



# Mistletoe Leaves



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## Archaeological excavation continues to reveal original Fort Gibson

Often in archaeology, questions resolved through excavation only lead to new questions. Such is the case with the recent work on the original stockade site at the Fort Gibson Historic Site. This season's cooperative effort between the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, and the Oklahoma Anthropological Society have produced much more information.

Dr. Lee Bement, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, as principal investigator, OHS staff, and the Anthropological Society's volunteers conducted a "ground truthing" dig project from May 23 through June 1. The cooperators had fielded a smaller group in November 2007 to continue work started by staff earlier in the year. With the help of the larger volunteer base, investigation was expanded in order to expand the search area and continue to gather information. More of the stockade's stone foundations were uncovered, yielding numerous artifacts from the early-nineteenth-century military post and some that are thought to be from the WPA construction period.

Military items include glass and bone buttons, marbles, bottle fragments, and tobacco pipe fragments. Plate and bowl fragments as well as knife and fork parts are other artifact categories. Bones from fish, deer, cattle/bison, chickens, and turtles indicate a range of food items consumed by occupants.

No historical archaeological project would be complete without lots of nails, chunks of rust, and glass shards. The most

important artifacts were the stockade's multiple-layered, stone foundation walls and the fireplace rubble, both of which match the archival records.

Volunteers and staff toiled in the late May heat and humidity during the OAS annual Spring Dig. The foundation remains, once thought to have been completely destroyed and lost, have been located in three separate sections of the old stockade area. Future investigations will focus on uncovering the rest of the remnant walls. Plans are being considered for interpreting a portion of the foundations. A selection of the artifacts will be displayed in an exhibit under development at the WPA stockade.

During the project, educational programs were provided for the volunteers. Speakers included Dr. Bob Brooks (OAS director), Dr. Bob Blackburn of OHS, Bob Rea, project coordinator, and Bement. Site Supervisor Chris Morgan talked on the history of the fort. A living history and material culture program by David Fowler and Cody Jolliff, Fort Gibson staff, gave the volunteers an overview of military life along with a display of replicas of the artifacts being discovered by the volunteers. Fort Towson's John Davis discussed the Red River Wreck project. Other Gibson staff members Omar Reed, Rory Montgomery, and Tony Steger assisted the team effort. Mike McKay, ODOT archaeologist, and OU graduate students will process the artifacts and contribute to the report. (Photo courtesy Bob Rea)



## James Waldo to serve as OHS president

Oklahoma City attorney James R. Waldo was elected to a three-year term as OHS president at the Annual Meeting, held in Ardmore in April. A Shawnee native, the new president is a fourth-generation Oklahoman—one great-grandfather being an '89er and another a Chisholm Trail drover. Appointed to the OHS Board in 2004, Waldo has served on the Executive Committee and as treasurer.

A graduate of Duke University and the Oklahoma College of Law, he has practiced law with the same partners since 1974. He is a member of the Order of the Coif and was managing editor of the *Oklahoma Law Review*. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the Oklahoma City Real Property Lawyers Association, having served as president.

Waldo is also a decorated combat veteran, serving as an artillery forward observer in Vietnam. He has served as president of the YMCA Youth and Government Advisory Board and for many years has provided legal services as vice president of the Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, which honored him in 1997 with the Silver Beaver Award.

"I am challenged by the dedication of the staff and volunteers of the OHS and humbled by the honor of serving as its president," said Waldo.

Other officers are Marvin Kroeker, vice president, and William Corbett, treasurer. Denzil Garrison, Leonard Logan, Roger Bromert, Emmy Stidham, Jack Baker, Robert Klemme, and Bob L. Blackburn are also members of the Executive Committee.

(Photo courtesy Terry Zinn).



## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

As a historian, I have always studied the dynamic process of institutional life cycles.

First comes an innovative idea for a product or service, followed by big dreams, hard work, and struggle to make it to the top of the mountain. In most cases success is followed by satisfaction, lessening of intense desire, and slow, yet visible, decline in energy.

Businesses and organizations that survive that typical life cycle are those that continually renew themselves, either with new ideas or new people who stoke the fires of energy and drive. At the Oklahoma Historical Society, we have to do both.

