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Fort Gibson to hold Independence Day celebration

Fort Gibson Historic Site will host "The Fourth at the Fort" on July 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This living history event will portray the annual July 4 reading of the Declaration of Independence at a pre-Civil War frontier army post.

The presentation will be in the stone barracks on Garrison Hill. The barracks and commissary visitor center will open at 1:00 p.m. The reading will be at 2:00 p.m. The Sixth Infantry Living History Association will present the colors before the reading and will fire



a cannon salute afterward. A reception, hosted by the Friends of Fort Gibson, will follow.

Event admission is free. Fort Gibson Historic Site is located on State Highway 80 in Fort Gibson. For more information, call 918/478-4088 or e-mail fortgibson@okhistory.org.

The Oklahoma Bank and Commerce History Project

On May 24-25 Michael J. Hightower, principal researcher for the Oklahoma Bank and Commerce History Project, represented the Oklahoma Historical Society at the annual convention of the Oklahoma Bankers Association at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa.

Participation in the OBA's annual convention is part of the OHS's Oklahoma Bank and Commerce History Project. Launched in the spring of 2009, the project is a three-year, statewide effort to collect, preserve, and share the history of banking and commerce in Oklahoma. Through ex-

hibits, books, documentary films, digital media, and an ongoing public awareness and outreach campaign, the OHS strives to encourage a better understanding of the role that capital investment and banking services have played in shaping state and local history.

To date, Dr. Hightower has conducted research in the manuscript archives at the Oklahoma History Center and has begun writing what eventually will be a two-volume history of banking and commerce in Oklahoma from fur-trading days to the present. He has also conducted and taped

interviews with bankers, both on site and in the OHS recording studio, and has begun to assemble an inventory of documents, photographs, and historic artifacts that reside in banks across the state.

As a regular contributor to the OBA's monthly newsletter, *The Oklahoma Banker*, Hightower has been writing about Oklahoma's rich and largely forgotten history of banking and commerce. Sponsoring an exhibit booth at the OBA convention was an important step for the OHS in publicizing the project and encouraging bankers to share their stories.

Drummond Home to host Ice Cream Social

Guests are invited to a fun-filled afternoon eating ice cream at the Fred Drummond Home on July 18.

From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. the Friends of the Drummond Home will host their annual ice cream social. There also will be an ice cream-making contest with first, second, and third place prizes for the winners. Local area participants, as well as Friends members, will compete to see who can make the best ice cream and then will donate their entries to be sold as a fundraiser.

As an added attraction, Friends members will serve as reenactors of past Drummond family members who lived in the home during the early 1900s.

The Drummond home is located at 305 N. Price in Hominy. For more information, please call 918/885-2374.





Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

I am pleased to report that historic preservation in Oklahoma is alive and well. We have the scars to prove it.

This last legislative session, with historic revenue shortfalls threatening to cripple state services, well-intentioned leaders were looking for ways to stem the red ink when they targeted a long list of tax credits and rebates.

Some lacked transparency or accountability. Others were little understood outside their respective industries.

One of the programs evaluated was a 20 percent tax credit for certified rehabilitation of historic buildings. By the last week of the legislative session, it was included with twenty-nine other credits and rebates bundled into what was called a "two-year moratorium."

In short, the tax credit to encourage rehabilitation of historic buildings was scheduled for the graveyard.

With only one week left in the session, the historic preservation community sprang into action. First came an effort to explain the credit and its built-in accountability.

The point was made that the state credit is tied directly to the federal credit for rehabilitation of qualified historic buildings. The criteria for the program and the proof of eligibility and completion is and always has been administered by the National Park Service and its partner, the State Historic Preservation Office.

Simply put, if an investor receives the 20 percent federal tax credit for saving an old building, the state matches it.

Next came the case that the tax credit is good for both economic development and quality of life in Oklahoma.

The best examples of success were the twin hotels, the Skirvin in Oklahoma City and the Mayo in Tulsa, that would not have been rehabilitated without the state tax credits. Today, both historic hotels are generating sales tax, property tax, income tax, and hotel tax income for public services.

Adding to the list of more than forty projects completed over the past six years, the SHPO staff assembled a list of thirty-seven current projects underway. And they were not just in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. They were in Sapulpa and Muskogee and other towns scattered across the state.

By Wednesday of the session's last week, a time when history is rarely mentioned, one of the key issues in the halls of the Capitol was the historic tax credit. By Thursday it was bundled with a credit for

wind farms and a credit for rural enterprises. By Friday a bill saving all three credits was working its way through the House and Senate.

