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May Day Celebration and Lawn Social



The George M. Murrell Home May Day Celebration and Lawn Social on Saturday, May 3, from 12 to 4 p.m., will evoke the beauty and color of Park Hill during its golden age in the 1850s. Living historians in period dress will mix with the public in a social function reminiscent of the social galas held at the Murrell Home. The public is encouraged to bring picnic lunches and quilts and join the reenactors between 12 and 1 p.m. for a picnic on the lawn. From 1 to 4 p.m. activities will abound, including dance lessons, lawn games, and croquet and horseshoe tournaments. A

maypole will close the event and commemorate the start of the growing season on the plantation. Admission to the May Day Celebration and Lawn Social is free.

The Murrell Home is the only remaining antebellum plantation home in modern-day Oklahoma. It is located at 19479 East Murrell Home Road in Park Hill, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Murrell Home at 918-456-2751 or murrellhome@okhistory.org.

Spring into research! "Lunch & Learns" scheduled

The John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center announces the kickoff of their spring/summer series of "Lunch & Learns" to begin May 21. The dates and topics of these workshops are:

- May 21 "Researching Oklahoma Prison Records"
Janice Thompson, Oklahoma Department of Corrections
- June 18 "Evangelism and the Church in Oklahoma and Indian Territory"
Bill Welge, former Director of Research, Oklahoma Historical Society
- July 16 "Photo Dating and Territorial Photographers"
Chester Cowen, former Director of Photo Archives, Oklahoma Historical Society

The cost for each workshop is \$10 and includes lunch and materials. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 405-522-5225 with credit card information or send a check or money order to:

Oklahoma Historical Society-Research
800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Pine needle gourd class



Judy Kelley

Art at the Elms in Oklahoma City, Our Favorite Place in Eufaula, and Wilcox Gallery in Jackson, Wyoming. Judy lives in Oklahoma City. Her website is www.jkgourdworks.com.

The Pioneer Woman Museum is located at 701 Monument Road in Ponca City. For more information or to register, call 580-765-6108 or email piown@okhistory.org.

A basic class in the art of pine needle gourding will be offered May 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pioneer Woman Museum. Students will create a beautiful bowl painted in a wash of archival ink and topped by tightly stitched coils of long pine needles held together with artificial sinew. Students will finish their projects during class. Attendance is limited to six, so call quickly to reserve your seat.

Teaching the class will be Judy Kelley, a Muskogee native who translates her passion for the cultures and colors of the West into creating exquisite pine needle gourds that can be found in homes from San Diego to Vermont. She is represented by JRB

Children's fishing clinic at Pawnee Bill Ranch

On Thursday, May 22, at 10 a.m., the Pawnee Bill Ranch will host a children's fishing clinic free of charge. The clinic will be held at the children's fishing pond and is being conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Representatives from the Wildlife Department will present information on such topics as fish identification, knot-tying, fish cleaning and cooking, fishing tackle selection and use, water safety, outdoor ethics, and more.

Children have to be able to cast a pole in order to attend. Poles will be provided. Participation is limited, so if you have a child who would like to attend, please call the Pawnee Bill Ranch at 918-762-2513.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch is located on Blue Hawk Peak on land Pawnee Bill purchased from Blue Hawk, his Pawnee friend, one-half mile west of Pawnee on US 64.

Spiro Mounds to host Archaeology Day

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center will hold its ninth annual Archaeology Day on May 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a bonus Archaeology Day also will be a free day with no entrance fees collected, although donations are gratefully accepted.

Throughout the day items will be given away by drawing and there will be birthday cake. If you have artifacts, like arrowheads or pottery, someone from the Oklahoma Archeological Survey will be available to identify up to ten artifacts per person.

Flint knappers (stone tool makers) will be on site showing off their skills. Blowgun, stickball, and Chunkee demonstrations will be available upon request. Lectures will be featured during the day, including a lecture on Fort Coffee and the Fort Coffee Choctaw Boys Academy. There also will be a guided tour of the site at 2 p.m. The regular exhibits will be available throughout the day as well.

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is located three miles east of Spiro on highway 9/271 and four miles north on Lock and Dam Road.

If you would like more information about Archaeology Day events or volunteer opportunities, please contact Dennis Peterson at 918-962-2062 or spiro@okhistory.org.



Director's column

By Dr. Bob L. Blackburn
Executive Director

I have good news to share.

The proposal to abolish the OHS membership, convert the OHS board of directors to an advisory committee, and transfer all collections and assets to a tourism super-agency did not survive the first weeks of the legislative session. Unless it reappears as an amendment to a surviving bill, and it could, consolidation is dead for the session.

There are two reasons the bill died.

One was the response from people around the state who understood that consolidation would mean the end of the Oklahoma Historical Society as a nonpartisan, independent organization with the ability to raise funds and find partners for the cause of collecting, preserving, and sharing our heritage.

Caring people like you wrote letters, made telephone calls, and sent emails to legislators in both the House and Senate. Legislators and their assistants described the volume as "a flood." And that was done without a call to action. *The Mistletoe Leaves* with the stories about consolidation appeared only one day before the bill died, and even then, we did not ask for action. We simply described the facts of the bill and the likely outcomes of passage.

