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Competitive shoot to benefit Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center



Teams are forming now for the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center's second annual April Fools Shoot to be held on Friday, March 29. The shoot will take place north of Enid at the range of the Grand National Gun Club. The event will showcase the heritage of shooting competitions and celebrate America's firearms heritage. Proceeds from the event will benefit the educational programs of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center.

This is a one hundred-target shoot of trap and five-stand; three rounds of trap and one round of five-stand. Each discipline is scored one point per target. Any gauge shotgun may be used. There is no class distinction, but there are several ways to win. Awards will be given for Top Gun, Top Team, Top Discipline, and Lewis Classes A, B, and C. In addition there will be drawings held throughout the day for a number of great prizes.

The entry fee is \$200 per individual or \$1,000 per five-person company-sponsored team. The fee includes all targets shot in competition, sack lunch, and admission to the Hunter's Feast and awards ceremony to be held that evening at the Heritage Center's Humphrey Heritage Village Green. Guests are welcome to attend the feast for an additional fee of \$30. For more information on the April Fools Shoot call 580/237-1907 x227 or e-mail cjolliff@okhistory.org.

Murrell Home to host etiquette workshop

The historic George M. Murrell Home in Park Hill will host an instructional workshop on nineteenth-century etiquette on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The instructional workshop is open to anyone interested in learning about manners and customs from the mid-nineteenth century. Topics of discussion will include conversation, social introductions, entertainment activities, dressing and accessorizing for men and women, and subjects to avoid.

Cost for the workshop is \$20 per person and includes lunch and handout materials. Current or new members of the Friends of the Murrell Home support organization will receive a \$5 discount. For reservations, call 918/456-2751. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted. Space is limited to the first twenty participants. Visit the Murrell Home's Facebook page at facebook.com/murrellhome for more information.

The George M. Murrell Home is the only remaining antebellum plantation in the state of Oklahoma. It was built in 1845 as the home of the niece of Cherokee Principal Chief John Ross. The site is a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is located at 19479 E. Murrell Home Road in Park Hill, Oklahoma, about three miles south of Tahlequah.



Rose Hill School teachers



Tammy Makinson from Jefferson Heights Elementary in Sapulpa presented this appliquéd quilt to the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry. It is now on display for visitors to see. The quilt shows scenes from the program "A Day at Rose Hill School." The North Hall Team Mates helped Makinson to finish the quilt.

Makinson began bringing classes to Perry in 1998. In 2005, because of budget cuts, she began making the quilts to be used as fundraisers to enable the classes from Jefferson to attend Rose Hill. Each quilt takes her about two months. For more photos of the quilt go to the Rose Hill School Facebook page.

Makinson said, "The Rose Hill experience enhances our Oklahoma history! All students who have the opportunity to attend will never forget what life was like in 1910 and the living history program they were fortunate enough to participate in. What a wonderful educational experience."

Now others in their community are joining the bandwagon to allow their children to go on this special field trip. The Creek County Bar Association donated money for the program, adding that three of their members attended when they were in the fourth grade. Another

year the Hasco Company of Sapulpa handed Makinson a check for \$2,500 to be used for the Rose Hill trip.

"A Day at Rose Hill School" is a unique way to experience Oklahoma history, one that the children will never forget. The program is celebrating its twenty-fifth year of operation. The program occurs at the Cherokee Strip Museum in at 2517 West Fir Street in Perry. For more information, call 580/237-1907.



Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

I have been fortunate throughout my life and career to work with talented people who have provided good advice. One of them, a professor at OSU, offered three rules for writing: simplicity, simplicity, simplicity.

Those three rules work in a lot of situations, including selling an idea such as OKPOP, the Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture. As we enter the legislative session, we are trying to keep our story simple.

It starts with the theme. At the OKPOP, the simple story is "Crossroads of Creativity," an image that captures the history of our state as a land of immigrants defined by mobility and the unique expression of that diversity through musicians, movie makers, television pioneers, pop artists, and writers.

The simplicity continues with the method for funding the construction. It is a "pay as we go" plan. Yes, we need a bond authorization from the legislature to capitalize the initial museum and parking garage, but we need no additional money from the general revenue fund. In simple terms, the amount of new public money we need to build a world-class museum is zero.

To those who say the State of Oklahoma should not increase its level of indebted-

ness, I have another simple response. The OKPOP will not raise the indebtedness one penny due to the fact that the money used to retire the bonds for the Oklahoma History Center in 2019 will be applied to making the payments for the OKPOP. With a private fundraising effort to bridge the gap between 2017 and 2020, we can "pay as we go" as the one bond issue is retired and the other starts.