It passed.

The result is a two-year deferral of credits, not a moratorium, which means that existing projects can continue and new projects can come on line.

Yes, historic preservation is alive and well in Oklahoma. We have the legislation to prove it.

New Members, May

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

Director's Circle

*Mr. and Mrs. Millar B. White, Jr., Oklahoma City

Fellow

Senator Glenn Coffee, Oklahoma City

Associate

*Clayton Edwards, Pauls Valley

*Mr. and Mrs. John Hester, Lawton

*Mr. and Mrs. Dick Workman, Oklahoma City

Friend

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*Rosa Flipse, Del City

*Robert Klabzuba, Edmond

*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merson, Oklahoma City

*Rondi Ott, Enid

*W. Edward Rolison, Weatherford

Institutional

Seminole Nation Historical Society, Wewoka

*Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, Catoosa

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Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

For many individuals, estate planning is an important means of lowering estate taxes, taking care of their families, and helping worthy organizations. We hope that Oklahoma Historical Society members will include the OHS in their plans.

Donors may choose to have their bequests earmarked for current operations or for the endowment fund. Our endowment fund is a key element in the financial stability of the organization, and it will likely become even more important in the future.

Members and donors may make direct contributions to the endowment fund while they are living, but, for many, other planned giving options may be more attractive.

A common form of contribution is a bequest in the donor's will. Other popular estate tools are Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts. Through variations of these legal vehicles, individuals or couples may donate funds earmarked for the OHS while living and enjoy a fixed payout for the remainder of their lives. In addition, significant savings on income taxes may be realized. Thus, a gift of \$100,000 could earn a guaranteed annual return of 5 to 6 percent to the donor and generate substantial reductions of taxable income. The annual payout to the donor varies according to age and current and projected market conditions at the time of the donation.

Such annuities and trusts are administered by organizations such as the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. This provides professional management and financial reserves that guarantee the promised lifelong income, and then, upon the death of the donor or donors, place the principal funds in one of the OHS endowment funds.

Potential donors should visit with their financial advisor or CPA to consider the planned giving program that would be most suitable for their situation. I will be pleased to visit with those who may be considering supporting the OHS in this manner by telephone at 405/522-5217 or in person. There is no substitute, however, for a planned giving donor consulting a professional whose sole responsibility is to represent the donor's interests.



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Meetings

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society** will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 12 at 6:00 p.m. due to the 4th of July holiday. June Stone will present a talk on the "Official Records of the Civil War," a 128 volume set of official records of the Union and Confederate armies. The OGS recently purchased a set for the OHS Research Library, including a separate index, and June Stone will demonstrate its uses. (Special to ML)

Events

The **80th annual Woodward Elks Rodeo** is the state's oldest continuous PRCA rodeo. The events featured are a cattle drive led by the Chain Ranch Longhorn Herd on July 20, free hamburger feed on July 21, and pre-rodeo kids events each evening at 7:30. The parade is Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 am. For parade information, call Dr. David Peck at 580/256-6021. Rodeo tickets go on sale July 6. (Special to ML)

The annual Watermelon Festival in **Valliant** will be held on July 31, beginning with a 5K run at 7:00 a.m. and followed by the Watermelon Parade at 9:00 a.m. Other activities include turtle races, a dachshund dash, watermelon-eating contest, seed-spitting, a spelling bee, softball tournament, and a quilt show. This year Valliant will host the Colgate Country Showdown, the nation's largest and longest running country music talent search. A street dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and ends at midnight. Valliant is located midway between Hugo and Idabel in McCurtain County. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

The **Arbuckle Mountain Bluegrass Park's** Fourth of July Jam takes place June 27 through July 5 with a cookout on July 4 and jammin' all week long. To reach the park take Exit 60 off I-35 near **Davis**. (Special to ML)

Whitaker Park in **Pryor** will host American Cowboy Trade Days and the Celebration of the American Cowboy July 24-25. The festival will include period reenactments, stage coach and buggy rides, and over seventy period western merchandise vendors. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

Check out "Under the Cherokee Moon," performances of Cherokee history at the Cherokee Heritage Center in **Tahlequah**. Friday night performances explore Cherokee history in the 1700s and Saturday night performances explore tribal history in the 1800s. Performances run through

August 21 and begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. For additional information, contact ticket sales at 918/456-6007 or 888/999-6007. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