The other reason the bill received such little support is a reflection of our success. Simply put, legislators and their constituents recognize that we have done a good job of raising standards, creating efficiencies, and seeking partners. When the war cry of consolidation was unleashed, we did not have to lobby for support. We already had it.

That support comes from the speeches and educational programs we have shared with communities across the state. It comes from the museum exhibits launched without legislative funding and completed with donated funds and creative collaboration. It comes from buildings saved, lessons learned, and stories shared.

At the most fundamental level, support for the OHS is grounded on the power of our collections. For thirty-five years, I have watched those collections help people connect the dots of history to create a sense of community in our state. I see it in the excitement of students who compete at History Day. I see it in the enthusiasm of researchers who want to share with me the latest discovery in their family history.

Since 1893, our OHS has been collecting the stories of our families and communities. Fortunately for us, there was a Walter Campbell, who collected the first newspapers, a Joseph Thoburn, who wrote the first state history, an E. E. Dale, who started a scholarly journal called *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, and a Grant Foreman, who saved the irreplaceable Indian Archives.

Today, we owe it those pioneers to continue this mission. We must collect. We must preserve. And we must share. The only way we can do that is to keep our standards high, demand results through efficiencies, and attract partners who share our enthusiasm for Oklahoma history.

The only way that can be accomplished is to keep the OHS an independent, nimble organization free from politics and empowered by a dedicated board of directors and a motivated staff that is unapologetically passionate about what we do. Consolidating our organization into a super-sized bureaucracy would be a step backward.

Yes, I have good news to share. The OHS is moving full speed ahead, confident that our entrepreneurial business plan, productivity, and partnerships will be recognized and respected. Stay tuned for more details.

Dr. Bob

New members March 2014

*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

Benefactor

The Chickasaw Nation, Ada
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Individual

Ana Alvarado, Newcastle
John Anderson, Alva
Jimmy Barnes, Porum
Delores Bartosorsky, Carnegie
Ashley Berry, Henryetta
Charles Bosworth, New Eucha
Dalton Brown, Ada
Mary Burns, Clinton
Elizabeth Byers, Guymon

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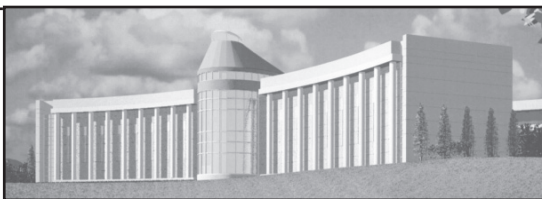
Development News

By Larry O'Dell

In May the Oklahoma Historical Society will be starting a new fundraising program to enhance and expand our oral history program. We will be asking for donations to fund new equipment, oral history travel, transcriptions, preservation, and the expansion of the diversity and scope of interviews. The OHS has been collecting oral histories since 1956, and before that, collecting individual Oklahomans' stories since 1893.

As the OHS gears up its research regarding the state's impact on popular culture for the proposed OKPOP museum, oral histories are imperative to its exhibits and sustainability. Successful Oklahomans and their stories inspire Oklahoma's youth to excel. The OHS staff has interviewed nearly three hundred Oklahoma actors, singers, directors, writers, Broadway stars, and other popular culture folks in high definition and quality video, but there are still hundreds more. The project will also fund oral histories with Oklahomans who live out of state and made an impact on politics, journalism, civil rights, and other notable ventures.

If you have considered donating to the OHS, please call Larry O'Dell, 405-522-6676, or Shelly Crynes, 405-522-0317 or email us at lodell@okhistory.org and scrynes@okhistory.org.



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AROUND OKLAHOMA

News

The historical ecosystem of the Oklahoma Panhandle will be better reflected in the landscaping of the No Man's Land Museum in **Goodwell** thanks to a partnership between the Cimarron County Conservation District, the Texas County Conservation District, the Beaver County Conservation District, Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU), the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the No Man's Land Historical Society. Through the planning and planting of native grasses and through additional technical assistance related to the area surrounding the museum, the hope is to provide a type of living history in the form of landscaping on the facility grounds. For more information, call 580-349-2670.

Events

On May 3 the **Fort Sill** National Historic Landmark and Museum's Frontier Army Day living history program will occur from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free

to the public and will include hands-on activities and demonstrations of historical army life. The museum is located at 437 Quanah Road in Fort Sill. For more information, call 580-442-5123.

The Italian Festival will be May 17 and 18 at the Expo Center and Fairground in **McAlester**. On Saturday the event will occur from 9 a.m. until dark, and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival is two days of fun, food, entertainment, shopping, live entertainment, friendship, and celebration of the wonderful Italian heritage with which this little corner of America has been blessed. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.themcalesteritalianfestival.org.

Come to **Tuttle** on May 17 for the annual Ice Cream Festival and enjoy luscious ice cream flavors from Braum's. The day begins with a parade at 10 a.m. followed by live music and talent acts throughout the event. The festival also features a variety of food vendors, a princess pageant, a car show, children's activity center, inflatables, and vendors selling a vast array of items. For more information, call 405-381-3775.