Funding for the operational budget is just as simple. Through the combined revenue of the parking garage, admissions, sales, and special events, the amount of additional money needed from the general revenue fund is zero.

Even the selection of the site is simple. There is only one city, one neighborhood, and one block of land where we can raise private funds for the exhibits, generate enough revenue to pay for the operational expenses, and tap into an urban renaissance where we will have the partners and adjacencies to attract the attention of international visitors. That site is a block of land owned by the Bank of Oklahoma in the Brady Arts District of downtown Tulsa.

Even the price of the land is simple to explain. BOK, one of Oklahoma's generous corporate citizens, is donating the block of land bounded by Archer on the north, the Union Station on the south, the Boston Avenue pedestrian bridge on the west, and the Cincinnati vehicular bridge on the east.

When people ask if I am tired of fighting for this museum, I have a simple answer. No. There is only one way to go when you know a plan will work, and that is forward.

Yes, I have been fortunate through my life and career to work with talented people. Now it is time to dedicate a world-class museum to collecting, preserving, and sharing their story. Let's build the OKPOP.

Dr. Bob

Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

Spring is coming soon and so is the 2013 Annual Meeting! Detailed information on this year's presentations and special events may be found elsewhere in this issue. The Annual Meeting to be an outstanding event, made even more special by the opportunity to experience our recently reimagined Route 66 Museum. Featuring all new exhibits, this captures the history and spirit of the "Mother Road." Members will receive a letter of invitation and registration form in the mail, but if you want to receive a registration form via email, just email me with that request at plambert@okhistory.org and I will get a form to you quickly.

In addition to twenty-six presenters on various topics relating to our theme, "Movin' On: Mobility as a Dynamic Force in Oklahoma's History," special events for registrants will include a reception at the Route 66 Museum and a concert in a special venue honoring the legendary Roger Miller and the music of Western Oklahoma. Both of these activities will be free of charge for registrants.

Because of the oil and gas activity in the Clinton area there is an ongoing demand for hotel and motel rooms in that community. Consequently, I want to encourage you to make your lodging arrangement for the Annual Meeting as early as possible. Information is provided in this issue regarding convention hotels and will be included in your letter of invitation. On behalf of the officers, directors, and staff of the OHS, I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!



New members, January 2013
*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Events

The Cowskin Prairie Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Grove, Oklahoma, has scheduled a genealogical workshop for March 30. The event will feature four speakers and be held at the Community Center in **Grove** from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Topics for the day-long event include a historical Civil War presentation about the Kansas-Missouri border area; researching female lines; preservation of old documents and heirlooms; and the use of genealogical proof standards and preponderance of evidence in genealogical research. Additionally, during lunch, a special problem-solving roundtable will be held. A number of vendors with books, charts, and various historical and genealogical materials for sale will be available. The cost for the workshop is \$25 with lunch and \$20 without lunch. More information can be found at the chapter website at www.okdivudc.com or by calling 918/542-4148. Limited vendor space is still available by request. Registration may be made by sending a check payable to Cowskin Prairie Chapter, UDC, to 61801 East 280 RD, Grove, OK 74344. Proceeds from this event will assist with chapter projects in northeast Oklahoma, including their scholarship fund.

The annual Peoria Stomp Dance in **Miami** is a festival of American Indian dance. This cultural dance event will occur on March 2 at the Ottawa-Peoria Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to midnight. This evening will be an exciting display of slow, stomping steps set to rhythm. The traditional stomp dance ceremony contains both religious and social meaning. The Peoria Stomp Dance is held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Peoria Council and other special events. For more information, call 918/540-2535. (travelok.com)

The Green Country Hamfest in **Claremore** on March 8 to 9 will showcase the latest technology in radio operations. The largest ham radio festival in Oklahoma, this trade show offers visitors onsite Federal Communications Commission amateur radio license exams, as well as a chance to win terrific prizes. At the Green Country Hamfest browse through commercial booths filled with the latest radios and accessories, enjoy a swap meet and flea market for ham radio equipment, or attend a variety of forums and learn something new. Free parking is available with a free shuttle service, as is low-cost, onsite RV parking. The event

will occur from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 918/664-9991. (travelok.com)

Winter Chautauqua in **Enid** on March 9 promises to be an exciting event with two early workshops and one performance in the evening. Special guest Hank Fincken, who is nationally known for his one man shows, will present Francisco Pizarro, a Spanish conquistador who conquered the Inca Empire in the 1500s. Prior to the main event, the winner of the student Chautauqua will be presented. Visit Enid for the special one-day showing of Winter Chautauqua at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The workshops will occur at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. with the evening performance at 7 p.m. For more information, call 580/551-9792.

