



OHS members invited to enjoy brunch before Centennial Parade

The Oklahoma History Center will open early on Sunday, October 14, in anticipation of the Oklahoma Centennial Parade. Society members and their guests are invited to attend a Centennial Brunch in advance of the momentous event. The cost is \$12 per person, and advance registration is required. To reserve a place contact Robbin Davis at 405/522-0754 or send an e-mail to <rdavis@okhistory.org>. RSVP by 12 noon, October 8.

The brunch menu includes a cascading display of fresh fruits with honey-cinnamon dip, fresh scrambled eggs, vegetable quiche, breakfast potatoes, sausage and ham, fluffy biscuits with country gravy, homemade breakfast breads, bread pudding with vanilla sauce, coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and fresh fruit juice.

Living history programs will include the Land Run and African American and Native American Oklahoma history. The Oklahoma Museum of History volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide mini-tours to guests. Kick off the Centennial Parade by visiting the OHC for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship.

The History Center will open at 9 a.m. on the 14th, and the brunch and special programming will continue from 9 to 12 noon.

OHS announces Statehood Day children's art contest

The Oklahoma Historical Society would like to invite all children aged 4 to 12 to participate in a Statehood Day Art Contest. Children are encouraged to draw their favorite events from Oklahoma history.

Contest entry forms and rules are available on the Historical Society's web site at <www.okhistory.org/kidsohs> or by e-mail at <sjotley@okhistory.org>. You may also pick up copies at the admissions desk in the Oklahoma History Center lobby.

The deadline for entry is November 2, 2007. Late entries will not be accepted. The winner will be notified on Statehood Day, November 16, 2007, and will receive one (1) Family Pass to the History Center, one (1) Oklahoma History Center tote bag, one (1) book of the winner's choice from the OHC Gift Shop (up to a \$30 retail value), and one (1) cookie per family member at the Winnie Mae Café.

All entries will be posted on the new OHS Kids website, which will "go live" on Statehood Day. Please join us in celebrating Oklahoma's history with original artwork!



American Spirit Band at the Rose Parade (photo courtesy Jerry Hymer and Oklahoma Centennial Commission)

Centennial Commission invites Oklahomans to attend the largest parade in state's history

To commemorate Oklahoma's first 100 years, on October 14, 2007, the Oklahoma Centennial Commission will present the largest parade in the state's history, the Oklahoma Centennial Parade. With thousands of participants, it is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon and run through downtown Oklahoma City. The one-and-a-half hour tribute to the state's accomplishments and history will be in the tradition of other nationally renowned parades.

"The Oklahoma Centennial Parade will be a grand celebration of Oklahoma and the many contributions we've made to agriculture, energy, aviation, sports, science, and, of course, entertainment," said Blake Wade, Oklahoma Centennial Commission executive director.

Presented by the Noble Corporation, the Oklahoma Centennial Parade is designed around the theme "Celebrate Oklahoma! A Unique History, An Extraordinary Future" and will fill downtown Oklahoma City's streets with professionally designed floats, giant, helium-filled balloons of state icons and children's favorite characters, performance groups, celebrities, and marching bands. More than 3,500 volunteers from around the state will assist.

Musical groups chosen to participate include the Oklahoma All-Star Centennial Band, the Pride of Oklahoma Band (OU), the Cowboys Marching Band (OSU), Langston University Marching Pride Band, and bands from Broken Arrow High School, Altus High

School, Konawa High School, Wilburton High School, and Antlers High School. The Oklahoma Centennial Massed Pipes and Drums will also march.

"Thousands of Oklahomans will line the streets of Oklahoma City, making the Oklahoma Centennial Parade the largest gathering in state history," said Lee Allan Smith, chair of Centennial Projects and Events. "One can already feel the excitement leading to this momentous event." Hundreds of thousands of spectators are expected to watch the parade on OETA's network, which will broadcast the event statewide.

There will be plenty of opportunity to catch a glimpse of the Centennial Parade as it winds its way through downtown beginning at 2 p.m. The two-mile-long route begins near Stage Center, at West Sheridan and North Hudson. The parade proceeds east on Sheridan to Robinson. At Robinson, the parade will turn right, proceed south to Reno, and then turn left and move east to E. K. Gaylord Boulevard. At Reno and Gaylord, the parade will turn left, move north up North Broadway, and end at Northwest Eighth.