For several decades we have been energized with new ideas and big dreams. The results are evident in all directions, from the Historic Preservation Conference and the growth of collections to the History Center and the \$8 million Cherokee Strip Heritage Center rising from the soil of Enid.

This past year, the rewards of innovation and desire are easy to spot:

- A leadership role in celebrating the Centennial of Statehood
- A completed restoration of the Guthrie Carnegie Library, where the first governor was inaugurated
- The archaeological discovery of Fort Gibson's original foundations
- A fully funded, multiyear repair and maintenance plan for museums and sites
- A doubling of revenue from increased membership in the OHS

## Development News

By Tim Zwink

I find it hard to believe that we are halfway through 2008. This year the days and weeks have flown by quickly, and now we are rapidly closing in on the time to cut off orders for new monogrammed bricks that will be placed in the attractive and educational Red River Journey area here at the Oklahoma History Center. The deadline for brick orders is Friday, August 15, 2008.

If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind present for a graduation or a unique gift for a birthday, anniversary, or memorial, I would highly recommend that you consider a monogrammed brick. These attractive, personalized items offer a perfect way to recognize a special person, event, or occasion. The cost for each is \$35.

After the August deadline, we then will send in all the new orders for your monogrammed bricks. Our plan is to have these new bricks inscribed and installed early this fall. I encourage you to get your brick orders in soon if you want them included.

If you need a brick order form, you can find one on the Oklahoma Historical Society web site at <[www.okhistory.org/donorprograms.html](http://www.okhistory.org/donorprograms.html)>. You can also contact me for assistance at 405/522-5217 or at <[tzwink@okhistory.org](mailto:tzwink@okhistory.org)>.

Have an enjoyable summer!

- A fundraising drive for the History Center that topped \$800,000

- Scanning and placing on the web site more than 30,000 photographs and maps

So how do we keep the momentum going? One is to encourage new ideas and innovation. Another is to keep raising the bar of expectations higher and higher.

While the first goal is largely a task for good management, the second is easy to articulate. Our goals for the coming year include:

- Publishing and releasing the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*

- Opening an unprecedented string of quality museum exhibits at the History Center that share the stories of the Allan Houser family, Latinos, business history, and the history of rock and roll in the state of Oklahoma

- Releasing the 1920 silent movie, *Daughter of Dawn*, which was shot in the Wichita Mountains with an all-Indian cast

- Launching the Oklahoma Newspaper Digitization Project, which will have keyword-search capabilities for all newspapers published in the territories and state before 1923

- Opening of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid, the first of a whole new generation of museums to serve Oklahoma outside Oklahoma City and Tulsa

In the life of any institution it is tempting to slow the pace of innovation and change. It is easy to sit back and enjoy the sense of a job well done.

At the Oklahoma Historical Society we can do neither. We have to keep pushing. We have to keep raising our standards. There are too many goals within our reach and too little time to get them done.

Yes, I have studied the dynamic process of institutional life cycles. The Oklahoma Historical Society is still climbing to the top of the mountain.



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\*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

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## Meetings

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society's** monthly meeting will be held Monday, July 7, 2008, at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City. Speaker Sandi Smith, librarian at the Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center, will discuss "Our Early Immigrants: Records and Resources." As part of her presentation she will provide information on pertinent resources available at the OHS Research Library. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. The library will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. (Special to ML)

## Events

Food events abound in the month of July. **McLoud City Park** will be the venue for the Blackberry Festival on July 4 through 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Send e-mail to <mccloudchamber@netzero.net>. You can enjoy an annual barbecue event in **Tulsa** on July 11 and 12. Hours are Friday, 5:30 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone 918/584-3333. At the Frisco Conference Center in **Clinton** visitors can savor a Taste of Western Oklahoma with food from area restaurants and caterers and wine from Oklahoma wineries. This event will take place on Thursday, July 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 580/323-2222. **Valliant** is hosting a Watermelon Festival and Garden Show on July 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the city park. For more, contact Valliant's Chamber of Commerce at 580/933-5050. In downtown **Porter** the annual Peach Festival and other activities will occur on July 18 and 19. Hours on Friday are 5 to 11 p.m. and on Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Contact Roy Essary at 918/694-9314. (Special to ML)