The **Oklahoma City** Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 16 at 1 p.m. invites guests to enjoy a grand day of Irish music and fun. Be among the thousands of spectators watching this great parade as it marches through the heart of Oklahoma City. Come for the parade, be Irish for a day, and stay for a while in fabulous Bricktown. This year's grand Marshal is Patrick Rooney, Chairman and CEO of the First National Bank of Oklahoma. Bring your lawn chairs, listen to live music, and see authentic Irish step dancing. Watch as decorated floats, animals, antique tractors, civic clubs, clowns, motorcycles, and more make their way down the street. Be a part of the Oklahoma City Saint Patrick's Day Parade to welcome the "green" of spring to this great city. For more information, call 405/297-8912. (travelok.com)

The Early Bird Bluegrass Festival in **Hugo** on March 22 and 23 is known for producing the best bluegrass music west of the Mississippi. Come out to the Choctaw County Fairgrounds from 12 to 10 p.m. and enjoy numerous bluegrass bands performing for a weekend of great family entertainment with old time country and bluegrass music. Held annually the last weekend in March, the Early Bird Bluegrass Festival invites all bluegrass lovers to enjoy a wide variety of musical groups and styles scheduled to perform on Friday and Saturday. Created to unite bluegrass players and fans throughout the southeastern Oklahoma region, the Early Bird Bluegrass Festival features everything from modern to traditional bluegrass music. Vendors and concessions will also be available. For more information, call 580/326-7511.

The annual 101 Ranch Collectors Western Memorabilia Show on March 30 in **Perry** is a buy-sell-or-trade show that features all things related to western, cowboy, or American Indian heritage. Goods sold at the 101 Ranch Show will include 101 Ranch items, cinema collectibles, saddles, boots, guns, knives, chaps, pocket watches, spurs, coins, early military memorabilia, and more. Come to this trade show in Perry to shop for one-of-a-kind items, hear 101 Ranch stories and tales, and to browse through more than thirty vendor booths filled with top-notch western goods. The event occurs at the Noble County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 580/336-4684. (travelok.com)

Opportunities

One of the six original schools of agriculture created by Oklahoma's first legislature in 1908, Connors State College has released a new book on its history: *The First Century: A Pictorial History of Connors State College*. The work documents the school's first one hundred years in photographs and stories. Upon request books can be signed by the author, Library Director Margaret Rigney. The book consists of 151 pages with more than two hundred images. The minimum donation for the hardback work is \$32, with the proceeds benefitting the Alumni and Friends and Cowboy Legacy scholarship funds. To order your copy or for questions, call the Connors Development Foundation at 918/463-6343.

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

Oklahoma Historical Society 2013 Annual Meeting Clinton, Oklahoma

“Movin’ On: Mobility as a Dynamic Force in Oklahoma’s History”

General Information

The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held on April 17, 18, and 19 in Clinton, Oklahoma, at the Frisco Conference Center, 101 South Fourth Street.

Arrangements have been made by the Annual Meeting Committee, consisting of Jack D. Baker (chair), Betty Crow, Thalia Eddleman, and Deena Fisher. The committee was assisted by Annual Meeting Coordinator Paul Lambert, Bob Blackburn, Larry O’Dell, Shelly Crynes, Alma Moore, Nicole Harvey, Elizabeth Bass, and Tim Zwink.

Lodging

The hotels listed below have been selected as OHS convention hotels. When calling one of the hotels please tell the person taking your reservation that you are coming for the OHS Annual Meeting to receive the rates shown below. Of course, there are many other lodging choices in Clinton and members may choose any of those as they wish.

The rate at the Hampton Inn will be \$105 per night for single and double rooms. The Hampton Inn is located at 2000 Lexington. Reservations may be made by calling 580/323-4267.

Rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 2000 Boulevard of Champions will be available at \$105 for single king or double queen rooms. For reservations, call 580/323-1950.

The Days Inn at 1200 South Tenth Street will be available for \$60 for a single or double room. For reservations, call 580/323-5550.

Registration

A letter with a registration form will be mailed to all members of the OHS. Please complete it and return it to the address shown on the form as soon as possible. Registration forms also may be obtained via email by contacting Paul Lambert at plambert@okhistory.org. Printed programs and name tags with colored dots for each of the events that individuals register to attend will be available at a registration table at the venue.

The registration deadline is April 11. The registration fee is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. There also is a charge for each of the luncheons. A reception and concert are free of charge.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

All program sessions and luncheons will be held at the Frisco Conference Center unless otherwise noted.

