



# Mistletoe Leaves



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## Winners named in OHS Kids nature photography contest

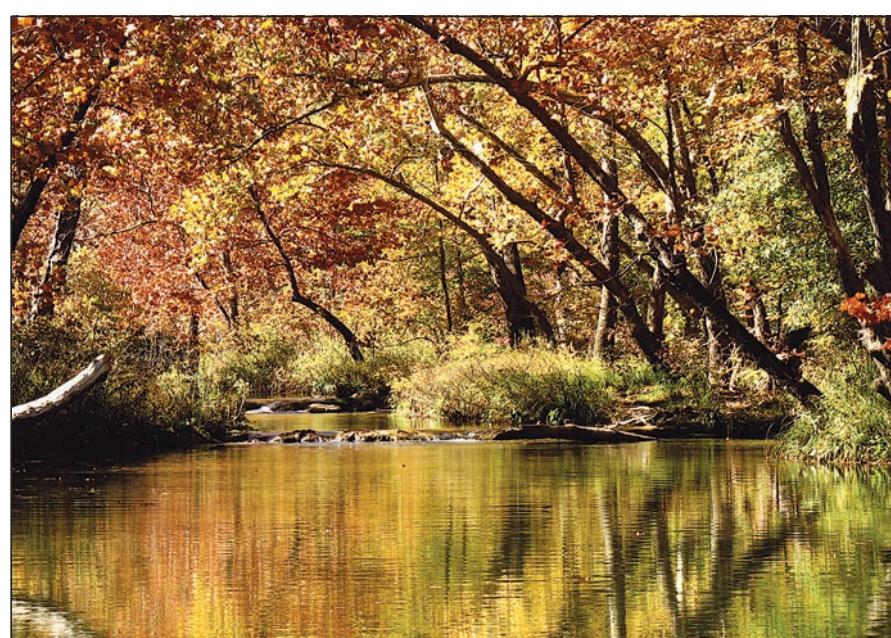
Picturing the Sooner State's great outdoors became a serious pursuit for young Oklahomans during February and March, 2008. The contest opened in February and ended on April 14. Young photographers submitted more than 260 images in the photo contest that accompanied the *Field, Forest & Stream* exhibit, which premiered on April 4 in the History Center.

Three age groups competed: Grades 1–5, Grades 6–8, and Grades 9–12. Photos were judged on creativity, photographic technique, and originality. The winners were announced on April 14, and their work is now displayed on the OHS Kids web page at [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org). First, second, and third prizes were awarded in each of the three categories.

Winners in each category were: Grades 9–12, first prize, Laura Nauman, age 17, of Oklahoma City; second prize, Lacy Barker, 16, Waynoka; third prize, Rachel Matthews, age 14, Moore.

Grades 6–8, first prize, Keaton Garland, 14, Glenpool; second prize, Austin Boyd, 14, Glenpool; third prize, Jessi Hamill, 14, Adair.

Grades 1–5, first prize, Creighton Ellis, 11, Sallisaw; second prize, Annie Bragg, 8, Norman; third prize, Destiny Slemp, 8, Gracemont.



Above left:  
Photo by  
Creighton Ellis

Above:  
Photo by  
Keaton Garland

Left:  
Photo by  
Laura Nauman



A 1948 Chrysler with a Camp'Otel camper entices visitors at the entrance to the *Field, Forest & Stream* exhibit, on display through 2008 in the History Center (Bill Siemens photo).

## Field, Forest & Stream debuts to a crowd on April 3

The cooperative exhibit produced by the Oklahoma Museum of History and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation opened to rave reviews on April 3 at a special reception for ODWC employees and OHS members. More than 350 attended and enjoyed a feast of roast buffalo, venison chili, and other delicacies.

The exhibit continues through 2008. Exhibit sponsors include BancFirst, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, C2 Productions, Groendyke Transport, Inc., the Kerr Foundation, Inc., and Wachovia Securities.

### Red Hat Day is May 3

For information on Red Hat Day at the Oklahoma History Center, call Robbin Davis at 405/522-0754 or e-mail her at [rkdavis@okhistory.org](mailto:rkdavis@okhistory.org).



## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

One of my favorite side trips here in the Oklahoma History Center is the Reading Room of the Library. I like to talk to the staff and volunteers, and I usually ask a researcher or two if they are having any luck. I invariably get a big smile and a short history of their most recent discovery.

I think I enjoy those moments so much because I was fortunate to grow up with a sense of family history. For some reason, I was interested in where we had come from.

My grandmother, Effie Turley, was born in 1893, the last of two families raised by my great-grandfather, Andrew C. Young, and my great-grandmother, Molly Ward Young. Between them, I had my own personal lesson in American history.

Andrew was born in 1835 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Of Scots-Irish descent, he was a small-landholding farmer. Mary came from a family of Methodist preachers. One relative was the first Methodist circuit rider west of the Appalachians in Kentucky during the 1790s.

Andrew joined the South Carolina Volunteers when the Civil War erupted. He fought in most of the major battles, was wounded several times, and was captured during the retreat from Gettysburg in 1863. He spent the last two years of the conflict as a prisoner of war at Point Lookout, Maryland.