Friday and Saturday, July 2-4, at 7:00 p.m. in Carnegie Park in **Carnegie**, the **Kiowa Gourd Clan** will hold their annual celebration. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

The **47th annual Sac & Fox Nation Powwow** will take place at the Sac & Fox Tribal Grounds six miles south of **Stroud** on Highway 99 July 8-11. Experience dance competitions, singing, arts and crafts, food vendors, outdoor camping, and much more. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

The Quapaw Tribal Grounds near **Miami** will be the site of the **Quapaw Tribal Powwow** July 2-4. The Quapaw tribe celebrates its powwow annually over the 4th of July weekend. (Oklahoma Tourism Department)

Classes

Museum of the Great Plains in **Lawton** is holding summer classes for six to twelve-year-olds. Weekly themes include "Ravenous Reptiles," "Invasion of the Insects," "Don't Get Stumped," and "Animals Alive!" The Museum also has Saturday programs for teens and Discovery Hours for pre-k and five-year-olds. For costs and more information, contact the Museum of the Great Plains at 580/581-3460 or educator@museumgreatplains.org. (Special to ML)

The **Lawton Public Library** will hold a reading and discussion group called "Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!" on July 20. Doug Watson will present a talk on *Charlotte's Web* and *Bridge to Terabithia* at the library, located at 110 S.W. 4th St. in Lawton. (Oklahoma Humanities Council)

A week-long class on the history of the northwest part of Oklahoma awaits the eager learner at the **Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum** in **Woodward** July 5-8. The class will feature lectures, field trips, and hands-on experiences on topics such as "Physical Setting and Prehistory," "American Indian Heritage," "The Military, Cowboys, and Dust," and "Transportation and Farming." (Oklahoma Humanities Council)

Announcements

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board awarded the Cherokee National Historical Society in **Park Hill** a "Threats to Your Collection" grant of \$3,350 to purchase a fire-resistant storage cabinet and two dehumidifiers for storing its valuable documents, such as the correspondence of Chief John Ross. Grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to twenty-seven Oklahoma institutions. (Special to ML)

Miss Fay's Marionette Theater at the **Museum of Pioneer History** in **Chandler** is now booking performances for groups of twenty or more for September 20-October 6. Individuals may join groups up to a maximum of eighty per group. Call puppeteer Joann McMillan at 918/707-3000 or email Joannmcmillan@hotmail.com for available dates and times. (Special to ML)

Norman's Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at OU seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program for researchers working at the Center's archives. Inquiries may be made over the telephone at 405/325-5835, by fax at 405/325-6419, or via email at channeman@ou.edu. (Special to ML)

Exhibits

In honor of the Drillers' move to their new home at ONEOK Field, the **Tulsa Historical Society** is featuring an exhibit on baseball in Tulsa from Little League to professional teams entitled *Play Ball: A History of Baseball* in Tulsa. The exhibit runs through March 5, 2011. (Special to ML)

The **Philbrook Museum of Art** in **Tulsa** will be hosting *To Live Forever: Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum* now through September 12, 2010. The exhibit features funerary objects, jewelry, statuary, and other artifacts to show the Egyptian view of death as a thing to be conquered through ritual. (Special to ML)

The *Prix de West* Art Exhibition continues through September 6 at the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum** in **Oklahoma City**. More than 300 western-themed paintings and sculpture by noted contemporary artists compose this annual invitational exhibition. (Oklahoma Humanities Council)

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 expanded articles.

Some events require either registration or an admission fee. 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, and other information. Click on "About OHS," and "Calendar of Events" for additional information on the OHS events listed below.

July

- 1-31 Drummond Family Heirloom Exhibit, Fred Drummond House, Hominy
- 1-31 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 1-31 Mustache Cup Collection Display, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 3 Heart-2-Heart Tea Party, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 4 Fourth at the Fort, pre-Civil War Independence Day celebration, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 5 Parade and Sarsaparilla Floats in the Park, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 7 OkieTales, Oklahoma storytelling for young children, Wednesdays weekly until July 28, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 8 An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



Teddy Roosevelt in an OKC Rough Riders parade, 1900.