Registration

Lobby

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting,
Lorenz Room

Reception

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Route 66 Museum

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Registration

Lobby

8:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Program Sessions

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Session 1 – Sewell Room

*Immigration to Western Oklahoma: German
Social, Cultural, and Economic Impact
on the Sooner State*

Moderator: Eric J. Schmaltz, Associate Professor of History, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva

“The Deutsche on the Washita: The Assimilation of Germans and Germans from Russia,” by Ryan McMullen, State Director of USDA Rural Development, Stillwater

“Moving In, Moving Up: Contributions by post-WWII German Immigrants to Oklahoma’s Economic and Cultural Growth,” by Christine Faris, Professor Emeritus, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City

Session 2 – Smith Room

Tribal Migrations: Triumphs and Tragedies

Moderator: Benjamin Kracht, Professor of Anthropology and Coordinator of American Indian Studies, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah

“The Trail of Tears Yesterday and Today,” by Jack D. Baker, Member, Executive Committee, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

“The Horse Among Oklahoma’s Tribal People,” by Matt Reed, Curator of American Indian Collections, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

Session 3 – Engleman Room

Ready and Willing to Move

Moderator: Patti Loughlin, Professor of History and Director, American Democracy Project, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond

“Mobility on the Frontier: James K. Guthrie,” by Debra Osborne Spindle, Genealogist and Librarian, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

“Covered Wagons in 1920? Hugh Hardie, A Mobile Oklahoma Pioneer,” by Carol Tillman, Genealogist and Author, Tulsa

“Civilizing Oklahoma: Edna Ferber’s *Cimarron* and the Settling of the Oklahoma

Frontier,” by Anna Davis, Historical Interpreter, Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum, Pawnee

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Session 4 – Sewell Room

Steel Rails Across the Land

Moderator: Deena K. Fisher, Member, Executive Committee, Oklahoma Historical Society, Woodward

“The Building of the Santa Fe Railroad across the Cherokee Outlet from Kiowa, Kansas, to the Texas Panhandle, 1887,” by Sandra Olson, Member, Board of Directors, Oklahoma Historical Society, Waynoka

“Creative Solutions (Logistical and Otherwise) at the Rock Island Depot, Texhoma,” by Richard B. Wright, Associate Professor of Art History, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas

Session 5 – Smith Room

*On the Move: Mobility in Oklahoma’s
African American Community*

Moderator: Shirley Nero, Member, Board of Directors, Oklahoma Historical Society, Clearview

“Genesis of Oklahoma’s All-Black Towns: African American Migration to Oklahoma,” by Rhonda Ragsdale, Associate Professor of History, Lone Star College – North Harris, Houston, Texas

“Mobility of African Americans in the Legal Profession in Oklahoma,” by Vicki Miles-LaGrange, Chief Judge, US District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

Session 6 – Engleman Room

Taking Flight: Oklahomans and the Twentieth Century Frontiers of Aviation and Space

Moderator: James Crowder, Chief Historian for the Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker Air Force Base, Midwest City

“Early Oklahoma Female Aviators,” by Charlene Davis, retired educator, accomplished aviator, and former Chairman of the Oklahoma Chapter 99s, Erick

“The Frontiers of Science Foundation: Oklahoma’s Effort to Move Oklahoma Forward in Education,” by Rick J. Moore, PhD Candidate in Curriculum Studies, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City

“Oklahomans and Space: Transporting Us to That New Frontier,” Bill Moore, Author, Documentary Producer, and Retired Video Producer and Film Archivist for the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

Annual Membership Luncheon

North Exhibit Hall

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Luncheon Speaker: David Dunaway, author of *A Route 66 Companion*, and a distinguished professor at the University of New Mexico and at San Francisco State University, will present “Across the Tracks: The Culture of Route 66.”

Annual Membership Meeting
South Exhibit Hall
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
South Exhibit Hall
2:35 – 3:00 p.m.

Concert Honoring Roger Miller
and the Music of
Western Oklahoma
Clinton Middle School Auditorium
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19, 2013

Registration
Lobby
8:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Program Sessions
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Session 7 – Sewell Room
Dragoons and Dogies: Military Roads
and Cattle Trails

Moderator: Larry C. Floyd, Author and Instructor of History, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City

“Dragoons of the Plains,” by David C. Reed, Master’s Degree Candidate in Public History, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater

“Surveyors, Soldiers, and Stumps: The Fort Smith-Fort Gibson Military Road,” by Bill Corbett, Professor of History, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah and Phil Hayden, Retired Forester, US Forest Service, and an historian/archaeologist.