Honoring the heritage of **Durant**, the Magnolia Festival of Oklahoma from May 29 to June 1 will feature games and festivities perfect for a fun-filled family weekend. Ride the ferris wheel and bring the kids to enjoy a wide array of other carnival rides, or simply peruse craft booths and other exhibitor displays. The festival also will include live entertainment, a parade, yummy fair food, and plenty of free children's events. Wander through rows of vintage, antique, and modern vehicles in the annual car show, or head inside for a quilt show. For more information, call 580-924-1550.

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 items to appear.

Battle of Middle Boggy

The Atoka County Historical Society hosted the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Battle of Middle Boggy on Friday, February 14, at the Confederate Memorial Museum and Cemetery in Atoka.

Attendees gathered at the museum and followed the Brown's Funeral Service 1879 horse drawn hearse to the cemetery. Civil War reenactors from the 20th Regiment Dismounted Texas Cavalry, Douglass Texas Battery, the 19th Texas Infantry, and the Oklahoma Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans marched to the cemetery. State Representative Charles McCall gave a brief history of the Battle of Middle Boggy. He was followed by Gwen Walker, site manager of the museum, who explained the research process that identified the soldiers whose graves are marked in the cemetery.

The Atoka Museum and Confederate Cemetery is located a 258 North Highway 69 in Atoka. The site is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Confederate Memorial Museum at 580-889-7192 or atokamuseum@yahoo.com.

The procession at Middle Boggy.

Book discussions on Wild West capitalism

In April, OHS bank and commerce historian Michael J. Hightower discussed his book, *Banking in Oklahoma before Statehood* (OU Press 2013), with the following business and community groups: Rotary 29, downtown OKC; OHS annual history conference, Stillwater; Brace Books, Ponca City; Clinton Lion's Club, Clinton; Rivermont Retirement Community, Norman. *Banking in Oklahoma before Statehood* was selected as a nonfiction finalist in the Oklahoma Center for the Book's annual awards competition. Winners were announced at the twenty-fifth annual Oklahoma Book Awards on Saturday, April 12. All book sales accrue to the benefit of the Oklahoma Historical Society. To schedule a book review in your area, contact Hightower at mhightower@okhistory.org or 434-249-6043.



SHPO workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce its May workshop series. The sessions will be held May 7 to 9 at the Guymon Public Library Conference Room, 1718 North Oklahoma, Guymon.

The workshops are free and open to the public, but please register by 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 2. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. To register, contact Betty Harris at 405-521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org. Registration also can be made online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php.

Workshop Schedule:

May 7 (9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) – The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview.

May 7 (1:30 to 4:30 p.m.) – Determination of Eligibility under Section 106.

May 8 (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) – Working with the National Register of Historic Places.

May 9 (9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) – Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

May 9 (1:30 to 4:30 p.m.) – The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

Oklahoma's Twenty-Sixth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

The Oklahoma SHPO invites you to attend "Historic Preservation ABCs: Oklahoma's Twenty-Sixth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference." It will be held June 4 to 6 in Norman, with most events on the University of Oklahoma campus. Registration opens at noon on June 4 in Gould Hall at 830 Van Vleet Oval. For questions, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405-522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
1:45-3:15 p.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

Welcome to Norman and OU

"How a Fired Professor of English Shaped the Development of the University of Oklahoma Campus," David W. Levy

"History of the University of Oklahoma's College of Architecture," Charles W. Graham

Track B: Back to Basics

Historic Preservation 101

"Proposing Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places," Lynda Ozan

"Appropriate Treatment of National Register Buildings: Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation," Harry Simms

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

"Commission Assistance Mentoring Program (CAMP)," National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, featuring Wade Broadhead, Roxanne Eflin, Autumn Rierson Michael, and John Williams

3:30-5 p.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

Welcome to Norman and OU (cont'd.)

"Norman's History and Its Preservation," Susan Atkinson

"The Architectural Diversity of Norman," Arn Henderson

Track B: Back to Basics

Rehabilitation Projects Roundtable

"Norman's Logan Apartment Building," Brent Swift

"Elk City/Casa Grande and Guymon/Dale Hotel," Catherine Montgomery

"Tulsa's McGregor House," Mark Sanders

"The Tulsa Club," Josh Barrett

"Transforming Oklahoma City's Calvary Baptist Church into a Law Office," Omar M. Khoury

"Greening a Federal Building," Steve Kline

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

CAMP (cont'd.)

6-8 p.m.

Opening Reception

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

7-8:15 a.m.

Eggs and Architects Breakfast

8:30-10 a.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

"The Study and Protection of Oklahoma's Distant Past: Mobile Workshop," Robert L. Brooks

"Paleoindian Bison Kills," Leland Bement
Oklahoma's Prehistoric Ceremonial Centers," Scott Hammerstedt and Amanda Regnier

"Historic Wichita Villages," Richard Drass

Track B: Back to Basics

Rehabilitation Projects Roundtable

"Oklahoma City's Jones Ford Factory," David Hornbeek

"Oklahoma City's Marion Hotel," Chris Fleming

"Oklahoma City's Central High School/Round 3," Fred Schmidt

"Tulsa's Bill White Chevrolet," Mark Larson
"Tulsa's 1969 City Hall," Joel Slaughter and John Snyder

"Oklahoma City's John Roddy House," Terry Cline

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

CAMP (cont'd.)

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

The Study and Protection of Oklahoma's Distant Past (cont'd.)