- 13 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 17 Annual Memorial Service and Friends' Meeting, Honey Springs Battlefield, Checotah
- 17 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 18 Drummond Home Annual Ice Cream Social, Fred Drummond House, Hominy
- 28 Lunch & Learn Lecture, "The Freedmen Saga in the Dawes Commission," Oklahoma History Center, OKC

August

- 1-31 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



- 1-31 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 7 Knitting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 10 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 21 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 25 Lunch & Learn Lecture, "Finding the Girls," Oklahoma History Center, OKC

September

- 1-30 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

- 1-30 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 1-30 Art Show, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 3 Hank Thompson Birthday Celebration, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 4 Knitting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 10 SHPO Public Meeting for FY 2011 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 11 SeptemberFest, Annual Festival with the Governor's Mansion, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 14 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 18 Cherokee Strip Celebration Tea and Open House, Cherokee Strip Museum/Rose Hill School, Perry
- 18 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher

October

- 1-31 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City



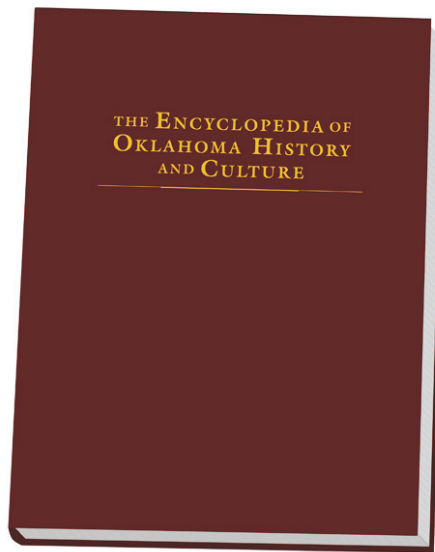
Wanda Jackson is one of the women featured in the Pioneer Woman Museum's *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll* exhibit.

JULY - DECEMBER 2010

- 2 Heirloom Care Class, "Textiles and Quilts," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 2 Mansion Centennial Style Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 2 Knitting Workshop and Auction and Art Contest Winner Announcement, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 4 Home School Day, free for kids, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 8-9 Fort Gibson Fall Encampment, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 12 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 14 Lecture, "Beyond the Laughter: Bill Mauldin, Willie and Joe and the Realities of Combat," free lecture program, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 16 Tatting Workshop and Harvest Ball, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 22-23 Murrell Home Ghost Stories, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 23 Ghost Story Tours, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 30-31 Haunted Mansion and Village, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher

November

- 1-30 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 6 19th Century Cooking Workshop, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 6 Heirloom Care Class, "American Indian Artifacts," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 6 Knitting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 7 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 11 Annual Dinner Meeting, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 13 Fall Bake Day, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 20 Civil War Life, Honey Springs Battlefield, Checotah
- 20 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher



Mark your calendars! *The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture* makes a great holiday gift! Contact the History Center Gift Shop at 405/522-5214 for details.

December

- 1-31 *Another Hot Oklahoma Night: A Rock and Roll Exhibit*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *The Uncanny Adventures of Okie Cartoonists*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Starmaker: Jim Halsey and the Legends of Country Music*, Museum of History, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Let's Have a Party: Oklahoma Women in Rock & Roll*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 1-31 Holiday Decorations, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 4 Children's Story Time and Craft Hour, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 4 Knitting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 4 Beginning Bead Work Class with Cherokee bead work artist Martha Berry, registration required, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 4 Christmas Tour of Homes, Fred Drummond House, Hominy
- 8 SHPO Workshop, "Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 8 SHPO Workshop, "The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 9 SHPO Workshop, "The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 10 SHPO Workshop, "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," Oklahoma History Center, OKC

- 11 Candlelight Tour, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 12 Christmas Open House, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 12 Christmas Open House, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 13 A Day at Rose Hill School, Cherokee Strip Museum/Rose Hill School, Perry
- 14 Quilt Block of the Month Class, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 18 Tatting Workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 21 Winter Solstice Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro

OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

Cherokee Strip Museum/Rose Hill School , 2617 W Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405	National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians US 62 east, Anadarko 405/247-5555
Chisholm Trail Museum/Seay Mansion , 605 Zellers Ave., Kingfisher 405/375-5176	No Man's Land Museum PSU Campus, Goodwell 580/349-2670
Confederate Memorial Museum , US 69, ½ mi. N of Atoka, 580/889-7192	Oklahoma Museum of History , 2401N Laird Ave., OKC 405/522-5248
Fort Gibson Historic Site 907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088	Oklahoma Route 66 Museum , 2229 W Gary Blvd. Clinton, 580/323-7866
Fort Supply Historic Site Campus of W.S. Key Corr. Center, Fort Supply 580/766-3767	Oklahoma Territorial Museum/Carnegie Library 402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie 405/282-1889
Fort Towson Historic Site NE of Fort Towson off US 70 580/873-2634	Pawnee Bill Ranch ½ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee 918/762-2513
Fort Washita Historic Site SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill 580/924-6502	Peter Conser House 4 mi. S of Heavener on US 59, 3½ mi. W of Hodgen 918/653-2493
Frank Phillips House 1107 Cherokee Ave. Bartlesville, 918/336-2491	Pioneer Woman Museum 701 Monument Rd., Ponca City, 580/765-6108
Fred Drummond House 305 N Price, Hominy 918/885-2374	Robert S. Kerr Museum 6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270 at Kerr Conference Center 918/647-9579
Frederick Pioneer Village , 201 N 9th St., Frederick, 580/335-5844	Sequoyah's Cabin SH 101, 11 mi. NE of Sallisaw, 918/775-2413
George M. Murrell House 19479 East Murrell Home Rd 3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill 918/456-2751	Sod House Museum SH 8, 5½ mi. N of Cleo Springs, 580/463-2441
Healdton Oil Museum 315 E Main, Healdton 580/229-0900	Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center , 3 mi. E and 4 mi. N of Spiro 918/962-2062
Henry Overholser House 405 NW 15th St., OKC 405/528-8485	State Capital Publishing Museum , 301 W Harrison Guthrie, 405/282-4123
Honey Springs Battlefield 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Rd., E of US 69, near Rentiesville, 918/473-5572	T. B. Ferguson House 519 N Weigle, Watonga 580/623-5069
Jim Thorpe House 706 E Boston, Yale 918/387-2815	Tom Mix Museum 721 N Delaware, Dewey 918/534-1555
Museum of the Cherokee Strip , 507 S 4th, Enid 580/237-1907	White Hair Memorial ½ mi. S of SH 20 on Blackburn Rd., Ralston 918/538-2417
Museum of the Western Prairie , 1100 N Memorial Dr. Altus, 580/482-1044	State Historic Preservation Office , OKC, 405/521-6249

SHPO presents 2010 Citations of Merit at annual conference in Okmulgee

On Thursday, June 10 the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office presented its 2010 Citations of Merit at the awards banquet held during Oklahoma's 22nd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Okmulgee.

Government agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals were recognized for their accomplishments in the areas of archaeological site preservation, research, publications, public programming, leadership, and restoration/rehabilitation work.

The first four of the following projects received cost-share grant assistance from the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program and were recognized by the SHPO.

The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture and its partners, PSA Dewberry; Markham Ferrell; the City of Tulsa; Claude Neon Federal Signs; Tulsa County; and the Oklahoma Route 66 Association restored Tulsa's Meadow Gold sign.

Dawn Welch, Rock Cafe owner, with Mike Kertok, architect, and David Burk, engineer, rehabilitated the historic Rock Cafe in Stroud following a fire in the late spring of 2008.

The Arcadia Historical Society and Affordable Construction Company partnered to preserve the National Register-listed Arcadia Round Barn, one of the best-known buildings along Route 66 in Oklahoma.

Uptown Development Group, Superior Neon Signs, and Fitzsimmons Architects successfully restored the Tower Theater's neon sign and supporting stucco tower on Northwest 23rd Street in Oklahoma City.

Howell and Vancuren Architects, Sikes Abernathie Architects, and Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism were recognized for rehabilitation of the Ross Cemetery, located at Park Hill.

The SHPO cited Linda Presa for reconstruction work on the historic backyard of her circa 1906 Bungalow/Craftsman-style house in Enid's Waverley Historic District.

The Bartlesville Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City of Bartlesville, and volunteers Sharon Hurst, Vicki Stewart, Barbara Garrison, and Rudy Geissler were honored for the publication *Bartlesville Heritage Trail: Downtown District*, a walking tour guidebook.

Fran Cook was recognized for her many contributions to the preservation of Holdenville and Hughes County history.

The SHPO recognized the Loretta Y. Jackson-African American Historical Society of Chickasha for its preservation work in rescuing a circa 1910 African-American, one-room schoolhouse, relocating it to Chickasha, and completing its restoration in 2007.

Glynn and Sandra McCauley were acknowledged for rehabilitation efforts on their American International-style house, located in Cushing, in 2009.

The SHPO cited Chris Bauer, Enid planning administrator, for developing the

2009 concept plan for revitalization of Enid's Downtown Historic District.

Bill and Nelda Matthews were honored for rehabilitating Chandler's National Register-listed Conklin House.