The Centennial Parade is free and open to the public. For more information about this and other Oklahoma 2007 Centennial programming around the state, go online to <www.okcentennialparade.com>.



Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

As I age, I become more and more aware of the importance of memory.

The memories of my parents and grandparents, extended family, school, friends, adventures, and my wife and son are powerful images that connect me with a sense of place, especially Chickasha, Claremore, Edmond, Weatherford, Stillwater, Woodward, Oklahoma City, and the entire state of Oklahoma.

This growing appreciation for memory has had an impact on the way I do my job. More and more, I look for ways that collections, programs, and museum exhibits connect with memory.

When I became deputy director of the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1989, one of the first projects I emphasized was the development of a collection and exhibit on the history of television broadcasting in Oklahoma. Today, the History Center connects visitors with their memories of Foreman Scotty, Ida B, Betty Boyd, and Lee Woodward.

In the early 1990s Sandy Stratton and I were working on a project in Elk City when we detoured into an antique shop on the edge of town. There, we found an old, beat up cotton sack that was stained red and covered with patches from old overalls and jeans.

I bought it for \$20 and gave it to the Society. Why? Because for me, that cotton sack was a connection with a memory of stories

I have heard about my grandparents coming to Oklahoma in 1925 to pick a cotton crop in Grady County. The fact that they stayed and raised a family, including their eighth child, my mother, meant that we became Oklahomans.

This last year, the History Center has opened the doors to more collections that bridge our current lives with memories. The Kerr-McGee Collection includes photographs and film footage of filling stations opened across the Southwest in the 1960s. I remember my teenage sense of state pride when my mother would stop at a Kerr-McGee Station on Route 66 in Arizona on our way to Disneyland.

When Danny Williams took a tour of the completed History Center, he decided to part with one of his prized possessions, his 3D Danny uniform. It now is on exhibit in the main gallery, connecting baby boomers with their memories of space adventure in the 1950s.

Last month, when more than 6,000 people visited the History Center on one day during SeptemberFest, they were treated to a walking, talking Bazark the Robot, 3D Danny's faithful sidekick on those adventures. There were tears in the eyes of a few visitors as they introduced their grandchildren to one of their childhood memories.

As we move into the second century of Oklahoma statehood, we will continue bridging that gap between shared memory and the present day. We will do that with newspapers, photographs, film, artifacts, exhibits, programs, and publications.

Yes, as I age, I become more and more aware of the importance of memory. It is something that binds us together in a place we call Oklahoma.

Dr. Bob



Development News

By Tim Zwink

In just a few weeks, we will be celebrating our state's 100th birthday. To commemorate this historic occasion, we are again working with McDowell Incentives to create the Oklahoma Past-Times Calendar for 2008—a second Centennial Edition. This second Centennial Calendar will feature significant people and events in Oklahoma history.

Once again, the distinctive calendar will highlight numerous exclusive photographs specially selected from the Oklahoma Historical Society collections of more than two million images. In addition, the calendar will include interesting historical dates and notable festivals and events throughout the state in 2008. Like the previous editions, this calendar will present many important subjects in Oklahoma history.

These attractive calendars make wonderful, unique gifts for special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas. And this year you can give a calendar as an Oklahoma Centennial commemorative present to a friend, a family member, or even yourself.

This year the Oklahoma Past-Times Calendar for 2008 will be available in the OHS Gift Shop at the Oklahoma History Center. You can also place an order by contacting the Gift Shop at 405/522-5214 or online at <www.okhistory.org>.

New Members, August 2007

*indicates renewed membership in a higher category

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Meetings

In **Oklahoma City** the Oklahoma Genealogical Society's monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2007, at 6 p.m. in the Chesapeake Events Center at the Oklahoma History Center, 2401 North Laird Ave. OHS employee Ralph Jones, superintendent of the Honey Springs Battlefield Site, will discuss "Trans-Mississippi Civil War Battles." His presentation will cover the battles in Indian Territory, southeastern Kansas, southwestern Missouri, and northwestern Arkansas. Attendees will receive several handouts relating to the genealogical resources pertaining to those areas as well as a touring map of that region's Civil War sites and markers. The OHS Research Center will be staffed and remain open until 7:45 p.m. that evening. (Special to ML)

