Celebration of AARP and OHS a success

On Thursday, May 16, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Historical Society celebrated their new partnership with a special event at the Oklahoma History Center. The event featured the musical talents of Jude Northcutt and Jody Miller. Jude Northcutt is best remembered by Oklahoma natives as “Jude” of the Jude and Jody Furniture Store band that was regularly featured on Oklahoma City television in the 1960s and 1970s. While not the original “Jody,” Blanchard’s Jody Miller is known for a number of hits in the 1960s and 1970s, most notably for “Queen of the House.” In addition to the headliners, several musicians who have worked with Jude Northcutt over the years were reunited at this concert. Before the program visitors viewed the special exhibit Oklahoma @ the Movies.

Beginning gourd bowl workshop

On Saturday, July 20, a beginning workshop at the Cherokee Strip Museum will cover the basics of creating a finished piece of art from a dried gourd. Participants will learn the steps of cleaning the gourd, designing and burning the pattern onto the gourd, and choosing embellishments. Each participant will leave the workshop with their personally designed gourd and a woodburning tool. The class is taught by Beth Bolay, a gourd artist with Gratitude Gourds. Registration with name and phone number and payment of $75 is due by July 9. The registration information should be sent to the Cherokee Strip Museum at 2617 Fir in Perry. Class size is limited to ten participants. The class is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a thirty minute lunch break. Participants may bring a sack lunch or go to a nearby restaurant. For questions or more information, call 580/336-2405.

Drummond Home car show

Join us for the Drummond Home Car Show on Saturday, July 13. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., $15 per car. All entries will be judged and first, second, and third place prizes of $100, $75, and $50 will be awarded. From 1 to 4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social and refreshments, and the Drummond Home will be open for public view. For more information contact Beverly Whitcomb at 918/885-2374 or email bwhitcomb@okhistory.org. The Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price Avenue in Hominy. The home is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.
Leon Russell, Mary Kay Place, and Garth Brooks did not burst onto the scene in some reality television show but climbed to success one persistent step at a time.

Like all of these examples from our history, current efforts to build the Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture fit into this tried and true tradition of persistence.

Five years ago we came up with a great idea for a museum that would give the OHS an institutional home in Tulsa and draw more people to Oklahoma history using the theme “Crossroads of Creativity.”

Two years ago, with partner organizations behind us, we completed an architectural brief with a business plan that will not require additional taxpayer money for operations.

Last year, we won support in the Senate for funding construction but did not get a hearing in the House.

This year, when the May 20 tornadoes changed so many lives in an instant, we withdrew our request for legislative funding because it was the right thing to do.

Will we give up? No. Our supporters in Tulsa have encouraged us to rally our forces and go back to the Legislature next year. The artists who have stuck with us for years want to see us go forward.

Yes, when historians talk about the Oklahoma experience in the future, we want them to include the story of persistence and the creation of the Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture.

Tomorrow will be better than today.

New Members May 2013

*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

Benefactor
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Krumme, Tulsa

Director’s Circle
American Residential Group, Tulsa
Dr. and Mrs. David Brown, Oklahoma City

Fellow
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Commander, Oklahoma City
Dr. and Mrs. David Flesher, Oklahoma City

Associate
*Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Crutchfield, Ardmore
*Jim Daniel, Oklahoma City
*Dorothy Erikson, Aba
*Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hogan, Ill, Nichols Hills
*William Owen, Oklahoma City

Friend
*Dr. Robert Barnard, Shawnee
Steve Berlin and Debbie Smith-Berlin, Tulsa
Dennis Byford, Oklahoma City
Mary Donahoo, Marrianna, PA
*Dr. Dianna Everett and Dr. Bobby Weaver, Edmond
Harold Garvin, Duncan
Kenneth Jones, Oklahoma City
Florence Mills, Cushing
Brooke Murphy, Oklahoma City
*Mr. and Mrs. James Suthers, Shattuck

Family
Diane Abla, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Asher, Moore
Martha Axton and Shaun Axton, Norman
Twila Barnes, Fulton, MO
Kelly Bass, Edmond
Greg Bell, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brady, Oklahoma City
Peggy Brown, Oklahoma City
Andrea Brown-Robinson, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Byers, Harrah
Richard Carothers, Oklahoma City
John Case, Oklahoma City
Tanya Chandler, Choctaw
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Childers, Tahlequah
Terri Cobb, Bethany
Robert Cole, Ponca City
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Collins, Shawnee
Patricia Craig, Clinton, NC
Alan Daniel, Hydro
Wilfred Decker Jr, The Village
Peggy Eaton and Laura McGouran, Tahlequah
*Dr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Shawnee