"Oklahoma Department of Transportation Cultural Resources Program," Scott Sundermeyer

"Oklahoma Archeological Survey & Section 106 Review," Marjorie Duncan

"Laboratory and Collections Management," Kent Buehler

Track B: Back to Basics

"Appropriate Infill for Original Town Sites," Ron Frantz and Larry Lucas

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

CAMP (cont'd.)

10:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

"Norman's Gimeno Resources Tour and Mobile Workshop," Susan Atkinson

11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Lunch on your own or special events and tours available.

1:45-3:15 p.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

Research Sources for Oklahoma

Preservationists

"The Western History Collections and Research for Historic Preservation," Jacquelyn Reese

"Historic Maps and What We Learn from Them," Mike Kertok

Track B: Back to Basics

"How Oklahoma Fits into the National Modernism," Anna Mod

"OU's Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education: Modern Architecture Case Study," Lynda Ozan

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

CAMP (cont'd.)

3:30-5 p.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

The Value of Material Culture

"The Many Lives of Material Culture," Christopher Price

"The Century Chest," Chad Williams

Track B: Back to Basics

Perspectives on Place

"Antioch, My Turkish Home," Umit Hope Mander

"Am I in Norman Yet?: The Loss of Mount Williams," Robert Bartlett and John Hartley

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

CAMP (concludes)

6:15 p.m.

Prebanquet Reception/SHPO Awards Banquet

9 p.m.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Conference Mixer

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:30-10 a.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

Special Places, Special Challenges

"Choctaw Perspective on the Significance of Landscape," Ryan L. Spring

"Historic Archeology in Oklahoma," Catharine M. Wood

Track B: Back to Basics

Landscapes

"Diving into the New Deal: 1930s Municipal Parks at Norman, Henryetta, Pawnee, and Fort Sill," Cynthia Savage

"Cultivating Modernism and Historic Preservation: The Architectural Legacy of Garden Clubs," Susan Allen Kline

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

"Encouraging Historic Preservation through Heritage Tourism: Session 1/Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism Workshop," Elizabeth Watson

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Track A: Academic Pursuits

Special Places, Special Challenges (cont'd.)

"Progress Continues: Oklahoma's All-Black Towns," Andre Head and Jessilyn Head

Track B: Back to Basics

The Arts and Historic Preservation

"Oklahoma Arts Council's Cultural District Initiative," Joshua Lunsford

"START Norman! How the Arts Affect Place and Living," Erinn Gavaghan

Track C: Comprehensive Community Preservation

"Encouraging Historic Preservation through Presenting Your Community's Stories: Session 2/Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism Workshop," Elizabeth Watson

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Luncheon or lunch on your own or special events and tours available.

2-3:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

"Preservation: A Bridge to Saving America's Rural Places," Linda Caldwell

New Oklahoma National Register Listings

The Oklahoma SHPO is pleased to announce six new National Register of Historic Places listings. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation’s official list of properties significant in our past.

Beattie’s Prairie, located in Delaware County (address restricted), is associated with the Cherokee Trail of Tears and its immediate aftermath. In 1839 Cherokee parties completing the Trail of Tears disbanded at this site.

The Logan Apartments, at 720 West Boyd Street, Norman, is located near the University of Oklahoma campus. The apartments are significant in the areas of community planning and development, architecture, and social history. Erected in 1929 by local businessman David Logan and designed by Thomas Lester Sorey, the building represents a change in the patterns of community development in the surrounding Chautauqua neighborhood. The apartments historically provided private housing to both students and faculty for many years, including assistance to economically disadvantaged students.

The Woodward Park and Gardens Historic District, located in Tulsa, is significant in the area of landscape architecture and as one of the finest public gardens established in the city during the first half of the twentieth century. It is also significant for the David R. Travis House, an Italian Renaissance-inspired villa designed by architect Noble B. Fleming and constructed in 1919. Finally, the Woodward Park and Gardens Historic District is also significant in the area of entertainment/recreation. The district includes the first municipal rose garden established in the state.

The Washington County Memorial Hospital (WCMH), located in Bartlesville, served the county for thirty years as the county’s only hospital from 1922 to 1952, providing services and medical assistance to the community and surrounding area.

The final two nominations are both located in Muskogee, Muskogee County. The first is the Masonic Temple at 121 South Sixth Street constructed in 1925. It is significant for both its social function and its Classical Revival architectural style. The second is the First Methodist Episcopal Church at 518 East Houston Sreet Constructed in 1911, it is significant for Classical Revival styling.

Listing in the National Register is an honorific designation that provides recognition, limited protection, and, in some cases, financial incentives for these important properties. The SHPO identifies, evaluates and nominates properties for this special designation. For more information, contact Lynda Ozan at 405-522-4478 or lozan@okhistory.org.

OHS Legacy Circle January 28, 2014

The OHS has created the Oklahoma Historical Society Legacy Circle to recognize donors who make contributions to an OHS endowment fund. A minimum endowment, estate, or planned giving contribution or pledge in the amount of \$1,000 qualifies a donor to be a Legacy Circle member. Because endowment donations provide perpetual income to the OHS, membership in the Legacy Circle is also perpetual. For more information, please call the Development Department at 405-522-6676.