He moved to Arkansas following the war and settled among a number of other South Carolina families gathered in the rocky hills of what is now Howard County, located about an hours drive east of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The only remnants of the little community of Bluff Springs are the cemetery and the latest reincarnation of the old church.

There, at the Young Place, not far from Jesse Gene's store and Dr. Holcomb's home, Effie was born in 1893. Judging from the photographs that have survived, it was a prosperous little community scattered through the hills above the Saline River.

By 1925 that prosperity was gone. Debt, worn-out soil, and the boll weevil were driving people off the land. Grandpa and Grandma got a second chance when a relative put in a good crop of cotton along the banks of the Washita River in Grady County, Oklahoma. With their seven kids stacked in the back of a Model-T truck, they went west to pick cotton.

Fortunately for my family, Grandpa found a job laying pipeline for Oklahoma Natural Gas, which had just brought in some prolific gas wells in the area. Four years later my mother, Ida Mae, was born in Ninnekah.

Today, this story is part of me. It defines me. It grounds me.

At the Oklahoma Historical Society, we want everyone to have that same sense of belonging. If a person can connect with his or her own family, then they can connect to the land, a town, a state, a country.

Yes, I enjoy walking through the Reading Room of the Library. There, people are discovering their own little lessons in history, family style.

## Development News

By Tim Zwink

I am very pleased to report that the Trustees of the Kerr Foundation, Inc., have awarded the Oklahoma Historical Society a one-to-one Challenge Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The challenge grant funds are offered to sponsor and support the new *Field, Forest & Stream* exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center.

To meet the conditions of the grant, we will need to raise \$5,000 by March 2009. Any donation made to help with this matching grant will need to have "The Kerr Foundation, Inc. challenge" on the face of the check.

Please consider a contribution to help us meet this challenge grant. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling the impact of your donation. You also will be supporting the exciting and educational *Field, Forest & Stream* exhibit. This outstanding exhibit is designed to celebrate Oklahoma's rich outdoor heritage and history.

If you have any questions about this matching grant or any of our other fund-raising projects, contact me at 405/522-5217 or at [tzwink@okhistory.org](mailto:tzwink@okhistory.org).



*Field, Forest & Stream* exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center.

## New Members, March 2008

\*Indicates renewed membership in a higher category

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## Meetings

The **Oklahoma Genealogical Society's** monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City. Speaker Marianne Long will present "Germans from Russia and their Records." The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. The OHS Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. (Special to ML)

## Events

The Sayre Methodist Church New Life Center, located at 802 North Fourth St. in **Sayre**, will be the venue for an appraisal

### New Members, cont'd.

William and Adelaide Liedtke, Oklahoma City  
Clifford and Cynthia Luckens, Oklahoma City  
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Rachel Whitaker, Rose  
Dr. Gary Zellar, Saskatoon, SK, Canada

### Institutions

Hennessey Public Library, Hennessey  
Cherokee City-County Library, Cherokee

fair on Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Accredited appraisers Lynn Livingston of Oklahoma City and Cynthia J. Hale of Tulsa, who specializes in Western and Native American items, will be present. The event is open to the public. Individuals bringing items for appraisal will get in free but will be charged \$10 for the first item appraised and \$5 for each additional item (no more than three items per person). Observers will be charged a \$5 admission. A lunch will be available for an additional charge. Contact Joan Ellison at 580/928-5757 or 580/928-5164. (Special to ML)

Young and old alike will enjoy a ride on a real passenger train. Visit the Oklahoma Railway Museum located at 3400 Northeast Grand Blvd. (west of I-35 and south of Northeast Thirty-sixth Street) in **Oklahoma City**. The trains operate on the first and third Saturdays during the months of April through October. The museum opens at 9 a.m. Departure times from the historic Oakwood Depot are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Rides are free for children under the age of 3, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12, and \$8 for all others. Also, tickets are now available for Thomas the Tank Engine, which will be rolling into the ORM this fall. For tickets and more about the museum visit <[www.oklahomarailway.org](http://www.oklahomarailway.org)> or call 405/424-8222. (The Dispatcher, May 2007)

The public is invited to join the Bibliophiles of Oklahoma when they meet in the Overholser Mansion carriage house, at 405 Northwest Fifteenth, **Oklahoma City**, on Thursday, May 22. At 7 p.m. Dr. Kevin J. Hayes will give a presentation about Patrick Henry's private library. For additional information call Benjamin Clark at 405/522-0793. His e-mail is <[bclark@okhistory.org](mailto:bclark@okhistory.org)>. (Special to ML)

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence announces that Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will speak at their 22d annual Academic Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. on May 17, at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center, 6806 South 107th East Ave., **Tulsa**. Her topic will be "Leadership Lessons From Abraham Lincoln." Contact Brenda Wheelock at 405/236-0006 or e-mail <[bwheelock@ofe.org](mailto:bwheelock@ofe.org)>. (Special to ML)

Food festivals abound in the merry month of May. The 61st annual Strawberry Festival takes place from May 8 through May 10 in downtown **Stilwell**. In addition to free strawberries and ice cream the celebration will include a powwow, rodeo, parade, and art and crafts show. Call 918/696-7845 for more information.