Development News
by Paul F. Lambert

We had an outstanding Annual Membership Meeting in Clinton in April, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Route 66 Museum for serving as a co-sponsor of the event. Their assistance was vitally important to the success of the meeting. The staff at the Frisco Conference Center also was exceptionally helpful as were Principal Janelle Shepherd and her staff at the Clinton Middle School where we had our concert honoring the music of Roger Miller and western Oklahoma.

Plans for the 2014 OHS Annual Meeting already are being made under the direction of the Annual Meeting Committee, chaired by Patti Loughlin of Stillwater. In addition to Dr. Loughlin, members of the committee are Bill Corbett, Tahlequah; Frederick Drummond, Pawhuska; Sherry Muchmore, Ponca City; Sandie Olson, Waynoka; and Donna Sharpe, Checotah. The meeting will take place in Stillwater on April 23, 24, and 25. Venues will include the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center on the campus of Oklahoma State University and the Stillwater Community Center.

The theme of the Annual Meeting will involve viewing Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory, and the state of Oklahoma as a “Crossroads of Commerce.” Plans include a reception the evening of Wednesday, April 22, and our usual program sessions and luncheons on Thursday and Friday. We also are exploring the idea of having an optional bus tour of historic sites in Payne County available and a special concert Thursday evening to explore the history and sounds of Red Dirt Music.
Events

This Independence Day, Pauls Valley will celebrate with a nationally renowned watermelon seed-spitting contest, family events, and firework displays on July 4. Immortalized in the original edition of the popular, best-selling family board game Trivial Pursuit, the annual Watermelon Seed Spittin’ World Championship has become synonymous with Pauls Valley. Held in conjunction with the city’s Fourth of July fireworks show, this contest has been a Pauls Valley tradition for more than fifty years. Since 1957 when the contest began, the Watermelon Seed Spittin’ World Championship has been featured in the Guinness Book of Records and Ripley’s Believe It or Not. Witness participants in six age-based categories attempt to break the record of Jack Dietz of Chicago. Dietz launched a seed sixty-six feet eleven inches in 1989. Registration begins at 6 p.m. in the football stadium at Wacker Park. Registration and admission to the event is free, but space is limited for contestants so be sure to be on time to sign up. For more information, call 405/238-2555. (travelok.com)

Visitors to the annual Arts, Crafts, Music, and Cajun Festival on July 4 in Grove do not have to travel deep into the heart of Cajun country to find good food, good times, and good music. Spend the day in Grove and enjoy authentic Cajun music, Cajun food, and a wealth of entertainers. Shop for beautiful handcrafted jewelry or American Indian art among the numerous arts and crafts vendors that will be set up at this event. Feast on chicken and sausage jambalaya, or enjoy traditional festival fare such as hamburgers and hot dogs. The Arts, Crafts, Music, and Cajun Festival has become a major event in the Grand Lake area and is devoted to good, family entertainment. This event is hosted by Jana Jae, Grove’s own queen of the country fiddle. Jana Jae and Louisiana’s Cajun band, Bayou Roots, will also entertain with different styles of authentic Cajun and Zydeco music. With plenty of dancing and Cajun-style fun, this festival can not be beat. For more information, call 918/786-8896. (travelok.com)

Head to the Cleveland Fairgrounds in Norman for the Smokin’ Up a Storm BBQ Challenge on July 12 and 13. This sanctioned, professional barbecue cooking competition will bring together a mix of fifty professional and amateur barbecue competition teams from around Oklahoma for two days of fun and competition. Guests can sample delicious barbecue while browsing product vendors and exhibitors. Head over to the stage for live music or rest under a mister in the shade of a tent. Visit the Smokin’ Up A Storm BBQ Challenge for delicious food and a fun time for all. For more information, call 405/819-1718. (travelok.com)