“Move Along Little Dogies: The Story of the Greatest Trail of All,” by Maurice King, Member, Board of Directors of the Western Trail Historical Society and Co-Chair, Marking the Western Trail Project, Altus

Session 8 – Smith Room
The Prairie Sings: The Importance of
Music and Popular Culture

Moderator: Jeff Moore, Director, Oklahoma Museum of Popular Culture Project, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

“Western Oklahoma Musicians and Their Contributions to Popular Culture,” by Ryan LaCroix, Adjunct Instructor of Music Culture, Academy of Contemporary Music, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

“Roger Miller Remembered: Excerpts from the OHS Oral History Collection,” by Larry O’Dell, Director of Special Projects, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

“Oklahoma History Through the Lens of Popular Culture,” by Bob L. Blackburn, Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

Session 9 – Engleman Room
Risk and Return: Banking and Agriculture
on the Southern Plains

Moderator: Kenny Brown, Director of Graduate Studies Program, Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond

“The Scramble: Making It Rich in Pioneer Banking, Circa 1900,” by Michael J.

Hightower, Consultant, Oklahoma Bank History Project, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City

“The Dust Bowl; the Blame Game; the Facts; the Lessons; the Questions That Remain,” by Al Turner, Emeritus Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of History, East Central University, Ada

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Session 10 – South Exhibit Hall
Painting and Singing the History
of the Plains

Moderator: Emmy Scott Stidham, President, Oklahoma Historical Society, Checotah

“Moving Along: Doing History in Grassy Places,” by Suzanne Kelley, Managing Editor, New Rivers Press, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, and Tom Isern, Professor of History and University Distinguished Professor, North Dakota State University, Fargo

Annual Awards Luncheon
North Exhibit Hall
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.

Museum Store News

By Jera Winters



Oklahoma’s great cities and towns, and is surrounded by images of famous landmarks from the state. The second blanket is a black blanket, with “Oklahoma” written across the top, and shows a bit of cowboy flair with tan image of cowboy boots, while also celebrating the state animal, state bird, and state flower. A third blanket is black and gray and features the outline of the state, as well as images of Will Rogers and other iconic Oklahoma images.

These same styles are available as woven pillows. We also offer a smaller woven pillow featuring a nostalgic postcard image which sends “Greetings from Oklahoma!”

These great items are wonderful gifts celebrating the culture and history of Oklahoma, and are perfect for both Oklahomans and visitors to our great state.

As always, members receive a 15 percent discount on all regularly priced merchandise. Come and experience these and other unique items at the OHS Museum Store. Contact us at 405/522-5214 with any questions.



Basic quilting workshop

Martha Ray will be at the Sod House Museum Saturday, March 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. She will be covering the basic techniques in quilting from traditional quilting, paper piecing, appliqué, and so on. Each month she will hand out two block patterns: a 12.5-inch block and a 6.5-inch block. These blocks are designed around a holiday or monthly theme so fabrics can reflect those designs. In the upcoming months she will also discuss several ways to put the blocks together to make your individual quilts. This is a great time to join the Sod House Quilters as they learn the basic steps of quilting during the next few months.

The Sod House Museum is located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8 and open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Renee at 580/463-2441 or email sodhouse@okhistory.org



Preservation Workshops in El Reno and Blackwell

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. (POK) and the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have partnered to present two workshops in April.

The first workshop, "Making the Most of the Mother Road: How to Care for (and Benefit from) Your Route 66 Resources," will take place on Friday, April 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. in El Reno. While the focus is on historic Route 66 and the communities located along it, everyone concerned about local preservation issues will find the session helpful.

The second workshop will take place on Friday, April 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. in Blackwell. It will focus on historic preservation as a community revitalization tool. Presentations will introduce the agencies and organizations that provide the services and resources that support local preservation efforts. Basics about the National Register of Historic Places, rehabilitation tax credits, POK's grants programs and endangered places list, and using preservation professionals are included on the agenda.

For more information about how to register for the workshops, please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or email preservationok@preservationok.org, or visit www.preservationok.org.

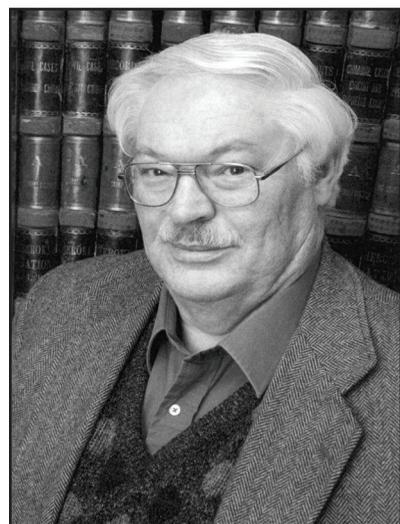
Shop for museums

The Oklahoma History Center Museum Store has formed an exciting new partnership that allows our patrons and members to shop online and support the museum and its mission. [Shopformuseums.com](http://shopformuseums.com) is a site that allows customers to select an organization of their choice, go shopping online, and a portion of the sale is donated to the Museum Store.