Wahne Clark was recognized for his leadership and commitment of personal resources to bring attention an abandoned cemetery, commonly-known as Comanche Mission Cemetery, located at Fort Sill.

The SHPO honored the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and the USAO Alumni Association for preserving the historic President's House and Home Management House of the Oklahoma College for Women.

The Pauls Valley Historical Society was recognized for publishing *Walking Tour & Historical Homes*, an informative map that provides a convenient guide to the city's historic places.

Joel and Dana Boyd were honored for the rehabilitation of their home built in the early-twentieth century at 503 SW O Street in Ardmore.

The SHPO was pleased to present a Citation of Merit to Ponca City Main Street's Historic Downtown Mural Committee for coordinating the painting of three murals depicting local history and restoring two

historic Coca-Cola ghost signs in the Main Street district.

The *Enid News and Eagle* was honored for the key role it has played in raising public awareness about the full range of local, state, and national preservation issues in Enid.

The SHPO recognized Downtown Muskogee, Preservation Oklahoma's first local partner, for the This Place Matters Historic Homes and Buildings Tour on March 23, 2009.

The Snyder Family and Phillips Slaughter Rose Architects were honored for completing the certified rehabilitation of Tulsa's historic Mayo Hotel.

The SHPO acknowledged the City of Ponca City Historic Preservation Advisory Panel and Ponca City Main Street Adventures in History & Heritage Planning Group for developing and publishing *Adventures in History & Heritage: A Directory of Cultural Sites and Museums in Ponca City, Oklahoma*.

Mason Realty Investors LLC and Hornbeek Blatt Architects were recognized for rehabilitation of the Broadway Garage, a three-story, Commercial-style structure

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Hidden Collections . . .

The C. A. Vose Collection

By Larry O'Dell

Like personal and political collections, banking and corporation records tell stories above and beyond the obvious. The C. A. Vose Banking Archive (2007.37) is a good example. The state's economy, activities of employees, Vose family information, and Oklahoma City's growth can be gleaned from these records. The collection revolves around the First National Bank of Oklahoma City and the Vose family. The family and their business ventures have had ties to Oklahoma City from the municipality's 1889 inception. The collection, although relatively small, covers that time span up to the dawn of the twenty-first century. Included in the materials is a published book, *Fifty Years Forward: The First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City*, published in 1939. The bank has always been interested in Oklahoma's history and in 1957 published an illustrated book, *History of Oklahoma*.

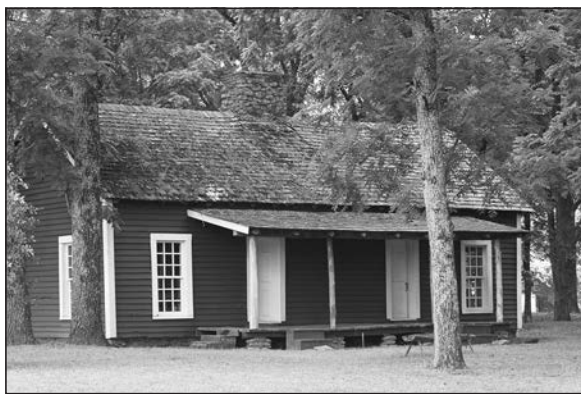
The collection tells two distinct stories. Family history is found in scrapbooks made by the Vose family and recorded on microfilm. These begin in 1900 and stretch to 1999. Genealogical, business, and personal data can be ascertained from the books. The banking aspect is handled by years of employee publications and newsletters, dating to the 1950s. Company newsletters are invaluable to researchers, as they tell the stories of key employees through promotions as well as personal tidbits. Also included are several years of annual reports and general data on the corporation, including organizational charts.

The OHS Research Division has other banking collections and is in the midst of a banking exhibit project that includes a multitude of oral histories. As usual all these collections can be viewed on the Research Division's online catalogue at the Oklahoma Historical Society's website: www.okhistory.org. They can also be accessed at the Oklahoma History Center in the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center.



OHS Places . . .