Join thousands of visitors for a week-long party in Stillwater at this year’s Eskimo Joe’s thirty-eighth Anniversary Celebration from July 15 to 21. Come to Stillwater’s “Jumpin’ Little Juke Joint” for a week filled with great food and drink specials, costume contests, special events, concerts, and fun for the whole family. With different events scheduled for each day of the celebration, this spectacular party at Eskimo Joe’s has become nothing short of legendary. Thousands of loyal patrons participate each year, so make your way to this college town for tons of giveaways and prizes, great food, live entertainment, and more. Held since 1976, Eskimo Joe’s Anniversary Celebration has gradually grown and now spills onto Elm Street and beyond. Concessions will be available throughout the event. Bring the kids for a free children’s carnival and enjoy rows of classic cars in the annual car show. Make your way to Eskimo Joe’s 38th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday for the official birthday party and feast on complimentary cake and cupcakes. For more information, call 405/372-8896. (travelok.com)

Held in the self-professed “Peach Capital of Oklahoma,” on July 20 the Stratford Peach Festival will feature a variety of activities including live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, street games, helicopter rides, and more. Pick up a bushel of fresh peaches from one of seven area orchards participating in the event, or simply enjoy a delicious serving of homemade peach ice cream. For more information, call 580/759-3300. (travelok.com)

Do you want to have your organization’s meeting, event, or exhibit featured in the “Around Oklahoma” section of the Mistletoe Leaves? The “Around Oklahoma” section features Oklahoma history and heritage-related activities or programs sponsored by entities other than the Oklahoma Historical Society. To submit news items, please contact Tabatha Toney, assistant editor, by email at toney@okhistory.org or mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, during the first week of the month before you wish a news items to appear. For example, if you wish a news item to appear in our August issue, please send it to our editors by the first week of July. Thank you for your submissions.
OHS ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS

Every effort has been made to list correct information as available. Other events may be added throughout the year. Check the monthly issues of Mistletoes Leaves for 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 other than at the property on which the OHS office or museum is located.

Please visit the “Calendar of Events” tab on the OHS website, www.okhistory.org, or contact the listed site to verify dates, hours, exact location, admission fees, and other relevant information.

July

1-31  Family Album: Photographs of Pierre Tarteaux exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-31  Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-31  Oklahoma @ the Movies exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

1-31  Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
3  Circus Family Saturday, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid

September

1-30  Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-30  Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-30  Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow: Living with the Atomic Bomb, 1943-1965 exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
6  Cowboy Family Saturday, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
6  Public Meeting for the SHPO’s FY 2014 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
6  Fourth Annual Cherokee Strip Days Gala “Diamonds and Dice,” Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
7  “Hats Off to History” Septemberfest, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
10  Genealogy event with Craig Scott, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
12  Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: A Public Discussion, SHPO, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
13  Education Day, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
13  Frontier Festival lantern tours, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
14  Frontier Festival living history event, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
14  Cherokee Strip Celebration Tea, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry
14  Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
18  Historic shirtdmaking workshop, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

August

1-31  Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

Spirit Horse by Woody Crumbo

1-10  Oklahoma @ the Movies exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-31  Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

October

1-30  Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-30  Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-20  Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow: Living with the Atomic Bomb, 1943-1965 exhibit, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
9  Brown Bag lecture, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
12  Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
14  Home School Day, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
25  Murrell Home Ghost Stories, Murrell Home, Park Hill

November

1-30  Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
1-30  Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
8-10  150th anniversary commemorative reenactment of the Battle of Honey Springs, Honey Springs
9  Quilting workshop, Sod House Museum, Aline
30  Christmas in the Village, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
**July - December 2013**

**December**

1-30  
Crumbo Spirit Talk: The Art of Woody Crumbo and His Children exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

1-30  
Reigns Supreme: The Little Black Dress exhibit, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

4  
Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings workshop, SHPO, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

4  
The Secretary’s Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings workshop, SHPO, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

5  
The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants lecture, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

6  
Humphrey Abstract Christmas in the Village, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid

6  
Working with the National Register of Historic Places workshop, SHPO, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

7  
Historic Santa Celebration, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

8  
Christmas Tea, Cherokee Strip Museum, Perry

8  
Christmas Open House, Murrell Home, Park Hill

14  
Christmas Open House, Sod House Museum, Aline

14  
Drop Spindle class, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

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**OHS Annual Meeting**

From April 17 to 19, members and staff of the Oklahoma Historical Society met at the Frisco Conference Center in Clinton for the annual meeting. The Friends of the Route 66 Museum cosponsored the event.