Events

Duncan's Stephens County Museum & Fuqua Park will be the venue for the annual Autumn Festival and Quilt Show. The 29th annual Quilt Show will take place on Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival on Saturday will feature antique cars and tractors, farm machinery, live entertainment, a pie sale, and a barbecue. For information call 580/252-0717 or go to <www.duncanok.org>. (Special to ML)

Enjoy traditional German fare and an authentic German Biergarten at the Oktoberfest on October 6 in downtown **Enid**. On Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. you can eat bratwurst while you watch festive dancing and listen to the music provided by local and regional bands. For information call 580/234-052 or go to <www.mainstreetenid.org>. (Special to ML)

Erik's annual Roger Miller Festival will be held on October 27 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The event includes outdoor musical entertainment and free admission to the Roger Miller Museum, as well as craft and food booths, children's activities, and a car show. Call 580/526-3332 for information. (Special to ML)

For a change of pace, attend **Stroud's** King Arthur Faire on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Full-contact jousting, living history presentations, sword fighting, artisans, live music, and dancing will round out the events presented at the Medieval Village at the King Arthur Faire Site. Group rates are available. For more, call 918/968-0459. (Special to ML)

Celebrate Will Rogers's 128th birthday beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 2, at the Dog Iron Ranch, located northeast of **Oologah**. The event, hosted by the Oologah Chamber of Commerce, the Oologah Historical Society, and the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, is free to the public. Also, on Friday at 2 p.m. the Cherokee Indian Women's Pocahontas Club will give a tribute and reception at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in **Claremore**. And, plan to attend the Will Rogers Day Parade on Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m. The parade route will be along Will Rogers Blvd. in Claremore. Call 918/906-7258 or 918/343-8129. (Special to ML)

The Overholser Mansion, 405 Northwest 15th St. **Oklahoma City**, will be hosting Boo-oodles of Fun on Sunday, October 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. Children of all ages will enjoy an exciting costume parade, storytelling from period reenactors, and contests in Victorian children's games. The costume parade will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by the book reading at 2 p.m. After participating in the games, attendees can spend the afternoon decorating pumpkins. Children's tickets are \$5; accompanying adults are admitted free.

Phone 405/528-8485 or send e-mail to overholsermansion@earthlink.net>. (Special to ML)

Hugo's Agriplex will be the venue for Balloon Days on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. Families will savor fall weather and the festival that will include games, live entertainment, arts and crafts, balloon rides, car exhibit, and food vendors. The event will also feature a Junior Balloonist's Competition. Telephone them at 580/326-3633 or send e-mail to <amyd@balloonsoverhugo.com>. (Special to ML)

Plan to attend downtown **Wynnewood's** 4th Annual Pumpkinfest on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fun-packed day's events will feature a witch cackling contest and a Halloween costume contest. Children's activities, crafts, car show, and food vendors are planned. Call 405/665-4466 or e-mail <wynnewoodokla@sbcglobal.net>. (Special to ML)

Guthrie, location of the former territorial and state capital, will be hosting several Oklahoma Centennial events. The Guthrie Centennial Committee is sponsoring a two-day Centennial Wild West Show at the Tyler Blount Foundation Rodeo Arena at the Logan County Fairgrounds on October 13 and 14. The show will feature Wild West performances, horse-drawn hitch teams, trick roping and riding, and other western skills. For more info call 405/282-1947 or visit <www.guthrieok.com>. On October 20 the Guthrie Centennial Committee and the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center will present a historic dramatization of the 1907 Constitutional Convention at the Scottish Rite Temple, located at 900 East Oklahoma St. Guthrie. Telephone 405/282-1281 or send an e-mail to <gsrite@sbcglobal.net> for additional details. (Special to ML)

Call for Papers

The Missouri Valley History Conference is issuing a call for papers or panels in all areas of history for their annual meeting to be held March 6-8, 2008, in Omaha, Nebraska. Proposal abstract and one-page vitae are due October 17, 2007. Forward to Prof. Maria S. Arbelaez, Program Chair, Missouri Valley History Conference, Dept. of History (ASH 287L), University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182. Include an SASE for acknowledgment that your proposal was received. If you have questions, e-mail <marbelaez@mail.unomaha.edu>. (Special to ML)

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Hidden Collections . . .