In **Frederick** the World War II Airborne Team Open Hangar Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. In addition to living history, there will be military and vehicle displays and an airborne jump demonstration. A USO Show will take place in the evening at the Ramona Theater. Call 580/335-2126 or e-mail <frederick@pldi.net>. (Special to ML)

Hot air balloons will be flying over **Hugo** on July 18 through 20. For family fun, games, live entertainment, arts and crafts, auto exhibit, and food, plan to attend the festival at the Agriplex at Fifth and Rena Street. The event features balloon rides and a junior balloonist competition. Call 580/326-3633. (Special to ML)

The Crystal Beach Arena in **Woodward** will be the venue for a PRCA rodeo on July 16 through 19, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The event will include a parade, cattle drive, chuck wagon feed, dancing, and talent show. Call Neal Day at 580/256-9885. (Special to ML)

The **Sapulpa** Royal Jazz Festival, featuring local musicians, will take place at Martha's Corner on Thursday evening and at Liberty Park on Friday and Saturday evenings. The event starts at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. For groups, contact John Waytula at 918/224-5770. For individuals, telephone Jan Duke at 918/227-5151. (Special to ML)

**Vinita's** North Park will be the venue for the Route 66 Summerfest Car Show on August 2, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. With more than 200 participants expected, the event will also include live entertainment, food, children's games, and a cruise on Route 66. Call 918/256-7133 for more information. (Special to ML)

Make plans to attend the **Oklahoma Genealogical Society's** Ancestor Fair on Saturday, August 9, at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City. Bring the family to this free event and enjoy the day with planned contests and children's activities. The OGS will be providing further details in the near future at the OGS's web site, <[www.okgensoc.org](http://www.okgensoc.org)>. (Special to ML)

## Exhibits

The Cherokee Heritage Center, located three miles south of **Tahlequah**, has a new exhibit entitled *Phoenix Rising: Celebrating 180 Years of Cherokee Journalism*. This exhibit premiered on May 31 and will be on display through August 10, 2008. The long history of Cherokee journalism will be presented through reproductions of the *Cherokee Phoenix* (first published in 1828 at New Echota, Cherokee Nation, Georgia) and the *Cherokee Advocate* (first published in 1844 in Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory) as well as other tribal publications and photographs from the CHC archives. A section of the exhibit will explain the development and enactment of the Cherokee Independent Press Act of 2000. For additional information call 918/456-6007 or 888/999-6007. (Special to ML)

## Happenings

**Kaw City** High School graduation pictures that had been hanging in the grade school building are being hung in the

Name Brick Walkway that connects the old Depot Building to the Brill Building. The earliest picture is of the 1925 graduating class. However, not all years are represented. Individuals are invited to help identify people on these and other historical photographs collected by the Kaw City Museum. (*Kaw City Museum News*, Spring 2008)

### New Members, cont'd.

\*Barbara Klein and James Weaver, Oklahoma City  
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### Institutions

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 Guthrie Public Library, Guthrie  
 USDA Forest Service, Idabel

# OHS EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as it was available at press time. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of *Mistletoe Leaves* for additions, corrections, and/or expanded articles.

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

Please visit the OHS web site to verify date, hours, exact location, admission fees, etc. Click on "About OHS," and "Calendar of Events" for additional information on the OHS events listed below.

TBA = to be announced

## JULY

- 1-31** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-31** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 4** 1840s Independence Day Celebration, Ft. Gibson Historic Site, Ft. Gibson



**Sixth Infantry Living History Association at the Fort Gibson event (Larry Toll photo).**

- 7** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 9** Boomers and Land Runs, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 11, 18,** Wild West Reading Program, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 25** Talking Skulls, a hands-on interactive class on Oklahoma's animal species, History Center, OKC
- 17** Historic Preservation Review Committee meets, History Center, OKC
- 18-19** Honey Springs Annual Memorial Fun Runs and Memorial Service, Honey Springs Battlefield, Checotah
- 19** Tears, Turnips, and Triumphs, First Person Impression program, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid

- 19** Hands-on History Day, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 26** Flint knapping demonstration, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 26** Flint knapping workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee

## AUGUST

- 1-31** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-31** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 4** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at History Center, OKC
- 5** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 9** Ancestor Fair, Oklahoma Genealogical Society and OHS Research Division, History Center, OKC
- 13** Territorial Governors, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 16** Journaling, a class for all ages, to learn how to keep and decorate a personal journal, History Center, OKC
- 20** From Sagebrush to Statehood, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 30** Volunteer Open House, History Center, OKC
- 30** Talking Skulls, a hands-on interactive class on Oklahoma's animal species, History Center, OKC

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-30** A Day at Rose Hill School, Fall Semester begins, 1910 living history program, student activities for classes from around the state, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 1-30** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-30** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-25** *American Anthem*, exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 1** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 2** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 5** Public Meeting, State Historic Preservation Office's Fiscal Year 2008 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application, History Center, OKC
- 5** Updating Oklahoma's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan: A Public Discussion, History Center, OKC

## OCTOBER

- 1-31** A Day at Rose Hill School, Fall Semester continues, 1910 living history program, student activities for classes from around the state, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 1-31** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-31** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC



**SeptemberFest (Staff photo).**

- 1-31** Annual Quilt Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 3** Corsets and Underpinnings, workshop, Murrell House, Park Hill
- 3-4** Ghostly Doaksville, Ft. Towson Historic Site, vic. Ft. Towson
- 4** Red Hat Saturday, hat making workshop, History Center, OKC
- 4** Ladies' Camp of Instruction for Reenactors, Murrell House, Park Hill

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**Oklahoma History Center (J. Briley photo).**

- 5** Jewelry Making Workshop, Murrell House, Park Hill
- 6** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at Oklahoma History Center
- 7** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 8** Early Statehood, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 10-11** Fall Encampment, Ft. Gibson Historic Site, Ft. Gibson
- 15** What's Happening at Leonardo's Discovery Warehouse, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 16** Historic Preservation Review Committee meets, History Center, OKC
- 18** Ghost Story Tours, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 22-25** Walking Ghost Stories Tours, Ft. Washita, vicinity of Durant-Madill
- 24-25** Ghost Stories, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 24-31** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 25** Dutch Oven Cooking, hands-on class, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 30** Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

## NOVEMBER

- 1-30** A Day at Rose Hill School, Fall Semester continues, 1910 living history program, student activities for classes from around the state, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 1-30** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-30** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center
- 1-30** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC

- 3** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at Oklahoma History Center
- 4** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 4-25** *Crossroads of Empire: Early Printed Maps of the American Southwest*, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 7-8** Candlelight Tours, Ft. Washita, vicinity of Durant-Madill
- 8** Fall Bake Day, Ft. Gibson Historic Site, Ft. Gibson
- 12** Oklahoma in the 1920s, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 13-14** Conservation of 19th-Century Photographs, workshop, OHS Research Division and Oklahoma Conservation Congress, History Center, OKC
- 15** Choctaw Indian Records Workshop, cosponsored by Friends of OHS Archives and Three Valley Museum, Durant
- 15** Victorian Holiday Style Show, History Center, OKC
- 15** Civil War Life Program, Honey Springs Battlefield Site, Checotah
- 19** A High-Wheeled Bike in the Land Run of 1893, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- DECEMBER**
- 1-16** A Day at Rose Hill School, Fall Semester continues, 1910 living history program, student activities for classes from around the state, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 1-31** *Field, Forest and Stream: Oklahomans and the Outdoors*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-31** *Simply Red: A Fashion Statement*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- 1-31** *Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family*, exhibit, Museum of History, History Center, OKC
- TBA** Christmas Tours of the Seay Mansion and Pioneer Village, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 1** First Monday of the Month Free Admission at Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 2** Quilt Block of the Month class, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 6** Children's Storytime and Crafts, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 6, 13** Living History Program, 36th Texas Cavalry, Ft. Washita, vicinity of Durant-Madill
- 10** Oklahoma and the Great Depression, lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Outreach Space, Enid
- 11** Holiday Open House, Pawnee Bill Ranch Site, Pawnee
- 12-13** Candlelight Tour, Ft. Gibson Historic Site, Ft. Gibson
- 14** Christmas Tea and Open House, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 14** Christmas Open House, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 17** "Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" and "The Secretary's Standards for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," SHPO workshops, History Center, OKC
- 18** "Working with Section 106: A Workshop for CDGB Applicants and Consultants," SHPO workshop, History Center, OKC
- 19** "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," SHPO workshop, History Center, OKC
- 21** Winter Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

## OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

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| <b>Cherokee Strip Museum/Rose Hill School</b> , 2617 W Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405                                  | <b>Oklahoma Museum of History</b> , 2401 N Laird Ave., OKC 405/522-5248                        |
| <b>Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion</b> , 605 Zellers Ave., Kingfisher 405/375-5176                            | <b>Oklahoma Route 66 Museum</b> , 2229 W Gary Blvd. Clinton, 580/323-7866                      |
| <b>Fort Gibson Historic Site</b> 907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088                             | <b>Oklahoma Territorial Museum/Carnegie Library</b> 402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie 405/282-1889       |
| <b>Fort Supply Historic Site</b> Campus of W.S. Key Corr. Center, Fort Supply 580/766-3767                       | <b>Henry Overholser House</b> 405 NW 15th St., OKC 405/528-8485                                |
| <b>Fort Towson Historic Site</b> NE of Fort Towson off US 70 580/873-2634  | <b>Pawnee Bill Ranch</b> ½ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee 918/762-2513                                 |
| <b>Fort Washita Historic Site</b> SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill 580/924-6502  | <b>Peter Conser House</b> 4 mi. S of Heavener on US 59, 3½ mi. W of Hodgen 918/653-2493        |
| <b>Frank Phillips House</b> 1107 Cherokee Ave. Bartlesville, 918/336-2491  | <b>Pioneer Woman Museum</b> 701 Monument Rd., Ponca City, 580/765-6108                         |
| <b>Fred Drummond House</b> 305 N Price, Hominy 918/885-2374  | <b>Robert S. Kerr Museum</b> 6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270 at Kerr Conference Center 918/647-9579 |
| <b>Frederick Pioneer Village</b> , 201 N 9th St., Frederick, 580/335-5844  | <b>Sequoyah's Cabin</b> SH 101, 11 mi. NE of Sallisaw, 918/775-2413                            |
| <b>George M. Murrell House</b> 19479 East Murrell Home Rd 3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill 918/456-2751               | <b>Sod House Museum</b> SH 8, 5½ mi. N of Cleo Springs, 580/463-2441                           |
| <b>Healdton Oil Museum</b> 315 E Main, Healdton 580/229-0900   | <b>Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center</b> , 3 mi. E and 4 mi. N of Spiro 918/962-2062          |
| <b>Honey Springs Battlefield</b> 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Rd., E of US 69, near Rentiesville, 918/473-5572 | <b>State Capital Publishing Museum</b> , 301 W Harrison Guthrie, 405/282-4123                  |
| <b>Jim Thorpe House</b> 706 E Boston, Yale 918/387-2815  | <b>T. B. Ferguson House</b> 519 N Weigle, Watonga 580/623-5069                                 |
| <b>Museum of the Cherokee Strip</b> , 507 S 4th, Enid 580/237-1907   | <b>Tom Mix Museum</b> 721 N Delaware, Dewey 918/534-1555                                       |
| <b>Museum of the Western Prairie</b> , 1100 N Memorial Dr. Altus, 580/482-1044                                   | <b>White Hair Memorial</b> ½ mi. S of SH 20 on Blackburn Rd., Ralston 918/538-2417             |
| <b>No Man's Land Museum</b> PSU Campus, Goodwell 580/349-2670  | <b>State Historic Preservation Office</b> , OKC, 405/521-6249                                  |

## Civil War dead to be honored at Honey Springs battle site

The annual Honey Springs Battlefield Memorial Service and Memorial Run will be held on July 18 and 19. During the July 19 ceremonies a joint color guard will present the flags, cannon and rifle salutes will be fired, and "Taps" will be played.

The obsequies honor those who fell during the Indian Territory's largest Civil War engagement. Dr. Bob L. Blackburn will deliver a lecture on that topic.

Immediately following, the Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield will hold their annual luncheon and business meeting.