The process is simple. Just go to <http://shopformuseums.com>, register for the site, choose Oklahoma History Center Museum Store as your organization, and shop with the suggested retailers. The site offers many retailers from which to choose, and the link for each retailer details what percentage of your purchase goes to the OHC Museum Store.

Utilizing this service is a simple way for OHC members and patrons to show their support of the organization. Money earned through this promotion goes to support the OHC's education programs. We appreciate our members and patrons and their continued support.

Board creates new office to preserve American Indian Heritage



William D. Welge (photo by Terry Zinn).

On January 23 the Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors approved a new program with the sole mission of reaching out to American Indian tribes, associations, and families to preserve cultural artifacts, archival documents, oral histories, and historic sites.

"American Indian cultural preservation has been a major part of OHS programs since 1907," said Dr. Bob L. Blackburn, executive director of the OHS, "but we have never had a specific working unit dedicated to that task. The creation of the OHS Office of American Indian Cultural Preservation gives us that opportunity."

The director of the office will be William D. Welge, long-time director of the OHS Research Division and Indian archivist since 1982. "For more than thirty-five years, I have collected, preserved, and shared American Indian history as part of my duties at the historical society," said Welge.

"The creation of this new office will allow me to spend all of my time and use all of my contacts to build new bridges of communication and collaboration in Indian country."

According to Welge, the central mission of the office is to create a two-way exchange of assistance. The OHS will offer experience in archival management, museum exhibit development, and oral history best practices. Tribal officials and elders will offer an understanding of their own heritage.

"We need to know how Indian people want to record and share their own history," said Blackburn. "We will work with them no matter where the collections are located and stored. The critical task is collecting and preserving those collections so they can be shared today and in the future."

Among the services offered by the OHS office will be training sessions, assistance with grant requests, onsite consultation, and cooperative agreements. For more information, contact Dr. Blackburn at 405/522-5201.

Pawnee Bill egg hunt

On March 30 at 10 a.m. the Pawnee Bill Ranch will host the annual Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt. Pawnee Bill hosted the community egg hunt at his ranch more than one hundred years ago and the tradition is going strong. Hundreds of area children will have the opportunity to join in age-divided egg hunts in separate areas of the ranch. The Lion's Club members donate and hide the eggs, and provide the prizes for the coveted golden eggs.

On March 31 the Friends of the Pawnee Bill Ranch Association will serve a fundraiser breakfast immediately following the nondenominational sunrise service on Blue Hawk Peak. The service is coordinated by the Pawnee Ministerial Alliance and will be located on the lawn of the museum at approximately 6:45 a.m. The breakfast will be served in the museum conference room. For a fee of \$5, patrons will be served a meal of eggs, ham, biscuits and gravy, and drinks. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Pawnee Bill Ranch Association. For more information, call 918/762-2513.

OHC volunteers hold pie contest

National Pie Day was January 23. The OHC museum volunteers celebrated this day by hosting a pie contest judged by the museum staff. The winner was Harry Kocurek and his now famous blueberry pie. Harry has been with the program since 2011 and loves visiting with the guests of the museum. The main purpose of the day was to let the staff know how much the volunteers appreciate their hard work and enjoy working alongside them at the History Center.

The 2013 volunteer calendar is filled with wonderful guest speakers, events, field trips, and opportunities that enhance our mission to "provide trained and dedicated volunteers to assist with the daily and ongoing operations of the various departments within the Oklahoma Museum of History." It is never too late to join our program. Contact Abigail Jones at 405/522-5886 for questions about the volunteer program, or by email at volunteers@okhistory.org.



New Members, cont'd.

Family

Ngozi Nwokolo, Oklahoma City
Richard Parry, Oklahoma City
David Pettyjohn, Oklahoma City
*Mr. and Mrs. George Pitt, Enid
Ilene Quenton, Oklahoma City
Mrs. Brent Raisley, Yukon
*Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roland, Shawnee
*Peter Rollins, Stillwater
*Dr. and Mrs. Michael Schiff, Ponca City
James Stapp, Oklahoma City
*Dr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walton, Shattuck
*Mr. and Mrs. James White, Del City
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Withiam, Cushing

