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 or Larry Birden, Jr., at labirden@lunet.edu.

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 (Balbridge) 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.
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 talking 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.

**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.

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**New Members, November 2011**

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

**Director**

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gregg, Edmond
*Oklahoma Employees Credit Union, Oklahoma City
Linda Simonton, Arcadia
*The Stock Exchange Bank, Woodward

**Fellow**

Raymond Dixon, McAlester
*Mr. and Mrs. Ike Glass, Jr., Newkirk
Miller Smith, Geary

**Associate**

Grayson Bottom, Yukon
*Joanna Champlin & Shawnee Brittan, Oklahoma City
Robert Hayes, Oklahoma City
*Jay O’Melia, Tulsa
Carmen Richardson, San Antonio, TX
*Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schomewll, Jr., Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shertet, Jr., Oklahoma City

**Friend**

*Mr. and Mrs. Ron Atchley, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boger, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Boyer, Ponca City
Terry Brown, Oklahoma City
*Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Carile, Oklahoma City
Ann Cloutier, Paula Valley
Mr. and Mrs. Don Collins, Foss
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dupa, Round Rock, TX
*Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar, New Harmony, IN
Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fenn, Marvell, TX
Lionel Garrett, Ada
Carol Gatlin, Davenport
Aulena Gibson, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. David Greene, Bartlesville
Dan Hogan III, Nichols Hills
Bruce Johnson, Indian Head Park, IL
William Kellough, Tulsa
J.D. Kinard, Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Edmond
Patricia Lowry, Oklahoma City
*Mr. and Mrs. Jim MacGeller, Jr., Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Presa Mahaffey, Marlou
*Mr. and Mrs. Dick Matzat, Stillwater
Mr. and Mrs. Tucker McHugh, Edmond
Kathleen Merkel, Edmond
Necia Miller, Midwest City
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
Card Sloan, Moore
Judith Steelman, Oklahoma City

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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 in 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 Edmund 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.

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/. 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 Harrington Oval, Room 101, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. For more information, call 405/325-5835 or email 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 or mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, during the first week of the month before you wish a news items 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.okhistory.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

1-29 “Pickin’ and Grinnin’: Roy Clark, Hee Haw and Country Humor, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-29 Abraham Lincoln Saturday Activity Day, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
11 Quilting Workshop, Soda House Museum, Aline
16 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

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Rose Hill School, Perry

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

May

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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

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

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

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**June**

1-30  *A Return to Elegance*, Exhibit of Formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

1-30  *Oklahoma and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

TBA  Woody Crumbo Centennial exhibit

6, 13, 20, 27  OkeiTales, 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  Teneriffe Lace Workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline

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### Teneriffe Lace Sample

21  Summer Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

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### 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 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 under “Volunteers.”

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### 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.

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*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 Salsbury, 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
Kuřaňský Memorial Library, Kuruňšť, March 1, 1975
Braudis University Library, Wallam, MA, March 1, 1975
Hunter Library Serials Department, Cullowhee, NC, May 1, 1975
James Lanziler, Norman, June 1, 1975
Ward McConnell, Beaumont, TX, June 1, 1975
Arkansas State Univ./DBI 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-Ortenheimer Library, Little Rock, AR, December 1, 1976
Wilma Slater, Milburn, October 1, 1977
Eugene Earson, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1977
SNU Library, Bethany, March 1, 1979
Woodward Public Library, Woodward, June 1, 1979
Carolyn Hanneman, Norman, August 1, 1979
Kenedth 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
Georgia and Margaret Selby, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1982
Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 2, 1982
Riger Memorial Library, Haskell, December 1, 1982
Southwest Oklahoma State Univ., Weatherford, December 1, 1982
University of Missouri, 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, Tablequeal, December 1, 1984
Rose State College LRC, Midwest City, December 1, 1984
Ahlene Christian University, Ahlene, 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 Harnsworth 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, Armdro, 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
Northeastern Okla. State College LRC, Miami, January 1, 1988
Troy University, Troy, AL, March 14, 1988
Janice Johnson, Edmond, June 13, 1988
Luann Waters, Wynnewood, October 27, 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
Lois Batey, Oklahoma City, December 15, 1988
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, February 9, 1989
Gary Gallagher, Edmond, October 27, 1989
Jimmy and Freda Owens, Vian, November 7, 1989
Warner Public Library, Warner, December 4, 1989
Linda Horn, Edmond, January 2, 1990
University of Missouri – St. Louis, Saint Louis, MO, March 26, 1990
Auburn University, Auburn, June 14, 1990
Vernon and Lavinne Stricker, Woodward, November 27, 1990
Bank of Western Oklahoma, Elk City, February 19, 1991
Dennis and Rhonda Peterson, Spiro, March 12, 1991
Mary Duffe, Edmond, October 4, 1991

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.

Stories of Old-Time Oklahoma by David Dairy. Includes revised and expanded stories of Oklahoma’s history that first appeared as newspaper articles during the state centennial in 2007. Begins with an overview of Oklahoma’s rich and varied history and geography and then introduces readers to its people, including Indian leaders Quanah Parker and Satanta; lawmen Bass Reeves and Bill Tilghman; artists Woody Guthrie, Will Rogers, and Gene Autry; and many, many more. 271 pages. Hardback. $24.95

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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 co-sponsor 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.

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