Fort Towson
HC 63, Box 1580
Fort Towson, OK 74735-9273
Phone: 580/873-2634
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.;
Sat.-Sun., 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Admission: Free, donations accepted
Directions: Located approximately 14 miles east of
Hugo on U.S. Highway 70



Located in far southeastern Choctaw County, Fort Towson is one of five military sites operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The fort served intermittently as an important frontier bastion from 1824 to 1865. Named for Colonel Nathan Towson, a hero of the War of 1812, the site was originally known as Cantonment Towson when Colonel Matthew Arbuckle and two companies of men of the Seventh Infantry cleared the area for a small garrison in May 1824. For five years the soldiers tried to remove settlers who believed the area was part of Miller County, Arkansas. The troops also constructed roads to connect the site with Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Fort Jesup, Louisiana. Considered unsuccessful, the post was abandoned in June 1829, and Miller County settlers burned it to the ground.

In preparation for the removal of the Choctaw from the southeastern part of the United States to Indian Territory, the post was reopened on the same site in November 1831. On February 8, 1832, it was designated as Fort Towson. In addition to serving as a terminal point for the Choctaw removal, the fort was a staging area for troops during the Mexican War (1846-48). The site was again abandoned in 1854 only to be resurrected during the Civil War (1861-65). On June 23, 1865, Cherokee Brig. Gen. Stand Watie surrendered near the fort at Doaksville.

A visitor center and period sutler's store are open to the public. The Oklahoma Historical Society acquired the property in 1967, and Fort Towson was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 (NR 70000531). Those interested in learning more about the fort should consult "Bulwark of the American Frontier: A History of Fort Towson," by Patrick B. McGuigan, in *Early Military Forts and Posts in Oklahoma*, edited by Odie B. Faulk, Kenny A. Franks, and Paul F. Lambert. Published by the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1978, the work is currently out of print, so consult your local public or university library for a copy.

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and located in the Automobile Alley Historic District in downtown Oklahoma City.

The SHPO honored the Chisholm Trail Coalition for developing and conducting a Walking Tour of Enid's Downtown Historic District.

Oklahoma State University and TAP Architecture were commended for their sensitive rehabilitation of Old Central, the first building on OSU's campus.

The SHPO recognized the Tulsa Foundation for Architecture for publishing *Downtown Tulsa-Building Opportunity*, a brochure designed to inform the business community about Tulsa's commercial core.

Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism and Sikes Abernathie Architects were honored for completing the rehabilitation of the Cherokee National Supreme Court Building, Oklahoma's oldest government building.

The SHPO recognized Main Street Altus; Hobart Main Street; Mangum Main Street Program; Sayre Main Street Program; Quartz Mountain Resort Arts and Conference Center; and Southern Prairie Library System for cosponsoring the 2009 statewide preservation conference. The Oklahoma Main Street Center and Preservation Oklahoma also partnered with the SHPO for this annual event.

Quilt Block of the Month at Pawnee Bill Ranch

On July 13 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Pawnee Bill Ranch will host its quilt block of the month class. The workshop cost is \$5.00 and will take place in the museum conference room. For more information, contact Anna Davis at 918/762-2513 or pawneebill@okhistory.org.

Honey Springs Battlefield Memorial Service

The Honey Springs Battlefield Site will host its annual Memorial Service on July 17 at 10:30 a.m. The service honors soldiers who died or were mortally wounded on the battlefield. The ceremony includes Civil War reenactors presenting a color guard, a rifle salute, a bugle calling "Taps," and a cannon salute. A luncheon and the Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield annual meeting immediately follow. This event is free to the public.

The Honey Springs Battlefield Site is located at 1863 Honey Springs Battlefield Road near Checotah. For more information, call 918/473-5572.

July Lunch & Learn lecture at the Research Center

The monthly Lunch & Learn lecture to be held on July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will explore the topic of the "Freedmen Saga in the Dawes Commission."

Participants will hear the history of Freedmen and how to trace Freedmen ancestry using the U.S. Federal Census, records from the Dawes Commission, and other historical documents. The presenter is Ron Graham, president of the Muscogee Creek Freedmen Band. He has worked with genealogy and Freedmen history for more than twenty years.

The program will take place in the History Center classrooms. Registration costs \$10, and lunch is included. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 405/522-5225

Pioneer Woman Museum Tea Party

On July 3 the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City will host its second annual Heart-2-Heart Tea Party. Featured will be Joyce Carol Thomas, a nationally renowned Oklahoma author and 2010 Pioneer Woman of the Year inductee. Event tickets are \$15. For more information, please call 580/765-6108.

New Members, cont'd.

