

# 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 additions, corrections, and expanded articles.

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

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

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

## July

- 1-31 *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *A Return to Elegance*, exhibit of formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-29 *Pioneer Pets* exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Okietales, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 4 Independence Day celebration, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 14 Living history presentation, "Benjamin Franklin," by Stephen Smith, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 14 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 29 Annual Memorial Service, Honey Springs Battlefield Site, Checotah
- 21 History of Blue Ridge pottery, Sod House Museum, Aline
- Felting class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



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

## August

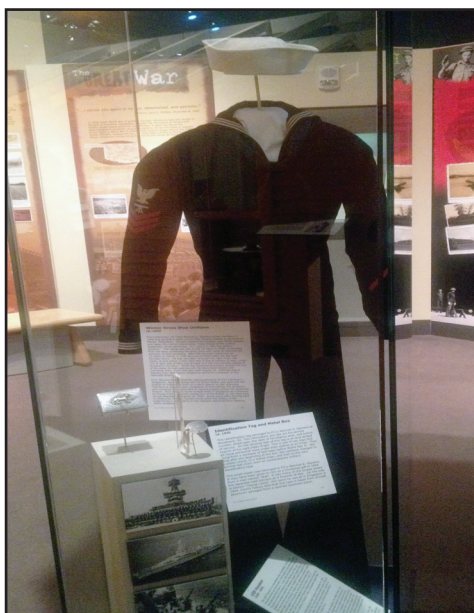
- 1-31 *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC

- 1-31 *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *A Return to Elegance*, exhibit of formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City



**Example of Martha Berry's beadwork**

- 11 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 11 Advanced beadwork workshop, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 30 Lecture, "WWII and the Movies: The Combat Soldier on the Big Screen," by Dr. James Baker, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



**Sailor uniform from *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy***

## September

- 1-30 *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-4 *A Return to Elegance*, exhibit of formalwear, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1-30 *Farm Life* exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 7 SHPO, Public Meeting for FY 2013 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 8 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 14 Frontier Festival lantern tours, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid

- 15 Septemberfest, Oklahoma History Center/Governor's Mansion, OKC
- 15 Frontier Festival, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 15 Cherokee Strip Celebration Tea and Open House, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 15 Primitive bow-making workshop, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 22 Autumn equinox walk, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 28 Education day, Cabin Creek, Big Cabin
- 29 Living history event, Cabin Creek, Big Cabin

## October

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



- 1-31 *Farm Life* exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 1 Homeschool day, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 12-13 Fall encampment, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 13 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 13 Bobbin lace class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 19 Family fun night, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 20 Dutch oven cooking class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 22, 29 Lectures by Dr. Rufus Fears, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, provided by Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 23 Cherokee Strip Historical Society Annual Banquet, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
- 26-27 Ghost stories, Murrell Home, Tahlequah

## November

- 1-30 *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-30 *Farm Life* exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 1-3 "An Evening with FDR," living history presentation, Oklahoma History Center, OKC



# July - December 2012

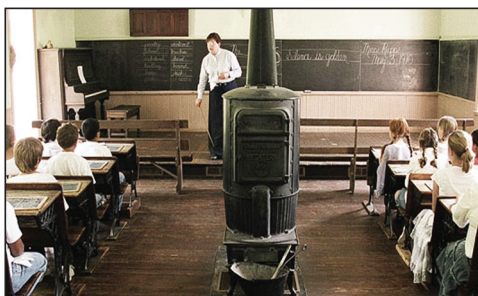
- 3 Call to Arms living history event, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 10 Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 10 Tatting lace class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 5, 12 Lectures by Dr. Rufus Fears, Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, provided by Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 17 Brandice Guerra art exhibition, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 17 The Meaning of Gravestone Graphics class, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 30 Humphrey Abstract Christmas in the Village, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid



**Murrell Home, Park Hill**

## December

- 1-31 *Oklahomans and the Day That Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 1-31 *Farm Life* exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
- 5 SHPO Workshop, "Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 5 SHPO Workshop, "The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 6 SHPO Workshop, "The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 7 SHPO Workshop, "Working with the National Register of Historic Places," Oklahoma History Center, OKC
- 8 Silver Strings music performance and Christmas Open House, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 8 Candlelight tour, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Fort Gibson
- 9 Christmas Open House, Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 9 Christmas Tea, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry



**Rose Hill School at the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry**

## A Renovated Oklahoma Route 66 Museum hosts grand reopening

Seventeen years and five hundred fifty thousand visitors later, the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum finally received a much-needed makeover. On Saturday, May 26, museum supporters celebrated the unveiling of the renovated facility. The museum was not the only attraction; the city of Clinton hosted the seventh annual Hot Rods & Hot Dogs on Route 66 Festival with a full schedule of special events.