At 1 p.m. Mark L. "Beau" Cantrell will address the Sneed-Reeves Camp 1417, USCSA, on "Indian Territory Delegates to the Confederate States Congress." Non-members are invited to attend the lecture.

The evening of July 18 will feature the fifth annual Memorial Run. This one-mile, run-walk event begins at 7:30 p.m.. A 5K "sanctioned race" begins at 8 p.m. There will be awards for the best time for women and for men and also first-, second-, and third-place ribbons in each men's and women's age bracket. As in the past, there is no extra charge for race-day registration. Registration forms are available in *The Oklahoma Runner* magazine.

Honey Springs Battlefield Site is located at 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Road, near Checotah, and also near Rentiesville and east of U.S. 69. Call 918/573-5572 or e-mail <honeysprings@okhistory.org> for more information on the service.

## July at the Cherokee Strip Heritage Center

Enid's museum Outreach Space in Oakwood Mall will be buzzing during the month of July when the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center expands its weekly educational series. The events are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch in a brown bag and join your friends.

On Wednesday, July 9, at noon Glen McIntyre will lecture on "The Boomers and the Land Runs." The discussion centers on the would-be settlers who tried to force the opening of Oklahoma lands in the 1880s.

At Wednesday noon on July 16 Valerie Haynes, director of the Guthrie Museum Complex, will give a first-person impression titled "Tears, Turnips, and Triumphs." She'll focus on the travails of a woman settler in the Territorial Era.

On Saturday, July 26, at 1 p.m. Dr. Don Wyckoff of the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History will give a flint-knapping demonstration. He'll show you how to make an "arrowhead" in the old-fashioned way, by chipping them from flint and other similar substances. Wyckoff was formerly director of the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey.

The Outreach Center is located next to J.C. Penney in Enid's Oakwood Mall. Call 580/237-1907 for more information.

## Hidden Collections . . .

### The Preston George Collection

By Larry O'Dell

In 2008 the Research Division received the Preston George Collection (2008.08). These writings and diaries supplement the previous donation of his railroad collection, including more than 1,500 photographs. The papers provide insight into the personal and professional life of an avid researcher and collector.



Preston George, born in 1906 in Indian Territory, matured near Kaw City. He attained a civil engineering degree from Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma

State University). After employment with the Oklahoma Highway Department, in 1941 he began a career with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. In his childhood, trains became his true passion. He coauthored *Railroads in Oklahoma*, documenting the state's railroad history. He also became involved in archaeology, contributing to several books and journal articles. In 1988 George joined the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Preston George died on April 24, 1993. In 2003 he was inducted into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

The correspondence with his family, his friends, and his future wife, Maud George, date to 1925 and continue through most of his life. The collection also includes daybook entries, diaries, and recollections. Interesting material includes survey and other work journals that describe highway construction and other details of his job.

Also of interest is his diary that describes the Oklahoma home front during World War II. Researchers can access the Preston George materials by visiting the Kirkpatrick Research Center, inside the Oklahoma History Center.

## OHS Places . . .

### Pioneer Woman Museum

701 Monument Road  
Ponca City, OK 74604-3910  
Phone: 580/765-6108  
Hours: Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.  
Closed, Mondays and holidays  
Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens, \$1 for students

Situated in a fourteen-acre, wooded park, the Pioneer Woman Museum is located at 701 Monument Road in Ponca City. Constructed of native stone and glass, the museum building preserves and exhibits artifacts that honor Oklahoma's women, including Oklahoma City socialite Anna Overholser, U.S. Representative Alice Robertson, and aviator Jerrie Cobb. At the museum entrance the visitor walks beneath a woman's sunbonnet shaped of copper and with the saying "I SEE NO BOUNDARIES" punched in it.

Among the museum's artifacts representing daily life are a forty-five-inch fly shuttle loom that was manufactured in Council Bluff's, Iowa, in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The Gift Shop sells rag rugs produced on the loom. Children enjoy the "What is it?" guessing game featuring unusual objects from the past. In addition, the Children's Corner provides fun and educational activities. The museum's education center offers craft demonstrations, special exhibits, an interactive timeline, and the Pioneer Woman Walk of Fame. Since 2002 the museum has presented a "Woman of the Year" award.