Sessions occurred on Wednesday and Thursday highlighting various aspects of the state’s history such as African American towns, causes of the Dust Bowl, and more. On Thursday evening Dean Miller performed a concert to celebrate the music of his father, Roger Miller.

Lastly, the annual awards luncheon celebrated the induction of historians to the hall of fame, the outstanding Oklahoma history thesis, and the Muriel Wright Award for the outstanding article featured in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

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**Updating Oklahoma’s statewide preservation plan**

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is updating the statewide preservation plan, and your input is vital to our understanding of historic preservation issues across Oklahoma. By working together citizens; federal, tribal, state, and local governments; preservation professionals; nonprofit organizations; and the business and development community can set attainable goals to preserve Oklahoma’s important historic properties and the unique character of each community while enhancing their economic vitality and quality of life. The updated plan will be in effect from January 2015 through December 2019.

You are invited to join the effort and to begin by reviewing the current plan at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm. Then you are encouraged to share your ideas and concerns throughout the process over the next eighteen months.

First, you can complete Survey for Updating Tomorrow’s Legacy: Oklahoma’s Statewide Preservation Plan. You may complete it online at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm, or obtain the survey form at this site and return it by regular mail to the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or by email to mheisch@okhistory.org. All responses received by August 15, 2013, will be considered.

Second, you can attend the SHPO’s public discussion about the state plan and its update at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, in the Oklahoma History Center classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. The SHPO staff will discuss how the state plan is developed, how it is used in the SHPO’s programs, and how others participate in its implementation. The public is invited to attend and share their views about the historic preservation issues that should be addressed in the 2015 edition of the plan.

Finally, your comments on the draft new plan will be extremely valuable. Two drafts will be made available on the SHPO’s website and in hard copy upon request. The preliminary draft will be available in January 2014 with comments due in April 2014, and the second draft will be available in May 2014 with comments due in August 2014.

Thank you in advance for your input that will help the SHPO ensure that the new plan identifies and addresses the issues raised by Oklahomans from across the state. If you may have any questions, contact Melvena Heisch, deputy SHPO at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.
**OHC volunteers raise funds**

For four years now the History Center volunteers have been working the Sweet Corn Express food booth at the Oklahoma City Festival of the Arts. They gather with owner John Long and his crew to create the tastiest treats for the hungry festival attendees. Every year when we mention the festival of the Arts to the volunteers, they all shout, "Cheesescale!" This is to memorialize what is yielded in the booth when a customer asks for the famous chocolate-dipped frozen cheesecake.

Veteran OHC volunteer Joan Galbraith loves to help each year with the "potato line," which is the station that makes the biggest loaded baked potatoes served at the festival. This past year, she walked into the food booth and announced to the Sweet Corn crew, "I'm back! Did ya miss me?" Her husband, Thomas, also an OHC volunteer, has provided transportation for the volunteers to the festival each year and only asks to be paid in sweet corn, the booth's signature item.

Proceeds from our time at the Festival of the Arts go toward the volunteer's annual banquet, field trips, and uniforms. They look forward to it each year and love to be involved with the Arts Council of Oklahoma City. We are always looking for more people to join our program and be a part of the Oklahoma Historical Society. For more information please contact Abigail Jones at volunteers@okhistory.org, or by phone at 405/522-5886.

**Museum Store News**

By Jera Winters

The Oklahoma History Center Museum Store is happy to be your source for unique, Oklahoma-related gift items. We offer many historical and retro style toys and games that make great gifts for young people of all ages.

We have a full line of retro style toys, packaged with packing that reflects the original designs. We carry many of the great, classic toys that were staples of childhood, such as Slinky, Silly Putty, Duncan Yo-Yos, and Barrel of Monkeys. We also feature cap guns, potato guns, Wooly Willy, and other timeless toys.

We have added new games that play on the themes of Oklahoma culture. Don't Tip the Cows is a stacking game for two to three players ages five and up. Players take turns stacking the cows, and try to avoid tipping the cows. This cute game comes in a canister perfect for storing the cow pieces when not in use. Don't Tip the Cows retails for $14.50, but is available to members at the price of $12.33.

Oklahoma has a long tradition of hunting, particularly hunting the elusive snipe. Generations of children have hunted the snipe, and the Snipe Hunt game turns this tradition into a fun family activity. The hide-and-seek game comes with two battery operated snipe. Remove the snipe from their nest and hide them for other players to find. After a few minutes, the snipe will start to chirp, and its eyes will light up. The first team to return the other team's snipe to the nest wins. Snipe Hunt retails for $21, but is available to member at the price of $17.85.