The initial grand opening occurred in September 1995. The Oklahoma Route 66 Museum captivated the attention of people from all around the world. The museum was originally opened to the public in 1968 as the Museum of the Western Trails, managed by the Oklahoma Industrial Trust and Recreation Department (which later became the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation). In 1991 the museum was transferred to the OHS. In 1993 plans began for a redevelopment of the museum in order to focus on transportation and Route 66, telling and promoting the history of Route 66 by revealing its story from beginning to end.

As a part of the city-wide Route 66 celebration, admission to the museum was free throughout the day. The ribbon-cutting ceremony began at 2 p.m., hosted by Route 66 author and historian Jim Ross. The ceremony included special remarks by Dr. Bob Blackburn, followed by Representative Harold Wright and Senator Mike Schulz presenting the museum with a governor's commendation (Governor Mary Fallin was unable to attend the event) and US Representative Frank Lucas further complimenting the museum on its continued success.

Following the speakers, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association held its biannual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. President Mike Hickey presented the posthumous award to the famed Oklahoma comedian Will Rogers. Dr. Steve Gragert, the director of the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore, accepted the award on the behalf of the Rogers family. Don Mullenix, past Hall of Fame inductee, inducted Carol Duncan into the Hall of Fame. Duncan has been a part of the Route 66 family for years.

Pat Smith, museum director, stated that "there were approximately one hundred people touring the museum at any given time on Saturday." Tourists seemed to thoroughly enjoy the vivid photographs and the interactive exhibits, the Dust Bowl Game and the Send a Post Card Program. The Dust Bowl game, narrated by Guthrie native Emma Bowers, illustrates the financial hardship of living and traveling for families in the 1930s. The post card program allows people to send postcards via email. They choose from a variety of selections and then decide on making a madlib card or a traditional write-your-own-message. Other favorites were the newly painted hippie van and the Rambler displayed in the Vacation Gallery. Grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren gathered around the hippie van for a peaceful photograph.

For more information, contact Pat Smith at 580/323-7866 or [rt66mus@okhistory.org](mailto:rt66mus@okhistory.org).



**Above: left to right: Dr. Bob Blackburn, Todd Russ, Frank Lucas, Pat Smith, Harold Wright, and Mike Schulz**  
**Top right: Dr. Blackburn's speech**  
**Right: Mike Hickey and Carol Duncan**  
**Left: Mike Hickey and Steven K. Gragert**





## New Members, cont'd.

Kay McConathy, Oklahoma City  
Jean Morris, Muskogee  
David Pachero, Enid  
Chris Perkins, Duncan  
Jose Prieto-Martinez, Seminole  
Erica Rotramel, Sand Springs  
Samantha Skinner, Stillwater  
Carol Tadlock, Crowder  
Perry Thoele, Stillwater  
Charles Thompson, Minco  
Glenn Vaughan, Fort Cobb  
Joshua Wilder, Watonga  
Elizabeth Williams, Lawton

## Twenty-year Members renew in May

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

Vernon and Linda Pierce, Harrah, November 1, 1966  
Edward Rolison, Weatherford, May 1, 1974  
Van and Pat Barber, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1974  
Michael McElderry, Purcell, March 1, 1979  
Lewis Culver, Little Rock, AR, May 1, 1980  
Lynda Brown-Drabek, Oklahoma City, February 1, 1981  
Larson Keso, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1981  
Jim and Burnis Argo, Edmond, May 1, 1983  
Tecumseh High School Library, Tecumseh, June 1, 1984  
Talbot Library/Museum, Colcord, May 1, 1985  
Allen Co. Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN, June 17, 1986  
Pryor High School, Pryor, July 14, 1986  
Neal Leader, Norman, May 7, 1987  
Molly Levite Griffis, Norman, June 2, 1987  
Oscar and Julia Greenlee, Tulsa, July 28, 1987  
Donald W. Reynolds Comm. Ctr. & Lib., Durant, February 10, 1988  
Kenneth Nance, Oklahoma City, April 18, 1988  
Davis Joyce, Spavinaw, May 31, 1988  
Barbara Klein and James Weaver, Oklahoma City, March 29, 1989  
Thomas Boyd, Washington, DC, April 21, 1990  
Tina Parsons, Fort Worth, TX, February 26, 1991  
Doris Lane Meyer, Bartlesville, April 15, 1991  
Daniel and Mary Ann Littlefield, North Little Rock, AR, January 8, 1992  
Roy Helm, Tulsa, May 21, 1992

## Annual Memorial Service

On Saturday, July 14, the Honey Springs Battlefield Site in Checotah will hold a thirty minute memorial service to honor those who died during the engagement at Honey Springs (Action at Elk Creek) on Friday, July 17, 1863.