Individual

Terry Acosta, Woodward
Alfred Allen, Meridian
William Anderson, Charleston, IL
Melissa Baker, Maysville
Karen Beckman, Oklahoma City
Alan Bickley, Madison, WI
Mikaila Bizzel, Bixby
Ashley Bonwell, Broken Arrow
Emma Booker, Ardmore
Jordan Brown, Enid
Michala Brown, Allen
Randal Chapman, Davis
Beverly Cook, Marlow
Loreen Cushman, Ada
Gary Davidson, Edmond
Gary Epperley, Sammamish, WA
Jessica Erwin, Elmore
Guy Folger, McAlester
Bubba Foster, Ravia
Jerry Foster, Ardmore
Alisha Franklin, Mead
Tamara Garrison, Davis
Melanie Gooding, Norman
Denise Gordon, Roff
Katie Gragert, Holdenville
Larry Gray, Perry
Sarah Guyino, Clinton
Margaret Hall, Oklahoma City
Michelle Hamilton, Muskogee
Jon Haney, Ada
Raymond Harner, Coleman
Clayton Hawkins, Vinita
Dustin Hayes, Ardmore
Heather Healey, Ardmore
Daniel Heintzmann, Walters
Donnie Henagar, Atoka
Michelle Hutchinson, Panama
Shirley Intermann, Midwest City
Donnovan Janzen, Bessie
Georgia Kemp, Tishomingo
Ranita King, Woodward
Phillip Kragel, Tulsa
William Lambert, Lawton
Luin Leisher, Stillwater
Justin Lister, Chickasha
Dusharme Llanusa, Choctaw
Heather Martin, Ada
Chris McAnear, Ada
Patrick McGregor, Yukon
William McGuire, Okmulgee
Clark McKeever, Enid
David Miller, Norman
Charles Moham, Checotah
Roger Moore, Stillwater
David Morriss, Stonewall
Abou Ndongo, Oklahoma City
Steven Padilla, McAlester
Cheryl Paige, Sapulpa
Kathy Pierson, Marietta, GA
Troy Poarch, Kingfisher
Terri Powers, Custer City
Kathryn Presley, Bryan, TX
Michael Reed, Ardmore
Misty Reznicek, Jones
William Richmond, Holdenville
Debra Rushing, Lindsay
Peter Russell, McAlister
Glenda Ryan, Catoosa
Victoria Sandoval-Mata, Fort Gibson
Darrell Schwartz, Norman
Tiffany Sconyers, Howe
Jesse Serna, Davis
Ellen Sharp, Ada
Joseph Sifuentey, Norman
Margie Silvers, Tulsa
Jarred Smith, Checotah

Amanda Stephenson, Wilson
Terrie Teel, Elk City
Marcia Towner, Mustang
James Walker, Tulsa
James White, Oklahoma City
Dave Wilson, Lawton
Joyce Wishman, Muskogee
Tommy Woodard, Chickasha
Doris Wright, Nashoba
Dennis Yeubanks, Cromwell
Cheryl Young, Enid

Twenty-year members renew in January

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

Eugene Earsom, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1977
Kenneth and Lois Stern, Stillwater, September 1, 1979
William Harrison, Chickasha, December 1, 1979
Laura Stevens, Woodward, January 2, 1980
Richard Mullins, Edmond, January 2, 1982
Steven Fiser, Oklahoma City, March 1, 1982
Carl Cochrane, Hendersonville, NC, January 1, 1983
Evelyn Hart, Weatherford, May 1, 1985
Peter Rollins, Stillwater, November 1, 1985
William and Mae Butler, Quinton, February 1, 1986
Betsy Daugherty, Nichols Hills, November 24, 1986
J. L. Fletcher, Imanol Uribe, Spain, January 5, 1987
Jean Tomassi, Tulsa, November 16, 1987
Charles Jones, Oklahoma City, January 8, 1988
Seymour Rodke, Pauls Valley, October 3, 1988
Luann Waters, Wynnewood, October 27, 1988
Sybil Mayes, Mustang, December 22, 1988
Mary Fisher, Tulsa, October 11, 1989
Van and Liz Hughes, Edmond, November 22, 1989
Ann Lemert, Cedar Vale, KS, December 4, 1989
Donna Koelsch, Locust Grove, December 6, 1989
Linda Horn, Edmond, January 2, 1990
Bernie Mayer, Merrifield, VA, January 10, 1990
Charles Smith, Yukon, June 20, 1990
Robert and Kathleen Markman, North Little Rock, AR, April 11, 1991
Alan Livingston, Houston, TX, November 9, 1991
George Verstraete, Oklahoma City, November 25, 1991
Wendell and Rebecca Morton, Stillwater, December 13, 1991
Arnold Henderson, Norman, January 3, 1992
Tom and Kathleen Hughes, Wheaton IL, January 27, 1992
Claire Martin, Springfield, IL, January 28, 1992
William Arnwine, Riverside, CA, February 13, 1992
Geraldine Sauer, Weatherford, December 11, 1992
Spiro State Bank, Spiro, December 23, 1992
Bob Westmoreland, Ponca City, January 12, 1993

Vernal Equinox Walks

Archaeologist and manager Dennis Peterson will lead guided tours starting at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center. Each walk will take about two hours and require a mile of easy walking. For those wishing to see the sunset, the 7 p.m. walk will start just about sunset, which is when the alignment will take place. Come out to experience one of the most unique historical sites in the United States as seen through the eyes of an archaeologist.