The Vinnie Ream Hoxie Collection

By Larry O'Dell

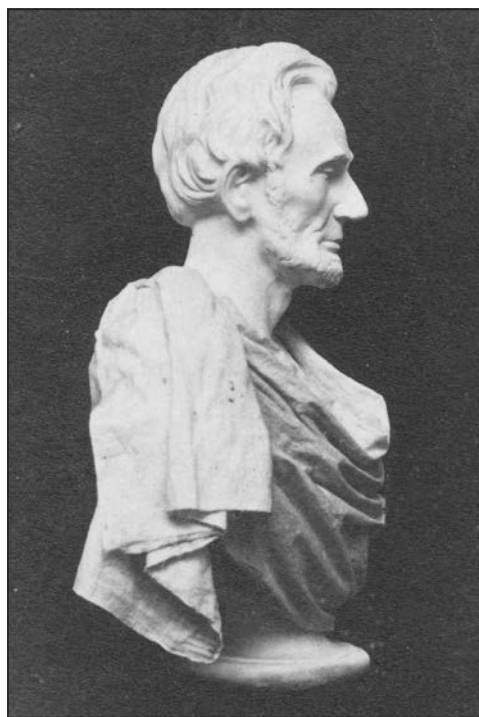
In 1929, through the efforts of an Oklahoma Historical Society employee, Czarina Conlan, the OHS received an important collection from a nationally acclaimed sculptor. The Vinnie Ream Hoxie Collection (82.101) included the artist's personal items and archival material donated by her husband, Brigadier General Richard Hoxie.

According to the December 1929 issue of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, donation's three-dimensional items included a bust of General Albert Pike, a bust of Elias C. Boudinot, a plaster mask of Francis Willard, and a sign from the artist's studio. The OHS Research Division holds the manuscript material, including correspondence between Conlan and the general. Vinnie Ream's



brother, Robert, married a Chickasaw, Anna Guy, sister of Chickasaw Nation Governor William Guy. As Conlan had attended school with Robert and Anna's Ream's daughter, this Oklahoma connection enabled the Historical Society to acquire the collection.

Vinnie Ream, born in 1850 in Wisconsin Territory, moved with her family to Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. There, at age fifteen she worked as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service and soon apprenticed with sculptor Clark Mills. As the war neared its end, President Abraham Lincoln allowed Ream thirty minutes a day to sculpt an image of him while he worked. After Lincoln's assassination Congress awarded Ream a controversial \$10,000 commission to execute a sculpture of the late president. She became the youngest person and the first woman commissioned by the government for such a project. Over the course of her career she created statues and busts of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, Franz Liszt, Gustave Doere, Wilhelm von Kaulbach, Thaddeus Stevens, Ulysses S. Grant, John C. Frémont, Horace Greeley, John Sherman, and many others. Two of her works stand in National Statuary Hall in the Capitol Building of Washington, D.C. One is Iowa Governor Samuel Kirkwood, and the other is Sequoyah, although she died before doing much work on the latter. George Zolnay completed the bronze of Sequoyah. In 1878 Ream married Hoxie. In 1914 she died after battling severe kidney disease.



The Ream collection contains newspaper and magazine articles about the artist that date to 1881 as well as interesting memorabilia, including a 1912 invitation to a memorial service for Abraham Lincoln, the address delivered in 1881 by D. W. Voorhees for the unveiling of the Farragut statue, and Ream's French language exercise book. There is some correspondence and an invitation to a Colonel Adair to visit Ream and her husband, as well as her calling card and other invitations. Also included are some books and pamphlets from her library, many on the history of Oklahoma. Ream was also interested in music, and her papers include music instruction and songbooks, one that has six songs with music written by her. General Hoxie also included several photographs to augment the collection. Material from the life of this remarkable and many times controversial woman can be accessed at the Oklahoma History Center in the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center.

Lecture series set for Cherokee Strip Museum's annex in Enid's Oakwood Mall

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Museum is resuming its programming with lectures scheduled for October. The venue is now the museum's annex in Enid's Oakwood Mall.

Wednesday, October 10, Glen McIntyre of the Heritage Center staff will continue his Oklahoma History Lecture series with a talk on Oklahoma prehistory. He'll place special emphasis on the Spiro Mounds culture in far eastern Oklahoma but will add information on the Burnham and Cooper archaeological sites that are in northwestern Oklahoma. This lecture begins at 12 noon and is free and open to the public.

At 12 noon on **Tuesday, October 16**, Dr. Bob Brooks, director of the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey will give a lecture entitled "Mounds to Mammoths," which covers Oklahoma prehistory. Again, this lecture is free and open to the public.