Come in today and purchase these great games and others at the OHC Museum Store. As always, members receive a 15 percent discount on all regularly priced merchandise. Contact us at 405/522-5214 with any questions, or to place an order over the phone.

**Oklahoma City death register, 1908-26**

The OHS website now includes an index to an Oklahoma City death register for 1908-26. The online index includes the individual’s name, birth date and/or age, birthplace, and their death date. This index is just one of the resources available for tracking your ancestors on the OHS website.

To view the complete register on microfilm patrons may visit the Research Center, located on the first floor of the Oklahoma History Center. Researchers are also welcome to order copies of pages by phone, mail, or through the website. The full death register entry includes name, race, place and date of death, place and date of birth, marital status, father’s name, mother’s maiden name, occupation, cause of death, physician, cemetery, and undertaker. Search the index at www.okhistory.org/research/deathreg.

**Honey Springs memorial service**

The Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site will host a memorial service for all of the servicemen who gave their lives at the Battle of Honey Springs. The service, which will be held at the site's monument grounds, will take place on July 13, beginning at 10 a.m. The battlefield is located at 1863 Honey Springs Road in Checotah. For more information, call 918/473-5572.

**Historic circus exhibit**

From June 15 to August 11 the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center will host the exhibit *Step Right Up! Behind the Scenes of the Circus Big Top, 1890-1965*. Through depression-ridden times and a dust bowl, one form of revelry thrived—the circus. Traveling from coast to coast, rail cars packed with canvas, exotic animal menageries, strongmen, fat ladies, and roustabouts brought a much-needed relief to millions of Americans.

Visitors will get to explore another side of this thrilling spectacle and a history fraught with intrigue and majesty. The exhibition is toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. ExhibitsUSA sends more than twenty-five exhibitions on tour to more than one hundred small and mid-sized communities every year. Mid-America is the oldest nonprofit regional arts organization in the United States. The CSRHC is located on 507 South Fourth Street in Enid. For more information, call 580/237-1907.
New members, cont’d.

Donna Faught and April Jackson, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. George Fears, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ford, Bixby
Annette Foster, Oklahoma City
Isabell Gardner and Zelma Gardner, Lawton
Merle Gatewood, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. William Hainer, Edmond
*Wenoa Harber, Oklahoma City
Leroy Harrison, Warr Acres
Amarilis Hazip, Cushing
Mary Hendrix, Midwest City
Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Herring, Oklahoma City
*Myrna Hicks, Moore
Rhonda Hollis, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horton, Yukon
Nicky Howell, Yukon
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ingraham, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Jack, Yukon
Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, Bethel
Eddie Kepphart, Blanchard
Nadine Kirby and Andrea Reynolds, Union City
Fred Knight, Yukon
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keerner, Norman
Robert Konda and Darien Cooper, Grove
Paulette Leckie, Oklahoma City
Rosina Mann and Brent Billie, Oklahoma City
Bob Matthews, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Miles, Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mills, Oklahoma City
Suzanne Moore, Oklahoma City
*D. A. Morris, Oklahoma City
Franklin Musknot, Oklahoma City
Bryan Nash, Edmond
Judy Nevius, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy O’Connor, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parrish, Tablequah
Mary Pearson, Oklahoma City
Camilla Riley, Edmond
Betty Robertson, Oklahoma City
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Anna Roller, Moore
Sherry Rollins, Grove
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Russell, Edmond
Kari Scheihing, Edmond
Dustin Schmidt, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shanta, Moore
Dollie Smith and Kim Bowles, Muskogee
Mary Smith and Pat Becannen, Edmond
Michael Smith, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, Choctaw
Richard Stahl, Oklahoma City
Arno Storck, Oklahoma City
Mildred Sullens and Sandy Beard, El Reno
Carol Thompson, Altus
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch, Claremore
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald West, Oklahoma City
Gordon Wright, Durant
Helen Youens and Andrew Youens, Yukon
Stephanie Shannon, Ardmore
Brad Shepherd, Kingfisher
Kori Smith, Swink
Sheila Sparkman, Broken Bow
John Stanton, Garvin
Alberto Torres, Madill
Victoria Urendahl, Lawton
Johnny Watkins, Lone Grove
Amy Whiteley, Wright City

Organizational

Oklahoma Historical Tours Inc., Edmond
Tecumseh High School Library, Tecumseh

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.