Guardians \$500,000 and up

The Kirkpatrick Family Fund

Protectors of the Past \$150,000 to \$499,999

Emily Bell
Nazih and Annette Zuhdi

Keepers of History \$50,000 to \$149,999

Nell Stapler Bradshaw
Ralph DuBois
Great Grandchildren of the Cross S Ranch
John E. Kirkpatrick Community Fund
Herman and LaDonna Meinders
Elizabeth Niblack Melton
Western Trail Historical Society

Time Travelers \$10,000 to \$49,999

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John E. and Eleanor B. Kirkpatrick
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James R. Waldo
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Catherine B. Wooten

Enduring Circle \$1,000 to \$9,999

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Nina Davis
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Rosa Flipse
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Aulena Gibson
Katheryn A. Hewitt
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Daniel W. Lawrence
Carolyn Leonard
Harrison Levy
Duke R. Ligon
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Gerald Luton
Thomas and Virginia Lynn
Laura Wyly Matthews
Paul and Rita Matthews
Ann M. Maxwell
Ruth Eager Moran

Anne Morgan
Foster E. Murphy
Max J. Nichols
Oklahoma City Community Foundation
Oklahoma Hospitality Club
Frank Parman and Sarah Iselin
Carol R. Paulson
Martha Pennington
Wayne Pettigrew
Noreen Pramberg
Redbud Women’s Club
Louise E. Reynolds
Gordon Richards
Richard James Family Foundation
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Cindy S. Schuering
Regina A. Southern
Rose Stauber
Donal S. Stidham
Emmy Scott Stidham
Gary L. Stidham
Joe J. and June Stone
Barbara Thompson
George D. and Nona F. Thompson
Bill and Billie Thrash
G. Maureen Williams
Catherine B. Wooten
Marie Wren
Muriel H. Wright
Stanton L. Young
Timothy A. and Ann Zwink

Twenty-year members renew in February

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

Donovan Reichenberger, Alva, March 1, 1968
Barbara Kinzer, Jenks, January 1, 1971
Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee, October 1, 1972
Shirley Rider, Adair, February 1, 1974
Erma Hunter, Fairview, October 1, 1974
Kenny and Diane Brown, Edmond, May 1, 1976
Harvey Yost, Stillwater, February 1, 1977
University of Washington Library, Seattle, WA, December 1, 1977
Eugen Baade, Renton, WA, January 1, 1978
Broken Bow Public Library, Broken Bow, March 1, 1978
Stigler Public Library, Stigler, June 1, 1979
Allen and Linda Hicks, Kenefic, May 1, 1980
George Pendleton Jr., Dallas, TX, January 2, 1981
Floyd Stephens Jr., Bixby, January 2, 1981
Patrick Lynch Public Library, Poteau, April 1, 1981
Peggy Talley, Poteau, May 1, 1981
University of Toronto Library, Toronto Ontario, Canada, January 1, 1984
Mary Jane Warde, Stillwater, January 2, 1984
David Stevens, Noble, January 2, 1984
Bob and Mary Brown, Burneyville, February 1, 1984
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 1, 1984
Frank and Loreece Dennis, Oklahoma City, February 1, 1985
Idabel Public Library, Idabel, December 1, 1985
Kenneth Corder, Edmond, February 1, 1986
Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton, October 6, 1986
Michael Tower, Elmore City, December 29, 1986
Sapulpa Historical Society, Sapulpa, January 21, 1987
R. Elaine Maples, Amarillo, TX, May 25, 1988
Lois Batey, Oklahoma City, December 15, 1988
John Heisch, Oklahoma City, January 31, 1989
Hartshorne Public Library, Hartshorne, March 6, 1989
Southern Prairie Library System, Altus, October 16, 1989
Greer County Genealogical & Historical Society, Mangum, February 23, 1990
Mike and Darla Terry, Enid, February 23, 1990
Susan Lugar, Tulsa, May 11, 1990
Eva Briley, Idabel, February 6, 1991
Dick and Teri Shifrin, Oklahoma City, February 20, 1991
Robert and Susan Markman, North Little Rock, AR April 11, 1991
I N C O G, Tulsa, September 18, 1991
Claire Martin, Springfield, IL, January 28, 1992
Jay Wagoner, Tucson, AZ, February 5, 1992
Jewell Lynch, Oklahoma City, February 22, 1993
Richard Coss, Columbus, GA, February 24, 1993
Larry Wingo, Yukon, May 10, 1993

New members, March, cont’d.

