Susan Kline, Fort Worth, TX, September 24, 1986  
John and Marsha Greiner, Oklahoma City, October 10, 1986  
Francis Briscoe, Ardmore, October 20, 1986  
Fred and Joyce Lucas, Watonga, October 31, 1986  
Pat Sharp, Edmond, November 6, 1986  
Shirley Carter, Marietta, November 24, 1986  
Stillwater Public Library, Stillwater, December 11, 1986  
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, May 7, 1987  
Carol Compton, Yukon, September 25, 1987  
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## Museum Store News

by Russ Haynes

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I want to say “Thanks” to everyone who shopped in the Museum Store during November and December. Your patronage is greatly appreciated. We have added a lot of new merchandise over the last few months, and you will be seeing some of it in the *OHS Extra!* e-newsletter. We are always on the lookout for new books and here are some I hope you will enjoy.

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## Celebration for 100th anniversary of birth of artist Woody Crumbo

The Oklahoma History Center will host a special celebration of the 100th anniversary of Woody Crumbo's birth. On Saturday, January 31, 2012, at 4 p.m., a preview of Woody Crumbo's artwork will be held along with a special program honoring the life and career of this great artist. Special guests for the event will include Minisa Crumbo-Halsey, daughter of the late Woody Crumbo.

Woodrow Wilson Crumbo, better known as Woody Crumbo, was born January 31, 1912, on his mother's allotment near Lexington, Oklahoma. Of Potawatomi descent, Crumbo dedicated his life and talent to the sincere portrayal of American Indian thought and culture through his art.

In June 2012 the Oklahoma History Center and Minisa Crumbo-Halsey will cosponsor the new *Woody Crumbo Centennial* exhibit, which will showcase the artwork of Woody Crumbo.

The exhibit will include silkscreens, etchings, drawings, and paintings by the renowned artist. Crumbo's famous *Spirit Horse*, along with his highly acclaimed American Indian Dancer series, will be featured.

Minisa Crumbo-Halsey, a talented artist in her own right, has work that has been shown throughout Europe and is in private collections. Through her efforts, the exhibit will include her latest artwork for the general public to view.

For more information on the centennial birthday celebration and the upcoming June exhibit, please contact Tara Damron at 405/522-0784 or [tdamron@okhistory.org](mailto:tdamron@okhistory.org).



Artwork courtesy of Minisa Crumbo-Halsey



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### SHPO announces HPRC's 2012 meeting schedule

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee's (HPRC) meeting schedule for calendar year 2012. The HPRC (state review board) is appointed by the governor to provide advice to the state historic preservation officer about nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and other preservation issues. Current HPRC members include Arn Henderson (architectural historian, Norman); William P. Corbett (historian, Tahlequah); Ron Frantz (architect, Oklahoma City); John D. Hartley (prehistoric archaeologist, Norman); and Charles S. Wallis (historical archaeologist, Norman). The HPRC's four scheduled meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, April 26, July 19, and October 18.

The meetings will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society's LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom, Oklahoma History Center (third floor), 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, and they are open to the public. The HPRC and the SHPO encourage all interested parties to attend, and meeting agendas and National Register nominations under consideration at the respective meeting will be provided on the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

The National Park Service regulations governing the SHPO's programs require that a qualified state review board participate in the National Register and other SHPO programs. During each meeting the HPRC hears presentations on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places from SHPO staff and consultants, receives comments from owners of properties proposed for nomination, listens to public comments and concerns, and formulates recommendations to the SHPO about whether a property should be nominated to the National Register. The HPRC and SHPO staff invite concerned citizens and preservation professionals to participate in this important component of Oklahoma's preservation program.

For further information about the HPRC, the National Register, or other SHPO programs, call 405/521-6249 or visit us on the website listed above.

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