Duke and Linda Ligon, Oklahoma City, May 1, 1955
Vernon and Linda Pierce, Harrah, November 1, 1966
Margaret Merrymann, Enid, September 1, 1972
Edward Rolison, Weatherford, May 1, 1974
Lewis Culver, Little Rock, AR, May 1, 1980
Jim and Burns Argo, Enid, May 1, 1983
Talbot Library/Museum, Colcord, May 1, 1985
Duran Historical Society, Durant, March 24, 1986
Allen Co Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN, June 17, 1986
James O’Malley, Richardson, TX, March 23, 1987
Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library, Durant, February 10, 1988
Mike and Glenna Stidham, Choctah, March 17, 1988
Dr. Davis Joyce, Spavinaw, May 31, 1988
Vicki Hicks, Washington, DC, September 5, 1989
James Russell, McAlester, April 13, 1992
William and Jane Osborn, Miami, January 19, 1993
Virginia Seay Covington, Chestertown, MD, May 25, 1993

Cross-stitch class

Join the Oklahoma History Center in a beginning counted cross-stitch class from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. No previous knowledge of needlepoint crafts or sewing is necessary. Participants will explore the history of cross-stitch and view cross-stitched artifacts from the collection. Students will obtain the skills needed to begin cross-stitching independently. The class is for ages twelve and up. Class space is limited so register today. The cost for the class is $15. All supplies are provided. For more information on the class or to register please email education@okhistory.org or by call 405/522-3602.

Confederate Memorial Museum’s living history event

Atoka’s Confederate Memorial Museum hosted about five hundred elementary and middle school students during its “Living Off the Land” living history on May 2 and 3. Students were guided through hands-on historical stops including sewing a button on, cane pole fishing, gardening, canning, and survival when lost in the woods. This program is an annual end-of-school event at the Confederate Memorial Museum and Cemetery.

Beginning fingerweaving class

The Oklahoma History Center and instructor Vanessa Moore will host beginning fingerweaving from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is limited to just fifteen students to allow one-on-one instruction. The registration fee is $40 and includes lunch and a tour of the American Indian Gallery. For more information or to enroll, contact Sarah Dumas at sdumas@okhistory.org or 405/522-0791.

OHS receives grant for civil rights history

The Oklahoma Historical Society has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for participation in the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History’s “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle” grant program. The grant provides a full set of the “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle” film series and $1,200 to support related programming. The documentaries include The Abolitionists, Slavery by Another Name, Freedom Riders, and The Loving Story. The OHS will host events centered around screenings of these films between 2013 and 2016, focusing on Oklahoma’s role in the national struggle for civil rights and equality. The first events will coincide with the reopening of Realizing the Dream, the Oklahoma History Center’s exhibit on African American history in Oklahoma, in December of this year.
Students attending the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko are making a difference in their community. Late last year they became aware of the terrible condition of the historical marker that commemorates their school. As a group they voted to do something about it.

Permission was gained from Kathy Dickson, Director of Museum and Sites of the Oklahoma Historical Society, to give the sign some much needed TLC. The sign was commissioned originally in 1970. Since the sign is in the Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s right-of-way for US 281 and State Highway 8, the area engineer, Brad Mirth, was contacted. He also gave approval for the sign repair.

Riverside Indian School is the largest American Indian boarding school in the United States not located on a reservation. Most of the students come to school in Anadarko from other states so the project was shelved until the students returned from Christmas break. As January rolled around the Oklahoma weather caused a few delays and the students were not able to get to take down the sign until March.

Finally the sign was taken down and transported to the school. It seems very appropriate that the repairs were made at the facility the sign commemorates. The students cleaned and sanded the marker, taking particular care when re-painting its face and lettering. Some research was required for the coloring of the Oklahoma state shield, which is an integral part of Oklahoma Historical Society markers.

Within two to three weeks the students had the sign ready to be reinstalled, but unfortunately the post had not been repaired. Volunteers were attempting to beef up the post, as well as the connection point. The original post had a thin layer of metal over concrete and

For more information on Okietales or to register please contact Sarah Dumas at sdumas@okhistory.org or by phone at 405/522-0791.