The event features reenacting units (Federal and Confederate) presenting rifle salutes, a cannon salute, and playing taps.



## The Daughter of Dawn film shown at deadCENTER Film Festival

*The Daughter of Dawn* is an eighty minute, six-reel silent film shot in July 1920 in the Wichita Mountains of southwest Oklahoma. The story, played by an all-Indian cast of three hundred Comanches and Kiowas, includes a four-way love story, two buffalo hunt scenes, a battle scene, village scenes, dances, deceit, courage, hand-to-hand combat, love scenes, and a happy ending. The Indians, who had been on the reservation less than fifty years, brought with them their own tipis, horses, clothing, and material culture. The lead actor is White Parker, the son of the great Comanche leader Quanah Parker.

The script for the movie was developed by Norbert Myles, an actor, writer, and director brought into the project by Richard Banks, who started the Texas Film Company in 1916. Myles wrote on the cover of his script that "this story has been made possible by R. E. Banks, whose knowledge of the Indian, and of his traditions, was gained during the twenty-five years that he lived with them."

The first screening of *The Daughter of Dawn* was at the 2012 deadCENTER Film Festival in Oklahoma City. The film ran Sunday, June 10, at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art at 12:30 p.m. and again at 2:30 p.m.

Eventually, the OHS will release DVD and Blu-ray versions that include director's cuts on the history of the film, the Indian history and material culture depicted, the Wichita Mountains and the buffalo herd that still runs free, and a special feature on one tipi in the movie. It is a significant tipi given by the Cheyenne to the Kiowas in the 1830s as a symbol of peace. The tipi in the movie was renewed in 1916 with images painted by Silverhorn and by Steven Mopope, one of the Kiowa Five. That very tipi was given to the OHS in 1928 and is part of *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, now on exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center. Only through the rescue of the film did the OHS learn the significance of the tipi.

For more information about *The Daughter of Dawn*, contact Bill Moore by email at [bmoore@okhistory.org](mailto:bmoore@okhistory.org).

Funding for this project was provided by the Lawton Community Foundation, the McMann Foundation, the National Film Preservation Foundation, Oklahoma City University, and the Oklahoma Historical Society. Special thanks are extended to the Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives and the Friends of the Oklahoma History Center.

The original music composition is by David Yeagley. The score is performed by the Oklahoma City University orchestra: Ben Nilles, conductor; John Cross, music editor; Mark Parker, dean of the School of Music; and Robert Henry, OCU president.

## 101 Ranch exhibit at Cherokee Strip Museum extended

The exhibit at the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry featuring the famous 101 Ranch opened in March and its display has been extended to mid-September. The exhibit features artifact, document, and photograph displays of the Miller brothers, the ranch, and the 101 Wild West Show.

The Cherokee Strip Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Peggy Haxton at 580/336-2405 or visit [www.cherokee-strip-museum.org](http://www.cherokee-strip-museum.org) or [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org).



101 Ranch House, Ponca City



## “History Comes Alive” cruises

Mark your calendars and load up the family for an adventure on the Oklahoma River with the Oklahoma History Center and Oklahoma River Cruises.

Each Saturday from April 18 to August 18 character interpreters from the Oklahoma History Center will join passengers on the Oklahoma River Cruises boats for a trip unlike any other. Step back in time and experience the past firsthand as you make your way down the river. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged. Boarding begins fifteen minutes before the scheduled departure time.

“History Comes Alive” cruises depart from the Regatta Park Landing at 12:30 p.m. and from the Exchange Landing at 1:15 p.m. each Saturday. Adult fare is \$6 one way, children ages six to twelve and seniors are \$3 one way. Children under six ride free. All programs are subject to change. For more information please visit [www.okrivercruises.com](http://www.okrivercruises.com) or call 405/702-7755.