In addition to the regular admission fees, there is a small fee for this series of tours of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. No reservations are required unless you are bringing a big group. Be certain to dress for the weather. For more information, call 918/962-2062.

Annual Family Kite Flite Day

Come celebrate the end of winter and beginning of spring at the 26th Annual Family Kite Flite Day at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center. The Kite Flite Day will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Entry to the center and most activities will be free although donations are appreciated.

Each year since 1987, the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center has hosted a day of spring fun and learning. Each year more than six hundred individuals and families bring lawn chairs, blankets, kids, and kites and fly the winds along with fancier kites flown by professional kites. Demonstrations will include stunt kites, parafoils, and other fancy kites. There will be donated kites given away by drawing throughout the day.

Along with the kite flying, younger kids can have fun in the children's area. There will be a sandbox where children can dig in the sand for shells, jewels, coins, and even a special token that can be turned in for a kite. There will also be a bubble making area, which always draws a crowd.

Along with all the other fun, there will be vendors who will have arts and crafts, American Indian art and other things for sell. There will also be some food vendors and the grounds are perfect for a family picnic.

If you need more information or wish to schedule a group or school tour, please call 918/962-2062.

Queen Victoria Exhibit extended at Chisholm Trail Museum

The Chisholm Trail Museum is proud to announce that, due to the huge success and great turnout in response to our temporary exhibit *Queen Victoria and the Victorian Age*, we are extending the ending date from Friday, February 22, 2013, to Sunday, March 31, 2013. The exhibit has attracted statewide attention, as well as record-level attendance. This unique and once-in-a-lifetime special exhibit is on display at the Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher. The exhibit features items and artifacts from the Victorian era, including personal items of clothing worn by Queen Victoria.

For more information about the Chisholm Trail Museum and to follow upcoming events and programs, please visit www.ctokmuseum.org. The Governor Seay Mansion and Chisholm Trail Museum are located at 605 Zellers Avenue in Kingfisher. Hours of operation are: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 405/375-5176.

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1933 unemployment relief census now online

The OHS Research Center staff and volunteers have recently completed a database of Oklahoma records for unemployment relief. The database includes more than one hundred thousand names from twenty-seven counties. These records are part of the William H. Murray Collection and include valuable genealogical details about Oklahomans including name, race, age, nearest post office/address, number of dependents, occupation, and whether or not they needed relief.



The OHS website offers many resources for researchers and genealogists including select marriage and divorce indexes, the 1890 Oklahoma Territorial Census, Smith's First Directory of Oklahoma Territory, the Dawes Final Rolls, and much more. In December *Family Tree Magazine* named www.okhistory.org one of the best state websites of 2012, the only Oklahoma website to make the list. Visit www.okhistory.org/research to begin your search.

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Third annual Cowboy Roundup

The Oklahoma History Center invites you and your family to load up your little cowboys and cowgirls and join us for a rendezvous with adventure at the third annual Cowboy Roundup on Saturday March 23. Cowboys and chuck wagons will bring the cattle drive era to life for visitors of all ages. Special activities include rope making, branding, a medicine man show, and more.

Cowboy Roundup activities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Youth are encouraged to dress the part for their day at the museum. For more information on Cowboy Roundup please contact Jason Harris at jharris@okhistory.org or by phone at 405/522-0785.



Beginning Cherokee basketmaking



Join the Oklahoma History Center for a beginning basketweaving class on Saturday, March 9. Instructor Marcia Bellawig will introduce basic basketweaving, and students will complete double-wall Cherokee-style baskets in the class. The cost for the class is \$60 and includes all materials and lunch. The class is designed for adults and space is limited. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Sarah Dumas at sdumas@okhistory.org, or by phone at 405/522-0791.

Blacksmithing meeting

The Saltfork Crafters Association will be having a working meeting at the Fort Supply Historic Site on Saturday, March 23. Members will work on blacksmith projects while sharing information about their craft to the public. Admission is free. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 580/766-3767