In celebration of its Lebanese heritage **Bristow** is hosting a Tabouleh Festival on May 10. Among the planned activities are a beauty pageant, a talent show, and music. Call 918/367-3324 or e-mail <[rickroot@hotmail.com](mailto:rickroot@hotmail.com)>. The popular annual Italian Festival will be held on May 17-18 at Southeast Expo Center and Fairgrounds in **McAlester**. Telephone 918/429-3762, and for groups call 918/426-2055 or 918/426-3787. (Special to ML)

For fun and learning plan to attend **Tuttle's** Silver City Antique Tractor, Engine and Equipment Show scheduled for May 16-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Schrock Park, located one-half mile west of town, visitors can see demonstrations of corn and silage grinding, wheat threshing, and hay baling and view displays of antique farm equipment. Other attractions will include a parade of power, food booths, flea market, and craft show. For info phone 405/596-7644 or e-mail <[nrbaker4@pldi.net](mailto:nrbaker4@pldi.net)>. (Special to ML)

Two state parks are offering free fishing clinics for children. At **Greenleaf State Park** near Braggs kids can learn casting, fish identification, water safety, and fishing rules and regulations on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call 918/487-7125. Children through age 13 can participate in a fishing clinic to be held at **Tenkille State Park** near Vian on May 17. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Hot dog lunches will be sold, and prize drawings will be held shortly before lunch. This event ends at 2 p.m. Telephone 918/489-5641 or e-mail <[lbunn@oklahomaparks.com](mailto:lbunn@oklahomaparks.com)>. (Special to ML)

At Indian City USA in **Anadarko** the Kiowa Black Leggins Society will host an event honoring those who are serving or who have served in the military. Planned for Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, 2008, at 2 p.m. the ceremony will include the presentation of colors, singing of war mother's song, and Native American dancing. Bring your own lawn chairs. Please call and confirm the event at 405/247-5661. (Special to ML)

In downtown **Broken Bow** families can have fun at the Kool Kars and Krazy Kones affair planned for Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. In addition to rod run cars on display and food booths, activities will include a dance contest, a Hula-Hoop contest, sack races, mighty midget car races, and kids' games. For info call 580/584-2440 or e-mail <[bbmain@pine-net.com](mailto:bbmain@pine-net.com)>. (Special to ML)

# Hidden Collections . . .

## The James Cloud Collection

By Larry O'Dell

Historic collections come from a variety of outlets, including long-time volunteers with the Oklahoma Historical Society. One of the most tireless workers and cheerful volunteers, James W. Cloud, not only meticulously processed a number of materials, but also donated an important collection from his own life. The James Cloud Collection (94.05) contains manuscripts related to the Portland Cement Company, the Federal Aeronautics Administration (FAA), and construction and inspection of Oklahoma airfields. In many ways, the more important contribution is the airport photographs. These images date from the 1940s into the 1960s.

Jim Cloud, a native Oklahoman born in Okmulgee in 1924, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, participating in the Battle of the Bulge. In the military he earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Cloud maintained an interest in history throughout his career as an engineer. He worked for several private and governmental agencies and was FAA chief engineer for the Civil Engineering Section, Airports District Office for Oklahoma and Arkansas.



Municipal Airport, Medford, Oklahoma, 1949 (OHS Research Division photo).

In the early 1960s the *Daily Oklahoman* printed a story about his Chisholm Trail research. He later wrote many historical articles for groups such as the Oklahombres. In the early 1990s he began volunteering for the Research Division, and at the time of his untimely death in 2006 had become its longest-serving volunteer.

Cloud's collection of airport photographs have been scanned and placed in the Re-

search Division online catalog, available at <[www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org)>, where higher-quality prints and digital images can be ordered. These photos span Oklahoma, ranging from Guymon to Ada. Cloud's collection may also be accessed at the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center in the Oklahoma History Center.

# OHS Places . . .

## Spiro Mounds

18154 First Street  
Spiro, OK 74959  
Phone: 918/962-2062  
Hours: Wed.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Sun., Noon-5 p.m.  
Admission: Free; donations accepted.  
Directions: The Spiro Mounds Center is located 3 miles east of Spiro on S.H. 9/U.S. 271 and 4 miles north on Lock and Dam Road.