At 1 p.m. on **Saturday, October 20**, Lynn Carmichael will host a wheat weaving seminar. There is no charge for attending, but those who wish to participate by doing some wheat weaving themselves will be charged a fee of \$7 to cover the materials, which Carmichael will provide. Those who wish to pay the \$7 fee for the materials should preregister by contacting

Glen McIntyre at 580/237-1907. The seminar will last until approximately 3 p.m.

All of these events will take place in the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center's Mall site in the northeast corner of Oakwood Mall at 4125 West Owen K. Garriott. Anyone wishing to learn more about these programs is advised to contact McIntyre.

As noted in previous issues of *Mistletoe Leaves*, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center will maintain its museum services in the Oakwood Mall until the reopening of the refurbished facility, for which ground was broken in September.

SeptemberFest 2007 draws record attendance

More than 12,000 Oklahomans crowded the grounds of the Oklahoma History Center on September 1 for the annual Centennial SeptemberFest activities, according to the Oklahoma Museum of History's director, Dan Provo. Indoor attendance numbered 6,000.

The Labor Day weekend provided an opportune date for the venue, as families came out in droves to enjoy the good weather, the food, the living history presentations, and the crafts demonstrations before going to the stadium or home to watch the OU and OSU football games that evening.

The Oklahoma Historical Society collaborates with the office of Oklahoma's First Lady, in this case, Kim Henry, for the annual event, which is also held on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion, across Twenty-third Street from the History Center.



Above: Celtic Praise Dance Troupe (K. Corder photo).



Pioneer woman and cowboy at SeptemberFest 2007 (K. Corder photo).

Phillips Home web site receives award from museums organization

The Oklahoma Museums Association has announced the winners of its 2007 Annual Awards Program. The Frank Phillips Home has received an award for its outstanding new web site, which may be seen at <www.frankphillipshome.org>. Packed with information, photos, and movies, the web site offers something to interest all ages. Jim Goss, director/curator gives credit to web designer Sandy Lee: "Sandy has done a remarkable job of capturing the spirit and history of the Home for people to enjoy worldwide."

The awards recognize outstanding achievement by museums and individuals throughout the state during the past year. Award categories include exhibitions, promotional piece, publication, web site, newsletters, conservation projects, and education programs. The competition is divided into four budget categories. In addition, certificates of recognition honor the contributions of an individual, group, or business to Oklahoma museums or to a specific museum or community.

Award recipients were honored at a luncheon on September 28 at the Elk City Civic Center in Elk City. The luncheon was part of the Oklahoma Museums Association's annual statewide conference.

Help the SHPO recognize Oklahoma's preservation successes

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) appreciates the many outstanding programs and projects in Oklahoma communities that are helping protect the state's heritage and wants to acknowledge these important accomplishments. Know someone who rehabilitated an important historic building in your community? Worked with a dedicated group of volunteers to save a historic property? Enjoyed a walking tour in a historic district? These and many more projects and activities contribute to the preservation of Oklahoma's archaeological and historic properties. Help the SHPO recognize the many preservation success stories across the state.

The SHPO is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation and the SHPO's Citation of Merit. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Friday, December 7, and candidates will be notified in February 2008 about the results of the selection process.

The awards will be presented at the banquet during Oklahoma's 20th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Ponca City (June 4-6, 2008).

The Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation is presented for historic preservation programs or activities that have had statewide impact. The SHPO's Citation of Merit is awarded for noteworthy accom-

plishments in historic preservation at the state or local level.

The SHPO will accept nominations in either electronic format or hard copy. To request forms and instructions, contact Shea Otley at 405/521-6249 or send an e-mail to <sjotley@okhistory.org>. Or obtain the information on the internet at <www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm> (select "Programs" and then "Awards").

If you have questions about the awards criteria, telephone Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or send her an e-mail at <mheisch@okhistory.org>.