Family

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Adams, Choctaw
Matti Allen, Maysville
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bailey, Del City
*Gary Brown, Enid
Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Carver, Oklahoma City
*Franklin Eckhart, Stillwater
*Mead Ferguson, Woodward
Robert Foreman, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Keef, Edmond
*Mr. and Mrs. Roe Kennedy, Edmond
*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kern, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kittrell, Ardmore
Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Lott, Midwest City
G. DeWayne McAnally, Oklahoma City
*Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melchior, Pryor
Maryah Reavis, Tahlequah
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolling, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider, Norman
Barbara Titus, Oklahoma City

Individual

June Adkins, Oklahoma City
Mike Baccus, Kiefer
Brenda Barlow, Choctaw
Keith Bateman, Fort Smith, AR
Dee Roy Belase, Carnegie
Michael Brody, Oklahoma City
Brad Buffum, Tulsa
Matthew Edwards, Whiteville, TN
Neal Hampton, Oklahoma City
John Harris, Seal Beach, CA
Myrna Hicks, Oklahoma City
George Jackman, Oklahoma City
Richard Jacobson, Pauls Valley
Venetia Jorgensen, Tulsa
Mr. and Mrs. George Massad, Oklahoma City
Stephen McClog, Oklahoma City
Travis Pickens, Oklahoma City
Tom Quaid, Oklahoma City
Al'Louise Ramp, Canadian, TX
Shawn Singleton, McLoud
Erma Stewart, Edmond
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Kay Wade, Guthrie

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The History Center welcomes Theodore Roosevelt on July 8

Join us at the Oklahoma History Center for a “bully of a time” with President Theodore Roosevelt on July 8, 2010.

Step back in time to 1915 and meet a bully of a president as Teddy Roosevelt delves into his family’s experiences in the White House, his adventures as a rancher and cowboy on the Dakota Plains, his time in Oklahoma Territory on the great wolf hunt, life in Cuba with the Rough Riders, and more!

Students can meet President Roosevelt during a special session in the afternoon. The Oklahoma History Center will offer programs for students at 10:00 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. Seating is limited and registration is required.

For the evening session with President Roosevelt, the Oklahoma History Center will open its doors at 6:00 p.m. The museum gift shop and first floor galleries will be open. Seating is first come and no registration is necessary. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Theodore Roosevelt will be portrayed by Gib Young. He is a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Association and the Mt. Rushmore Society. Young has portrayed President Roosevelt for ten years across the country for historical societies, schools, libraries, museums, and more.



 Smithsonian Affiliations
Membership Program

Twenty Year Members Renew in May

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that have been members twenty or more years as of May 2010. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

Margaret Merryman, Enid, September 1, 1972
Ellis County Historical Society, Arnett, May 1, 1974
Van and Pat Barber, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1974
Franklin Eckhart, Stillwater, February 1, 1977
Michael McElderry, Purcell, March 1, 1979
William Shaklee, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1981
Larson Keso, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1981
Oleta Tolen, Moore, May 1, 1982
Jim and Burnis Argo, Edmond, May 1, 1983
Tecumseh High School Library, Tecumseh, June 1, 1984
Kalvin Zitterkob, Moore, April 7, 1986
Allen Co. Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN, June 17, 1986
Pryor High School, Pryor, July 14, 1986
Mead Ferguson, Woodward, October 27, 1986
Rondi Ott, Enid, March 20, 1987
James O'Malley, Richardson, TX, March 23, 1987
Douglas Benbrook, Woodward, April 17, 1987
Neal Leader, Norman, May 7, 1987
Cave Springs School Library, Bunch, August 4, 1987
Robert L. Williams Public Library, Durant, February 10, 1988
Pat Starbuck, Talihina, March 1, 1988
Mike and Glenna Stidham, Checotah, March 17, 1988
Bill Carter, Coweta, April 4, 1988
Kenneth Nance, Oklahoma City, April 18, 1988
Davis Joyce, Spavinaw, May 31, 1988
Norman Public Library, Norman, December 6, 1988
Gary Brown, Enid, April 19, 1989

Chisholm Trail Museum serves “Floats in the Park”

Kingfisher will hold its 4th of July Floats in the Park on July 5 this year. The Chisholm Trail Museum will participate in the 10:00 a.m. parade downtown with their 1931 Ford Victoria, “Vicki,” donated by Wes Estill. After the parade the Board of Trustees will serve sarsaparilla floats in Oklahoma Park near the old swinging bridge as part of the festivities.



Festival at Cherokee Strip Museum deemed success



On May 1 the Rural Heritage Festival was held at the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry. Class took place the Rose Hill School building on the museum grounds, and the children wrapped a Maypole. Although the day was rainy, forcing some exhibits inside, participants still had a great time.