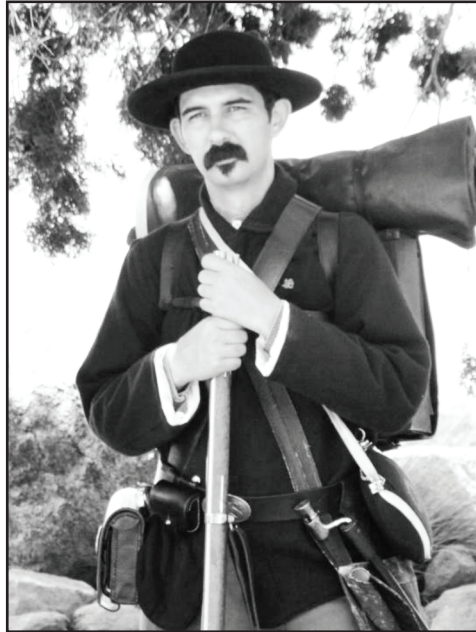
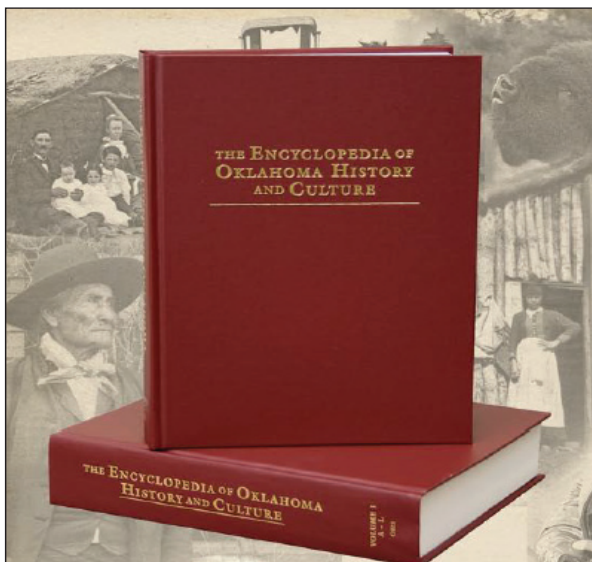
River boat program schedule:

4/28	1905 Community Organizer
5/5	Territorial Marshal
5/12	Rosie the Riveter
5/19	Cowboy
5/26	Land Run
6/2	Confederate Soldier
6/9	WWI Nurse
6/16	Suffragist
6/23	Land Run
6/30	Cowboy
7/7	Territorial Marshal
7/14	Rosie the Riveter
7/21	Land Run
7/28	Union Soldier
8/4	Territorial Marshal
8/11	1890 Mail Order Bride
8/18	Cowboy

## The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture

This 1,700-page, two-volume set includes 2,455 articles by noted historians including biographies, town and county histories, major events, and much more about the rich history and culture of Oklahoma and its people.

The retail price is \$100 for the set, plus shipping and handling. OHS members receive a discount, and institutions may also qualify for discounts. For purchase or more information, contact the Museum Store at 405/522-5214 or [giftshop@okhistory.org](mailto:giftshop@okhistory.org).



Jason Harris as a Civil War soldier

## Operation Pioneer Spirit and other events at the Pioneer Woman Museum

Operation Pioneer Spirit will be in the Education Room at the Pioneer Woman Museum in Ponca City on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17 and 18, to pack care boxes to send to American soldiers serving overseas. Donations will be accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Go to [operationpioneerspirit.com](http://operationpioneerspirit.com) for a list of the items accepted for shipping.

The Pioneer Woman Museum Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, July 24, at noon in the Education Room. Please RSVP at 580/765-6108. Do not forget to bring a bag lunch.

In addition, the Pioneer Woman Museum will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.



## Felting class

The Oklahoma History Center will host an introductory felting class on Saturday, July 30. The class will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The class is free with museum admission and registration is required. This class will introduce students to the basics of felting, felting forms, and techniques. Students in the class will create felted beads.

For more information or to register, please contact Jason Harris at [jharris@okhistory.org](mailto:jharris@okhistory.org) or by phone at 405/522-0785.

## Museum Store News

To celebrate the opening of our newest exhibit, *Oklahoma @ the Movies*, the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store is pleased to offer a line of movie-related merchandise for members and patrons. *Oklahoma @ the Movies* is a celebration of talented and creative Oklahomans who have enhanced the film industry.

The Museum Store offers several DVDs of great movies featuring or created by prominent Oklahomans or based on life in Oklahoma. From the classic, highly influential musical *Oklahoma!* to the modern blockbuster *Space Cowboys*, we have many great movies the family will enjoy.

We have books and kits that will inspire young minds to create their own movie and animation masterpieces as well, such as Movie Maker, the Klutz Book of Animation, and the animation praxinoscope. These items provide kids with the tools to create and allow them to experience the magic of movies themselves.

Take the magic of the movies home with these great products. Stop by and visit us for these and many other unique gift items. Members always receive a discount of 15 percent on Museum Store purchases. Please contact us at 405/ 522-5214 with any questions about these or any other of our great products.