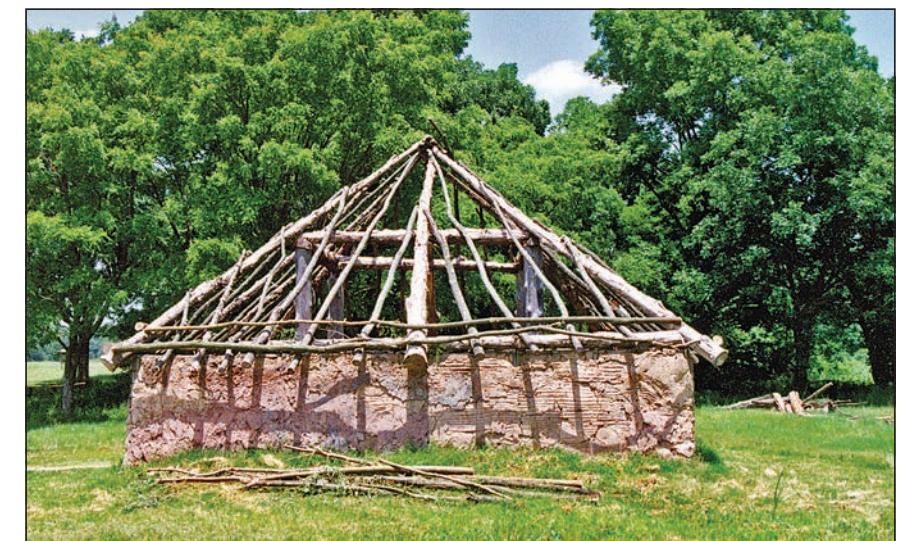
As the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma, the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center opens the window to one of the state's richest cultural resources. Situated in a bend of the Arkansas River in present eastern Oklahoma, the site offers visitors a visual and virtual view of a permanent settlement that began at that location circa A.D. 800. Centrally located in present United States, the Spiroans developed an extensive trade network that extended in all directions throughout the Mississippi Valley, the Plains, and the Southeast. Known for their practice of mound construction, they had a religious center as well as a political system that influenced the region. With gender-specific responsibilities, women grew corn, beans, and squash, and men hunted. The settlement declined around 1450. The reason for its demise continues to be a mystery. The area remained uninhabited until the removal of the Choctaw to Indian Territory in the 1830s.

In addition to the interpretive center visitors can see the remains of a village and twelve earthen mounds. Spiroans built three types of mounds: burial, temple, and house. The burial mound known as Craig Mound has probably attracted the most attention. Actually consisting of four contiguous mounds, Craig Mound is 33 feet high, 120 feet wide, and more than 180 feet long.

Plan to attend the 30th Birthday Bash and Archaeology Day on Saturday, May 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See another column in this issue giving specifics about the scheduled activities, which include a special guided tour, tool-making demonstrations, a chance to learn games such as chunkee and stickball, a sand box



for children to dig up for treasures, and more. Other annual events include the Family Kite Flite Day and the Vernal Equinox walks, both held in March, and the Winter Solstice walks in December.



## **It Takes More Than Money . . .**

. . . to create collections and exhibits that can fulfill the Oklahoma Historical Society's goals of educating the public and providing research opportunities. It takes the donation of an artifact, an art work, a book, a document, or a whole collection of those things that help us tell Oklahoma's story. It also takes volunteers who put their time where others put their money or their artifacts. Here are the contributions of some of your friends and associates who understand those needs:

**At the January meeting of the OHS Board of Directors Jan Fendley (right)** was named OHS Volunteer of the Quarter. Fendley played a major role in the Red River Journey Brick Project. She processed orders and captained the placement of the bricks. The Brick Project has been tremendously successful, with more than 3,500 purchased to date. Proceeds from this fund-raiser benefit the OHS Research Center. Fendley has also created a Brick Locator that allows patrons to find the location of their personalized bricks. She also assists patrons in the Research Center.

**At the March meeting of the Friends of the Archives OHS volunteer Jodie Cole** received the William D. Pennington Volunteer Service Award. During years of serving in the Research Center she has participated in many projects, including the Oklahoma Tract Book Index, the Oklahoman Obituary Index, and the Oklahoma County Marriage Index. She also serves as a contact person for volunteers and assists patrons in the Library. Cole is the first to receive the award, established to honor the



late president of Murray State College and member of the OHS Board of Directors. Founded in 1996, the Friends of the Archives exists to promote the preservation of Oklahoma's history.

### **Research Division Donors, January-March, 2008**

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Tye, Ed, San Diego, CA  
Vance, Grace, Edmond  
Williams, Janise, Mesa, AZ  
Young, Mary C., Oklahoma City

### **May events slated for Cherokee Strip Outreach Center**

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center outreach facility's Oklahoma history lecture series continues throughout the month of May.

On May 14 (Wednesday) at noon, Glen McIntyre, the Cherokee Strip Heritage Center's education director, will lecture on "After the Civil War: Cattle Drives and Indian Wars."

On May 21 (Wednesday) at noon, Kathy Dickson, OHS Outreach Director, will discuss "Refugees in Indian Territory During the Civil War."

On May 24 (Saturday), which is Armed Forces Day, at 1 p.m. in the afternoon personnel from Enid's Vance Air Force Base will offer a special patriotic presentation.

All of these programs are free and open to the public. The Outreach Center is located inside the Oakwood Mall at 4125 West Garriot in Enid.

For more information call Glen McIntyre at 580/237-1907.

### **Honey Springs Battlefield hosts Civil War Preservation Trust**

The annual sites tour conducted by the Civil War Preservation Trust visited the Honey Springs and Cabin Creek Battlefields and Fort Gibson on April 17–20.

The Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield provided a luncheon that was hosted by OHS Board member Emmy Scott Stidham of Checotah. Howard McKinnis, of Honey Springs Battlefield, led the group through infantry drills, and a reenactor artillery unit gave demonstration of cannon firing.

The Civil War Preservation Trust, which is the nation's largest private organization helping preserve endangered battlefields, was holding its annual meeting in Springfield, Missouri. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the trust annually publishes a list of the 25 most endangered battlefields in the United States.



### **Brown bag it at Pawnee Bill Ranch on May 14**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 14, when the Pawnee Bill Museum will host the next in their series of Brown Bag Lectures. The May lecture will feature information on the artists of the Pawnee Bill Ranch.

Bring your lunch in a brown bag (or any other color carrying device) and enjoy the discussion. It will focus on paintings that are on display inside Pawnee Bill's historic 1910 mansion. After lunch guests will tour the house to see the art work in its historic context.

The program begins at 12 noon and will continue until 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call the museum's staff at 918/762-2513. Their e-mail address is <pawneebill@okhistory.org>. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site is located at 1411 Pawnee Bill Road, off U.S. Highway 64 a little to the southeast of the town of Pawnee.

# ARTFULLY DONE

Oklahoma's 20th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

June 4–6, 2008

**City Hall**  
**Downtown Ponca City**  
**516 East Grand Avenue**  
**Ponca City, Oklahoma**

## CONFERENCE COSPONSORS

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Ponca City Chamber of Commerce/Ponca City Tourism Department  
Ponca City Historic Preservation Advisory Panel  
Newkirk Main Street

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

J. Myrick Howard will deliver the conference keynote address on Thursday (June 5), and his presentation is entitled "Buying Time for Heritage." He is the executive director of Preservation North Carolina, the state's only statewide private nonprofit preservation organization and has held this position since 1978. Preservation NC is one of the nation's largest and most prestigious statewide preservation organizations.

Preservation North Carolina's endangered properties program, the first of its kind in the nation, is regarded as one of the best. Since 1977 more than 500 historic properties in more than 65 counties have been protected by the program, resulting in the investment of over \$200 million in private funds. Among its other programs, Preservation North Carolina operates two of the state's most important architectural landmarks as museums: the Bellamy Mansion Museum of History and Design Arts in Wilmington and Ayr Mount in Hillsborough.

A Durham native, Howard attended Brown University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his Master's degree in city planning and a law degree in 1978. In 2006 he participated in the Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. He has been extensively published, and he has made presentations about PNC's work in more than thirty states and three foreign countries. His most recent work is the publication of *Buying Time for Heritage*, a book about saving endangered properties published in 2007 with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. He teaches a graduate seminar on Historic Preservation Planning each year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 2003 to 2005 he served on the Board of Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Ramona Bartos Attorney at Law, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Athens, Georgia  
Daniel Carey, Southwest Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Worth, Texas  
Kathryn A. Flynn, Executive Director, National New Deal Preservation Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
J. Myrick Howard, President, Preservation North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Greg Kendrick, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Denver, Colorado  
Steve Kline, Historic Preservation Officer, General Services Administration, Greater Southwest Region, Fort Worth, Texas  
Susan Allen Kline, Historic Preservation Consultant, Fort Worth, Texas

D. Bambi Kraus, President, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Washington, D.C.

Bryon Roesselet, Project Manager, Evergreen Painting Studios, Boyd, Wisconsin

Kennedy Smith, Principal, The Community Land Use and Economics Group, LLC, Arlington, Virginia

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Registration: City Hall, 516 East Grand Avenue. Opens at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 4, and runs throughout the conference.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

**1:45 pm - 3:15 pm**

#### TRACK A: Art and Architecture

##### *Oklahoma's Outdoor Sculpture*

Identifying and Protecting Oklahoma's Outdoor Sculpture, Brenda Granger

The Pioneer Woman Statue: An Outdoor Sculpture Preservation Case Study, Kathy Dickson

#### TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs

##### *Developing Leadership for Local Preservation Programs*

Ten Things Successful Preservationists Know, Melvena Heisch

What Local Preservation Leaders Need to Know about the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Its Programs, Daniel Carey

#### TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future

##### *Special Programs for Nationally Significant Places*

National Historic Landmarks and National Heritage Areas: What are they?, Greg Kendrick

Protecting and Sharing Ponca City's E. W. Marland Mansion: A Case Study, David Keathly

**3:15 pm BREAK**

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

#### TRACK A: Art and Architecture

Restoration of the Marland Mansion Ceiling, Bryon Roesselet

#### TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs

##### *Developing Leadership for Local Preservation Programs (Cont'd.)*

Building Community Heritage Programs: A Panel Discussion, Phil Bandy, Linda Barnett, Barbara Elder, Melvena Heisch, David Pettyjohn, Georgia Williams

#### TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future

The Oklahoma Historical Society's National Historic Landmarks, Valerie Haynes, Catherine Montgomery, Martha Ray, Robert Rea