Individual

Garry Carter, Guymon
Craig Chaney, McAlester
Elden Cheatham, Del City
Michael Coats, Broken Arrow
Ramona Copeland, McAlester
Cesar Cordova, Tulsa
Sharon Cox, Bartlesville
Troy Crase, Idabel
Sharon Dennison, Ponca City
Lee Dobbs, Moore
David Dunham, Jay
Mary Finch, Hominy
Betty Finley, Oklahoma City
Trevor Fuhrig, Kingfisher
Jeremy Garbow, Muskogee
Kathryn Garner, Idabel
Jeffery Gillispie, Muskogee
Sylvia Goodwin, Broken Bow
Lee Gregory, Arapaho
Nancy Griffith, Blanchard
Tracey Hanshew, Stillwater
Cendejas Harley, Ardmore
Keith Hayes, Lone Grove
Wesley Hibbs, Wagoner
Charles Holcomb, Moore
Linda Hulbutta, Wewoka
Tyriesha Hunt, Wagoner
William Hutchinson, Houston
Derek Keesee, Purcell
Patti Jo King, Tahlequah
Rocky Leslie, Stillwater
Nikia Lyles, Duncan
Shavonn McCarty, Talihina
Dakota McCollum, Stonewall
David Meek, Bethany
Hannah Moskowitz, Norman
Bill Nuckolls, Okmulgee
Angela Parker, Sperry
Helen Perry, Broken Arrow
David Peters, Stillwater
Kathryn Ramsey, Norman
Darrel Ray, Stillwater
Robert Reynolds, Valliant
Thomas Rice, Stillwater
Steven Robinson, Chandler
Daniel Rohrbaugh, Okemah
Lavina Russell, Alex
Terry Schreiner, Duncan
Linda Settlemyre, Henryetta
Reginald Smith, Garvin
Judy Spence, Carnegie
Jeffrey Swayne, Skiatook
Susan Terry, Oklahoma City
Mary Toler, Broken Arrow
Ricardo Velasquez, Norman
Monica Webb, Sapulpa
Toby Weschke, Clinton
Lacey Wilkerson, Broken Arrow
Brandon Williams, Eufaula
Mark Williams, Ada
Michael Williams, Elmore City
Donald Wilson Ardmore
Jenny Young, Eagletown

Organizational

Oklahoma Association for Academic Competition,
Carnegie

New members, February 2014

*Indicates renewed memberships at a
higher level

Director’s Circle

*Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Ashmore, Oklahoma City

Associate

*Jeffrey and Kathy Brown, Oklahoma City
Elliott + Associates Architects, Oklahoma City
*Marian Greenwood, Tulsa
*Jim Griffith, Stillwater

Friend

Bob and Mary Lee Allen, Oklahoma City
*Jay and Jo Bond, Oklahoma City
*Donald and Kitty Clark, Anadarko
*Carl and Holly Conner, Choctaw
Fred and Monica Dupy, Round Rock, TX
Marion Fry, Poteau
*Carey and Beth Johnson, Lawton
The Kerr Foundation, Oklahoma City
*Gary Kuck and Elise Kilpatrick, Tulsa
James Martin, Yukon
Jim and Suzanne McAuley, Norman
Robert Morford, Lawton
DeAnn Parham, Oklahoma City
Ron and Linda Powell, Norman

Paul Robitaille, Bozeman, MT
*Robert Scott, Oklahoma City
*Dale and Joan Stauffer, Tulsa
*Tom and Karen Vollbrecht, Edmond
Jim and Penny Von Thaer, Oklahoma City
Jay Wilkinson, Nichols Hills

Family

Marion Austin, Oklahoma City
William and Melva Brown, Graham, TX
*John and Nancy Burgett, Tulsa
Andrew Cobb, Edmond
Linda Cole, Oklahoma City
Linda Comer, Oklahoma City
Philip and Carol Comp Oklahoma City
*Dolores Crist, Guthrie
Rundell and Eunice Edison, Lawton
Carolyn Eldredge, Bethany
Sam and Patricia Garner, Norman
Carolyn Gay Harris, Oklahoma City
*La Donna Harris, Albuquerque, NM
Mary Ann Harroz, Oklahoma City
Velma Herndon, Stillwater
Chris and Patty Hoag, Quinton
Niles Jackson and Barbara Thornton, Edmond
Arthur and Barbara Johnson, Drumright
*Marti Jourden, Oklahoma City
James and Gayle Keene, Chandler
John and Raynette Kyle, Edmond
Mary Lindemann, Norman
Thomas and Peggy Massey, Oklahoma City
Howard McAllister, Moore
Tom and Valerie McEvoy, Oklahoma City
Edward and Beverly Miller, Midwest City
Chris and Trina Morrison, Oklahoma City
Ronald and Carolyn Myers, Norman
Thomas and Billie Napolitano, Grove
Joe and Iris Park, Checotah
Bill and Susan Perry, Edmond
Mike and Amy Perry, Yukon
Bill Phelps, Norman
Glen and Anna Raub, Harrah
Jackie Robinson, Guthrie
D. R. and Linda Rodriguez, Midwest City
David and Paula Severe, Oklahoma City
*Ann Shanks, Edmond
Jim and Joanie Smith, Frederick
Karleene Smith, Norman
Alena Snyder, Oklahoma City
Joe Ray and Jonita Thomas, Harrah
Patricia Thompson Fabry, Cookson
Roy and Darlene Thornton, Midwest City
John and Jeanette Willet, Oklahoma City
*Juanita Williams Framingham, MA
*Rhevone Wilson, Oklahoma City