Slightly west of the museum stands the seventeen-foot-tall bronze statue known as *The Pioneer Woman*, sculpted by Bryant Baker, a graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts in London. Oilman, philanthropist, former Oklahoma governor, and U.S. Representative Ernest W. Marland provided financing for the piece representing a pioneer leading her son by the hand. The twelve-thousand-pound statue, resting on a thirteen-foot-high base, was unveiled on April 22, 1930. In 1978 *The Pioneer Woman* statue was added to the National Register of Historic Places (NR 78002238).



# SHPO Citations of Merit presented at Ponca City conference

At the June awards banquet, a special event of the statewide preservation conference, the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office presented its 2008 Citations of Merit to government agencies, organizations, firms, and individuals who have had positive impacts on the preservation of Oklahoma's significant historic properties. The banquet was held in the E. W. Marland Mansion on Thursday, June 5. The SHPO recognized accomplishments in the areas of research, publications, public programming, leadership, and restoration/rehabilitation work. The award recipients were:

Rogers State University Public Television was recognized for its documentary on the rehabilitation of Miami's Coleman Theatre, a 1929 vaudeville-movie palace. Produced in spring 2007, the documentary was titled "The Coleman Theatre Beautiful."

Donna Broyles received the Citation of Merit for her adaptive reuse of Newkirk's historic 1925 Masonic Building for the location of her quilt shop. With no major changes, she converted the community/dining room into a sewing room for quilting classes. In the temple room, she added ten small sleeping quarters for retreats. These were constructed so that they could be easily removed without altering or damaging the original space.

City of Durant and Durant Main Street was recognized for their highly successful Market Square Streetscape Project. It centered on the rehabilitation of the Historic Market Square Café. The impact on downtown revitalization is most evident in the five newly rehabilitated buildings near Market Square with a new business set to occupy the spaces.

Rand and Jeanette Elliott and Elliott + Associates were recognized for their certified rehabilitation of Oklahoma City's Buick Building. Constructed in the Classical Revival style in 1911, the building is the oldest car dealership in the Automobile Alley Historic District. Retaining all of its original exterior cast-stone masonry and upper-floor wood windows, the Buick Building is a contributing resource within the National Register-listed district.

Steven and Elizabeth Harshman purchased the historic 1906 Newkirk Farmers National Bank building in 2005 and converted the upper floor into a residence for their family of six. Their objective was to preserve the historic windows and the pressed-metal ceiling. "The Spot," a recreation center for students, now occupies the building's first floor.

Edinborough Point LLC performed a certified rehabilitation of the Kivlehen House, located in Edmond. The Colonial Revival-style house, built in 1910 from Plan Number 582 of Keith Company Architects, Minneapolis, is owned by Mariana Lloyd.

Hardie and Younghee Higgins were recognized for their work on Newkirk's First National Bank building. Constructed in 1899, it had housed numerous businesses and finally sat vacant. Then Hardie Higgins, a retired Army chaplain, and his wife, Younghee, purchased the building in 2005 and adapted it for their office and residential needs.

City of Enid and Waverley Historic District Neighborhood Association were recognized for their important partnership and many accomplishments to raise public awareness about and protect the Waverley Historic District. The district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is designated under the local government's preservation zoning ordinance.

Gardner Tanenbaum Group and BDR Architects received the Citation of Merit for the certified rehabilitation of the Citizens Bank Tower. Located immediately south of the Gold Dome at Northwest Twenty-third and Classen, the building is Mid-century Modern at its best in Oklahoma City. The building stands apart from all other tall, postwar era buildings in the community.

Caryl Morgan, a rural Newkirk resident and retired art teacher with the Arkansas City, Kansas, public schools, formed a partnership with the Newkirk Community Historical Society to convert a historic building into a bed and breakfast and storage space for the society.

MCLI, LLC and Elliott + Associates were recognized for the rehabilitation of the Midcontinent Building for the Oklahoma Heritage Association. This is a certified rehabilitation project and is located in Oklahoma City.

Newkirk Main Street Board and Volunteers were recognized for working tirelessly to revitalize their National Register-listed commercial district. One hundred percent of the district's buildings have undergone some rehabilitation work, and private reinvestment in the buildings has now reached a total of \$5,330,160.