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

#### Opening Reception

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

**8:30 am - 10:00 am**

#### TRACK A: Art and Architecture

##### *Art and Architecture of the New Deal*

The New Deal Legacy After 75 Years, Kathryn A. Flynn

New Deal Art in Historic Oklahoma Post Offices, Alyson Greiner

## TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs

### *Developing Leadership for Local Preservation Programs (Cont'd.)*

The Next Generation of Leaders on Main Street: Involving Youth in Downtown Revitalization Programs, Stephen Boyd, Nicholle Callahan, Donna Dow, Karen Dye

## TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future

### *Stage, Screen, and Preservation*

New Life for Historic Theaters, Kennedy Smith

**10:00 am BREAK**

**10:15 am - 11:45 am**

## TRACK A: Art and Architecture

### *The Importance of Art in Public Spaces*

Art and Historic Preservation in Federal Buildings: An Incredible Journey, Steve Kline

Oklahoma Art in Public Places, Debby Williams

## TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs

### *Developing Leadership for Local Preservation Programs (Cont'd.)*

Learning and Sharing through a Rehabilitation Project, Faith Reilly, Nolan Reilly, Frank Frantz, Tom Frantz

## TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future

### *Stage, Screen and Preservation (Cont'd.)*

The Poncan Theater, Larry Buck

Cordell's Washita Theater, Phil Kliewer

Okmulgee's Orpheum Theater, John McConnel

**12:00 noon - 1:45 pm**

*Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Meeting and Luncheon*

**OR**

Lunch Tours

**2:00 pm - 3:15 pm**

Keynote Session

3:15 pm BREAK

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

## TRACK A: Art and Architecture

The Art of Spiro Mounds, Dennis Peterson

Oklahoma's Rock Art, Lee Bement

## TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs

### *Physical and Fiscal Challenges for Local Preservation Programs*

Preserving Local Landmarks with Limited Resources: A Workshop for Local Leaders, J. Myrick Howard

## TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future

### *Stage, Screen, and Preservation (Cont'd.)*

Oklahoma City's Film Exchange District, David Wanzer

Ada's Wintersmith Park Amphitheatre, Marvin Kroeker

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

### *An Evening with Friends*

Pre-Banquet Reception (6:00 pm)

SHPO's Annual Awards Banquet (7:00 pm)

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 6**

**8:30 am - 10:00 am**

### **TRACK A: Art and Architecture**

#### **Oklahoma's Architectural Legacy**

Oklahoma Architecture: Beyond Statehood, Arn Henderson, Jeanne Homer, Randy Seitsinger

Nifty Fifties Architecture: The Modern Work of Paul Harris, Cynthia Savage

### **TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs**

Legal Tools for Protecting Local Landmarks: Ordinances, Easements, Covenants, and Other Mechanisms, Ramona Bartos

### **TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future**

#### **The Future of a Legacy**

The Role of Tribal Governments in the Nation's Historic Preservation Program, D. Bambi Kraus

**10:00 am BREAK**

**10:15 am - 11:45 am**

### **TRACK A: Art and Architecture**

#### **Brick, Stone, and Metal: Historic Residential Architecture**

Houses of Solomon Andrew Layton, Bret A. Carter  
Lustron Houses, Kelli Gaston

### **TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs**

Legal Tools for Protecting Local Landmarks (Cont'd.)

### **TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future**

#### **The Future of a Legacy (Cont'd.)**

The Birth Place of the Modern Pow Wow, the Ponca Nation's White Eagle Park: What It Means to Oklahoma History, Dan C. Jones, Mary Jane Warde

**12:00 noon - 1:45 pm**

Lunch Tours

**OR**

"Greenvarnation" Brown Bag Lunch

**1:45 pm - 3:15 pm**

### **TRACK A: Art and Architecture**

#### **Living in the Recent Past**

Rehabilitating Office Buildings of the Recent Past for Residential Use: Oklahoma City's Park Harvey Building and Citizens Bank Tower, Catherine Montgomery, Steve Morris

### **TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs**

#### **Physical and Fiscal Challenges in Smaller Rehabilitation Projects**

Appropriate Historic Building Rehabilitation Work for Smaller Projects and Limited Budgets, Harry Simms, Ron Frantz

### **TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future**

#### **The Future of a Legacy (Cont'd.)**

Tribal Historic Preservation Programs in Oklahoma, Robert Cast, Terry Cole, Jeremy Finch, Karen Kaniatobe

**3:15 pm BREAK**

**3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

### **TRACK A: Art and Architecture**

#### **Living in the Recent Past: Suburban Neighborhoods In Oklahoma**

Edwards Heights Historic District, John Calhoun Simplicity, Informality, Privacy—Modern Living in Ranch Acres, Cathy Ambler Lortondale, Ed Sharrer

### **TRACK B: Sculpting Community Preservation Programs**

#### **Physical and Fiscal Challenges in Smaller Rehabilitation Projects (Cont'd.)**

Appropriate Rehabilitation Work for Smaller Projects and Limited Budgets (Cont'd.)