Individual

Jay Allen, Broken Bow
Maggie Anderson, Tuskahoma
Jackie Baker, Tishomingo
Ann Barker, Nichols Hills
Laura Beers, Perry
Rennie Belknap, Weatherford
Autum Bennett, Henryetta
Billy Blackwell, Ringling
Sabrina Blatchford, Chelsa
Travis Bosley, Norman
Roger Bowles, Wichita, KS
Jorrie Britton, Skiatook
Jana Brown, Cleo Springs
Chad Bunch, Stilwell
Joseph Byrd, Cumming, GA
Billy Campbell, Davis
Rachelle Caswell, Bartlesville
Chance Chapman, Stuart
Deedra Clark, Norman
Erma Coburn, Oklahoma City
Gene Conner, Roanoke, TX
Travis Conrad, Muskogee
Ken Dacus, Lodi, CA
Peggy Donovan, Shawnee
Margaret Edson, Vian
Grace Erickson, Palmdale, CA
Mendy Esquivel, Bixby
Patrick Evans, McAlester
Jessica Fisher, Broken Arrow
Michael Haley, Houston, TX
Betty Hall, Wilburton
Richard Harris, Broken Arrow
Erma Hunter, Fairview
Ahmed Ibrahim, Tulsa
Chloe Janning, Clinton
Ollie Jensen, Austin, TX
Robert Johnson, Broken Arrow
Wight Jones, Edmond
Karen Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City
Regina Lagaly, Union City
Nathaniel Lawler, Duncan
Carolyn Lea, Oklahoma City

Jeremy Lute, Weatherford
Ryan Mallett, Cache
Linda Mason, Edmond
Linda Massad, Oklahoma City
Misty McGehee, Tulsa
Susan McWilliams, Owasso
Kathy Mikles, McAlester
Kathy Monday, Glenpool
Marissa Moore, Milburn
Esther Moorhead, Geary
Brian Morrison, Kingfisher
Cyndee Nance, Warner
Loretta Neumann, Washington, DC
Jim Orebaugh, Edmond
Carl Parker, Enid
Daniel Posey, Muskogee
Colby Potts, Hugo
Linda Price, Norman
Lynda Ramsey, Yukon
David Rennie, Lexington
Casey Reynolds, Madill
Lynne Rostochil, Oklahoma City
Max Schiff, Oklahoma City
Pat Schneider, Midwest City
Harry Seay, Tulsa
Carolyn Stager, Oklahoma City
Jerry Stanley, Perkins
Francis Stark, Hyattsville, MD
Carol Thompson, Edmond
Larry Toll, Springfield, MO
Alyce Vigil, Pawnee
Nicole Walls, Ada
Derek Weigand, Henryetta
Robert Wells, Allen
Diana Wilson, Ardmore
Judy Wingfield, Yukon
Doris Yocham, Sapulpa

Organizational

Canton High School, Canton
Cushing Public Library, Cushing
Downtown OKC Inc, Oklahoma City
Frontline Church, Arcadia
Rout 66 Interpretive Center, Chandler
Yale High School, Yale

**Twenty-year members renew
in March**

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

Jerry Anduss, Piedmont, February 17, 1970
Bill Settle, Muskogee, February 1, 1973
Paul Fisher, Lawton, March1, 1974
Michelin Hobbs, Oklahoma City, March 1, 1975
Franklin Eckhart, Edmond, February 1, 1977
Richard Wood, Bethany, March 1, 1977
John and Bettye Minnett, Ardmore, December 1,
1979
Marybelle Chase, Tulsa, March 1, 1982
Charles and Cheryl Saxon, Oklahoma City, March 1,
1983
Marie Wren, Fillmore, CA, March 1, 1984
James and Marian Bradley, Westmoreland, KS,
March 1, 1985
Directorate of Museums & Military History, Fort Sill,
October 1, 1985
William Hamilton, Edmond, March 1, 1986
Martha Merideth, Tulsa, March 14, 1986
David and Nancy Smith, Edmond, March 14, 1986
Gilcrease Museum Library, Tulsa, March 20, 1986
Robert and Judy McCormack, Indio, CA, March 25,
1986
Joe and June Stone, Oklahoma City, April 11, 1986
David and Jean Kelsay, Meeker, August 25, 1986
Eva Gerard, Denison, TX, February 9, 1987
Tom Walker, Ardmore, March 27, 1987
Bishop Kelley High School Library, Tulsa, May 6,
1987
Michael Lekson, Arlington, VA, March 7, 1988
Will Rogers Library, Claremore, February 24, 1989
Gary and Sherry Strebel, Oklahoma City, February 8,
1990
John Goffe, Oklahoma City, May 13, 1991
Don Adkins, Norman, March 11, 1992
Roy Helm, Tulsa, May 21, 1992
Charles and Charlene Wilson, Oklahoma City, March
3, 1993
Pat and Rayma Smith, Okemah, March 9, 1993
Robert and Judy Mascho, Chandler, March 24, 1993
Kenneth Nash, Oklahoma City, March 24, 1993
Pat Miller, Muskogee, March 31, 1993
Dave and Nancy Smith, March 14, 1986

Consolidation

Letter to members of the Fifty-Fourth Legislature

In a previous letter I expressed my opposition to HB 3028 by explaining what I see as the proven record, over many decades, of the Tourism Department's inability to manage effectively and professionally the state's historic sites, museums, and collections.

I now address another topic that is closest to my professional heart and background. I worked as an editor in the OHS Publications Division for more than sixteen years, so I know whereof I speak.

HB 3028 would not only destroy a 121-year-old organization; it would eliminate the ten thousand-strong OHS membership, resulting in the demise of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, which has been the state's history journal since 1921. Without the wide and varied membership base, which includes not only individuals but also libraries and museums around the world, there will be no *Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Of course, the OHS monthly newsletter, *Mistletoe Leaves*, would go by the wayside, but the loss of *The Chronicles* would have a more serious and far-reaching impact.