The Citation of Merit also went to Park Harvey Apartments LLC and Merriman Associates/Architects for their certified rehabilitation of Fidelity National Bank Building, which is an International-style build-

ing that is representative of Mid-century Modern architecture in Oklahoma City. The building now serves as Park Harvey Apartments.

The SHPO awarded its Citation of Merit to Blue Dome LLC, headed by Michael Sager, and to Mike Kertok, project architect, for their certified rehabilitation of Tulsa's Vickery Service Station. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004, the station is significant for its relationship to historic Route 66.

Ponca City Historic Preservation Advisory performed an architectural survey of the Gateway Historic District and extended the local preservation zoning designation to it. The SHPO greatly appreciates its partnership with the City through the CLG program and recognized the panel for their ongoing commitment to protecting Ponca City's heritage.

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Group was recognized for its work last summer in Abbeville, Louisiana, a town devastated by Hurricane Rita. The group joined others from Wisconsin and Texas and helped repair two historic houses dating from the 1880s. These volunteers gained new respect not only for this special place, but also for their own homes scattered throughout many historic Oklahoma City neighborhoods.

Sandalwood Properties, LLC, was recognized for its efforts to rehabilitate the buildings of Tulsa's Brady Heights Historic District. This certified historic rehabilitation has adapted the buildings for use as three residential apartments.

The City of Guthrie, Guthrie Historic Preservation Commission, Guthrie Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau, Guthrie Arts and Humanities Council, Guthrie Centennial Commission, Guthrie Museum Complex, Logan County Historical Society, and United States Postal Service were recognized for cosponsoring the 2007 Preservation Conference, which was conducted in downtown Guthrie.

City of Ponca City, E. W. Marland Estate Commission, and E. W. Marland Estate Foundation were presented the Citation of Merit for their efforts to preserve and share the E. W. Marland Mansion (photo at left), a

National Historic Landmark, with the public. The citizens of Ponca City voted a sales tax into effect to acquire and maintain the magnificent residence. The most recent efforts of the nominees resulted in a Save America's Treasures grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to restore decorative plaster ceilings. This exemplary work was executed by Evergreen Studios of New York and was featured in the preservation conference's sessions and tours in June 2008.



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## OHS sponsoring Oklahoma Rock Song search

Oklahoma has an official state folk song, a country and western song, and an official state song. What the state lacks is an official song honoring rock and roll, a genre that dominated the last half of the twentieth century and defined the "Baby Boomer" generation. State Sen. John Ford and State Rep. Joe Dorman cosponsored House Concurrent Resolution 1047, calling for a public nomination process for an official state rock and roll song. The resolution was also cosponsored by the Oklahoma Film & Music Office, part of the Department of Tourism.

Nominations will be accepted from the general public through July 2008. In August a panel of judges will narrow the field to 10 finalists. From September 1 to November 15, 2008, the public will vote on the official Oklahoma rock and roll song to be presented to the legislature in 2009 in conjunction with the opening of the History Center's upcoming 2009 exhibit *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*. Visit [www.oklahamarocksong.org](http://www.oklahamarocksong.org) to make your nominations.



## Celebrate the Fourth of July at Fort Gibson!

Fort Gibson Historic Site will present "An 1840s Independence Day" on Friday, July 4. Through this living history event visitors will learn how the Fourth of July was observed at an 1840s army post.

Members of the Sixth Infantry Living History Association will conduct various types of military drill, including firing demonstrations. At noon there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence, fol-

lowed by the firing of a salute. A reception for visitors will follow. Staff have organized various games and pastimes of the period, and visitors are welcome to participate.

Living history activities will take place in the log fort area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The site closes at 5 p.m. Afterward, visitors are encouraged to attend the annual free fireworks display at the Fort Gibson school grounds later that evening.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors (65 and over), and \$1 for students (ages 6 to 18). Children aged 5 and under are admitted free. Fort Gibson Historic Site is located on State Highway 80 in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, and is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society. For more information call 918/478-4088 or e-mail [fortgibson@okhistory.org](mailto:fortgibson@okhistory.org).