### **TRACK C: Drawing on the Past for a Dramatic Future**

#### **Historic Places Where We Learn, More than Just One Room**

Tulsa's Will Rogers High School: A Statement in Art Deco, Cathy Ambler

"The Little Red Schoolhouse Goes Modern" and It Happened in Oklahoma, Susan Allen Kline, Cynthia Savage

### **ABOUT SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS**

**Opening Reception:** Begin the evening at the newly opened Standing Bear Museum and Park which features the six area Native American tribes. Join Ponca City and Newkirk Main Streets and the Standing Bear Foundation, along with friends and colleagues, to hear the story of Ponca Chief Standing Bear, important Native American civil rights leader. Share refreshments and a tour of the museum and grounds. (June 4) **Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** Oklahoma's statewide nonprofit organization invites you to join them for their annual meeting and luncheon. The program will include an update on POK's activities this past year and a special presentation by Bryon Roesselet, Project Manager, Evergreen Painting Studios, concerning efforts to plan for the Overholser Mansion's interior restoration. (June 5, reservations required)

**Pre-banquet Reception/Awards Banquet:** Join the State Historic Preservation Office at Marland's Grand Home, the first home of E. W. Marland, founder of Conoco Oil Co. The 1916 home was built with air-conditioning and an indoor swimming pool. As you mingle with award recipients and colleagues, view the Louise Fluke Oklahoma Flag Plaza (Fluke was a Ponca City resident and Oklahoma state flag designer). Then E. W. and Lydie Marland return to their "Palace on the Prairie" and welcome everyone to dinner. The SHPO will present the Citations of Merit and the National Register certificates and will also recognize Oklahoma's newest Preserve America Communities, Ponca City and Tulsa. Round out the evening with tours of the Marland Mansion. (June 5, reservations required)

**"Greenvarnation" Brown Bag Lunch:** Bring your own lunch and join staff from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for an informal discussion about the intersection of preservation needs and green/sustainability issues in Oklahoma. The National Trust wants to learn, from you, what tools are needed so we can make the case that preservation is green. We will eat lunch and talk about what we need to be "greenvarnationists." (June 6, no reservations)

### **Lunch Tours (reservations required, each tour limited to 25)**

**Tour #1: Downtown Ponca City Walking Tour** - Phil Bandy, Historic Reenactor, and Dave May, Executive Director, Poncan Theatre, will be your guides for a walk through Ponca City's historic commercial district. Learn about the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893 and the work of B. S.

Barnes, founder of Ponca City and first mayor. The tour will focus on the architecture of the downtown which features many excellent examples of the Spanish Colonial Revival style. Then tour the historic 1927 Poncan Theatre, enjoy lunch in the upstairs Pickrel Room, and view original 1920s lobby art recently uncovered. (June 5, reservations required, wear comfortable shoes)

### **Tour #2: Wentz Camp and Lake Ponca WPA**

**Shelter Houses** - Jim Sindelar, Supervisor, Ponca City Park and Recreation Department, will guide participants through the noted 1927 Wentz Camp established by oilman and philanthropist Lew Wentz. Local limestone was the primary material used in the camp's construction. The camp includes cabins, a mess hall, and swimming pool. A castle motif with Romanesque Revival details is reflected in the designs for the buildings and structures. The camp's centerpiece is the swimming pool, built with imported Italian tiles and stone balustrades. A magnificent view of Lake Ponca completes the setting. (June 5, reservations required, wear comfortable shoes)

**Tour #3: Gateway Neighborhood Historic District Walking Tour** - Join guides Timilyn Crank, Chairman, and Mindy LittleCook, Member of the City of Ponca City's Historic Preservation Advisory Panel, and Gateway residents for a walk along the three blocks that comprise Ponca City's first district listed in the National Register and designated under the local preservation ordinance. Many prominent early-day citizens occupied these houses, and architectural styles include Dutch Colonial, Craftsman, Prairie School, Colonial Revival and Folk Victorian. (June 6, reservations required, wear comfortable shoes)

**Tour #4: Historic Newkirk/Chilocco Bus Tour** - The tour takes participants to Historic Downtown Newkirk, the county seat of Kay County, and home to many original stone buildings of the late 1800s and early 1900s existing in the Cherokee Outlet. Newkirk Main Street, a National Main Street winner and a Great American Main Street Community, has painstakingly fought to save as many of these buildings as possible. Karen Dye, Executive Director, Newkirk Main Street, will be your guide. Then on north to Chilocco Indian School, a boarding school for Native American children from across the country. Chilocco opened in 1884 and had a campus consisting of many native stone structures. The site is listed on Preservation Oklahoma's 2008 Most Endangered list and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. Bret Carter, City of Ponca City Historic Preservation Advisory Panel member and Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. board member, will serve as your Chilocco guide. (June 6, reservations required, tour returns by 3 p.m.)

### **FOR A REGISTRATION BROCHURE**

To obtain a registration brochure, contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or by e-mail at <mheisch@okhistory.org>. The deadline for registration is May 24. Full program and registration information (including lodging) are on the SHPO's web site at <www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm>.

### **ABOUT A PRESERVATION COMING ATTRACTION**

Tulsa will host the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference October 21-25, 2008. Plan to be a part of Preservation in Progress. This is a premiere opportunity for the entire Oklahoma preservation community, and details are online at <www.nthpconference.org>. Special scholarships are available for Oklahoma preservation leaders; contact Lindsey Galloway, Oklahoma Main Street Center, at 405/815-5133 or <lindsey\_galloway@okcommerce.gov> about the application process. The application deadline is June 1.