The Tourism Department publishes *Oklahoma Today*, a lovely, award-winning travel and tourism magazine. It differs in significant ways from *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, in terms of purpose, standards, guidelines, and audience. Students of history and professional historians do not, and would not, consult *Oklahoma Today* for a record (chronicle) of the state's past. Professional historians do not, and would not, seek to publish their scholarly essays in *Oklahoma Today*. They look to *The Chronicles*, which has published thousands of articles by hundreds of historians throughout its ninety-three-year history. I urge you to consider carefully the ramifications of eliminating this valuable resource for future generations that would result from consolidation under HB 3028.

In addition to *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, the OHS has a broader scholarly publishing program. OHS publications have received a number of awards over the years. The OHS's scholarly publications extend beyond its own book list through contractual agreements with other entities, and reach hundreds if not thousands of people who may or may not be OHS members.

I apologize for this long missive, but I am compelled to demonstrate the breadth of, and the high regard for, the scholarship produced by the OHS. The transfer of OHS to the Tourism Department would severely compromise the professional integrity and reputation of the OHS. Administration of the OHS at the top level and in its various divisions and programs requires history professionals, not political appointees.

HB 3028 will do irreparable harm on many levels and in many areas. The loss of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* alone will be incalculable.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Blochowiak

Energy efficiency at the Oklahoma History Center

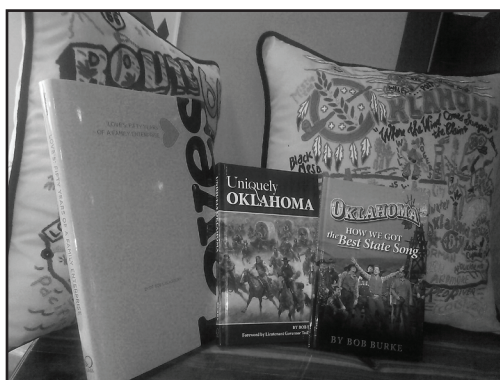
The OHS is striving constantly to achieve higher efficiencies in all areas. When the Oklahoma History Center opened, the state's Department of Central Services controlled the maintenance staff and environmental operations settings at the OHC. As part of statewide budget cuts in 2008, OHC staff assumed full responsibility and control of all maintenance functions, resulting in dramatic increases in energy efficiency and cost savings.

The OHC decreased electricity use by 19 percent with a cost savings of 22 percent. Natural gas savings were even more dramatic. From peak annual costs of \$148,000, natural gas costs and use have decreased to \$37,000 per year for a cost savings of 76 percent. Combined, electric and natural gas energy costs have been reduced by almost 39 percent from peak use years.

Fine tuning environmental settings, changing to energy efficient LED bulbs, installation of energy efficient window films, and the use of large window shades have all helped reduce costs. To date, roughly four hundred of five hundred fixtures in the museum galleries have been converted to LED bulbs, reducing gallery lighting energy use by 80 percent. In 2013 the OHC added a new capacitor for the facility, increasing energy transmission efficiency to 90 to 95 percent. While significant savings have been realized, the staff continues to look for more savings and efficiencies in all areas of operations.

Museum Store News

By Jera Winters



The Oklahoma History Center Museum store is proud to be the source for great books about the fascinating history of Oklahoma. The Museum Store has recently added three titles by two of Oklahoma's most well-known historians.

Distinguished Oklahoma historian Bob Burke has added two exciting books to his catalog of works about Oklahoma history. *Uniquely Oklahoma* features stories about prominent Oklahomans and way that they have changed lives for people everywhere. *Oklahoma: How We Got the Best State*

Song tells the inspiring story of the state song, from its birth in musical theater to its adoption by the state of Oklahoma. *Uniquely Oklahoma* and *Oklahoma: How We Got the Best State Song* retail for \$19.95, and are available to members for \$16.96.

Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director and prominent historian Dr. Bob L. Blackburn has written a thorough history of one of Oklahoma's most recognizable institutions, Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores. *Love's* follows the company's journey from its first gas station to the large Oklahoma icon that it is now. *Love's* retails for \$29.95, and is available to members for \$25.46.

Call or stop by for these and many other unique products. Books also can be ordered at the Museum Store website at www.okhistory.org. Members always receive a discount of 15 percent on Museum Store purchases. Please call 405-522-5214 with any questions about these great items.

T.G.&Y. exhibit extended

The Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher announces that due to the huge success and turnout they will be extending the T.G.&Y. exhibit through August 2, 2014.

This nostalgic and first of its kind exhibit continues to draw large crowds from across the state and from neighboring states. Visitors have traveled to tour the exhibit from far eastern, western, northern, central, and southern portions of Oklahoma, including visitors from surrounding states. For those who either remember shopping at or working for T.G.&Y., this exhibit is a must-see. The Chisholm Trail Museum is housing a true Oklahoma icon with items and memorabilia that has not been displayed since the chain's decline in the early 1980s. Come out one last time to relive those less hectic and more personal days of T.G.&Y.; those days that are no more.

For more information, visit www.ctokmuseum.org or call 405-375-5176.