## **Gift Shop News**

By Russ Haynes

Hello from the gift shop! I hope everyone is having a great 2008. The annual meeting was a great success, and I enjoyed seeing many of you there. Thank you for your patronage at the Gift Shop booth. It is greatly appreciated. If you haven't ever taken the opportunity to attend, then you are missing quite an annual treat. Here are a few of the newer books we have for sale in the store.

**REVIVING THE OUTDOORS:** *Hookin' Em Up and Knockin' Em Down with Cody and Cody* by Cody Easom and Cody Hughes. Includes lively tales of hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors as well as tasty recipes for cooking up your catch. 129 pages. Paperback. \$10.95

**RUNNIN' WITH THE BIG DOGS:** *The Long Twisted History of the Texas-OU Rivalry* by Mike Shropshire. Here is the colorful, fast-paced, and thoroughly outlandish saga of a ferociously entertaining annual college gridiron confrontation dear to the hearts of Oklahomans and Texans alike. Includes the stories of All Americans, Heisman Trophy winners, future NFL All Pros, and some of the most storied coaches in the history of the sport. 206 pages. Paperback. \$13.95

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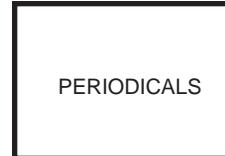
**EDUCATION FOR EXTINCTION:** *American Indians and the Boarding School Experience, 1875-1928* by David Wallace Adams. Tells the poignant story of the relentless war against American Indian children. It is a tale about policy makers who sought to use boarding schools as an instrument for transforming Indian youth to 'American' ways of thinking, doing, and living. 396 pages. Paperback. \$17.95

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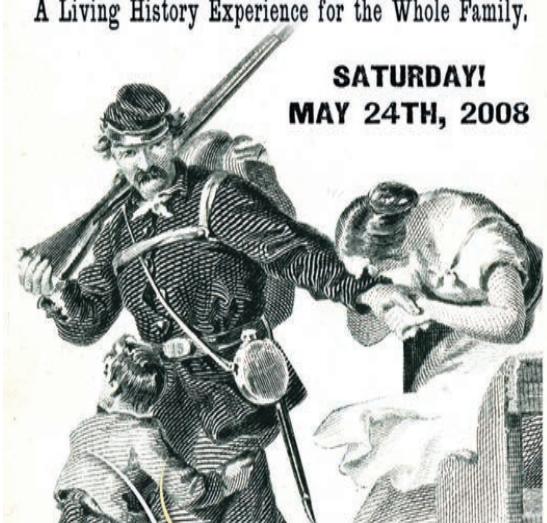
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**MAY 24TH, 2008**



This summer the Oklahoma History Center will offer a series of Saturday programs for families and visitors. On May 24 museum staff and volunteers will unite for "A Call to Arms." The activities take place from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m. The subject is the Civil War in the Indian Territory. Participants will learn infantry and artillery drill, visit the surgeon, play period games, take 1860s-style dance lessons, and more.

On June 14 the museum will present Pioneer Life, including a land run. On June 19 interpreters in period clothing will offer tours of the galleries. Admission to each of these days is free for OHS members. General visitors to the History Center may participate by purchasing a paid admission. For additional information visit <[www.okhistorycenter.org](http://www.okhistorycenter.org)> or call Jason Harris at 405/522-0785.

## **Archaeology Day is coming!**

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center will celebrate its 30th birthday on May 10, 2008, which coincides with the Third Annual Archaeology Day. The purpose of Archaeology Day is to make the public more aware of the past and the science of archaeology.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. visitors will have an opportunity to learn more about the mound sites and about artifacts. Professional archaeologists and several knowledgeable avocationals will be available throughout the day to help explain, display, and demonstrate the tools of prehistory. If you have arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts and would like to know what they are and who made them, bring them along. Due to the limited number of experts and the large number of visitors, please bring only 5 items per person.

In addition, a reenactor will depict the 1834-38 occupation of Fort Coffee, built to control illegal goods coming into Indian Territory along the Arkansas River. Although the fort no longer exists, and its location is now under the river, Coffee was important in the development of the Choctaw and Cherokee Nations in the years after Removal.

Demonstrations will include stone tool making, flint knapping, and instruction in games such as chunkee and stickball. Small kids can help with a "dig" in a sandbox and also enjoy a bubble area. Throughout the day donated items will be given away.

There will be lectures by professional archaeologists, and Dennis Peterson, manager and archaeologist, will conduct a guided tour of the Spiro Mounds at 2 p.m. Birthday cake will be served all day, and various artists will offer their works for sale. Many of their pieces use Spiro Mounds designs.

The event is sponsored by the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, the Oklahoma Anthropological Society, the Arkansas Archaeological Society, and the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is located 3 miles east of Spiro, Oklahoma, on Highway 9/271 and 4 miles north on Lock and Dam Road.



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