Register now for SHPO's December workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the schedule for its annual fall workshop series. Each workshop is devoted to one of the SHPO's federal preservation programs and is designed for preservation professionals, government agency representatives, and concerned citizens. The sessions will be held Wednesday, December 5 through Friday, December 7. The Wednesday sessions will be held in the Centennial Room, Skirvin Hilton Hotel, 1 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City (pre-registration required), and the Thursday and Friday sessions will be held in the Classroom, Oklahoma History Center, 2401 N. Laird, Oklahoma City (just northeast of the State Capitol). There is a \$35 per person registration fee for the Wednesday workshops (see below). The Thursday and Friday sessions are free, but the SHPO requests that you register by 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 28. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis. The workshop schedule is as follows:

December 5 (9:30 a.m. – 12 noon) Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

In this workshop participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. This session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

December 5 (1:30 – 4:30 p.m.) Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

This half-day workshop is dedicated to a thorough discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally referred to as The Standards, these common-sense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether you are involved in a rehabilitation project for the 20 percent federal and 20 percent state tax credits, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or just wanting to know the best approach to rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find this session invaluable. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation.

December 6 (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that federal agencies must consider the effect of their undertakings on archaeological and historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Topics addressed in this day-long workshop include the basic requirements of Section 106, the regulations that went into effect August 5 which govern the process, how to determine National Register eligibility, what constitutes adverse effects, mitigating adverse effects, and streamlining Section 106 review.

December 7 (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Working with the National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

Registered architects who attend these workshops can qualify for American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning units. If you have questions about workshop content, please contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or by e-mail at <mheisch@okhistory.org>.

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Shea Otley at 405/521-6249 or <sotley@okhistory.org>. Special requirements will apply to registration for the Wednesday, December 5 sessions, and those details will be provided upon request or can be obtained at <www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm> (select "Events" then "Special Events").

AGAIN! By popular demand, another Victorian Style Show November 3

Third's a charm. The Victorian Style Show, second edition, drew standing-room-only crowds, and a third show has been scheduled for Sunday, November 3, at the Oklahoma History Center. The special show celebrates 100 years of women's (and men's and children's) fashions, 1820s–1920s. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be a period sutlery (place to shop) on site. The show begins at 1:30 p.m. and continues until 4:30. Reservations must be made by October 15. Contact Kelsey Arnold, OHS Outreach Division at 405/522-0692 or by mail at 2401 North Laird Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Halloween adventure tour of Oklahoma at OHS sites

Spooky tales and ghostly meanderings are on the calendar for October 2007 events at OHS historic homes and sites. Plan to go to each of these events during late October, and you will learn a good deal about real (and imagined?) history!

Pawnee Bill Ranch Historic Site will present "Ghost Stories at the Mansion" on the evening of **October 20**. It is rumored that the shades of some of the historic home's original occupants have been spotted on the premises. The ranch is located at 1411 Pawnee Bill Road, just outside of town. It's dark out there at night! Call the staff for details: 918/762-2513.



Fort Washita's staff will offer "Walking Ghost Stories Tours" of the old fort area on **October 24 through 27**. Many of the ruins of the original Fort Washita remain as part of the historic site. Fort Washita Historic Site is located at 3348 State Road 199 near Durant and Madill. Are there supernatural happenings there after dark? Ask the staff at 580/924-6502.

On **October 25 through 28** in the vicinity of **Fort Towson**, "Ghostly Doaksville" will creep back to life. Doaksville, a pre-Civil War Choctaw Nation town, was founded in the 1820s and was served by steamboats plying the Red River. Who knows what rowdy, phantasmagoric entities lurk in the remains of Ghostly Doaksville? The staff of Fort Towson Historic Site knows. Call 580/873-9385.

The **George M. Murrell House** at Park Hill will reprise its "Ghost Stories" event on **October 26 and 27**. Yarn spinners will regale you with tales about the ghostly past of the Murrell House, of Cherokee County, and of various other locations. The address is 19479 East Murrell Home Rd., Park Hill. Call 918/456-2751 for more information.

Call or e-mail in advance for information about preregistration, admission fees, and age considerations. More information may be found at <www.okhistory.org>.

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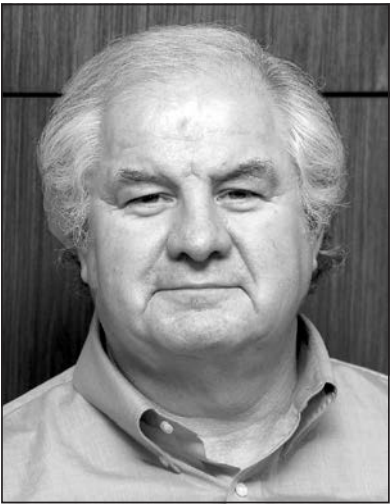
Glen Roberson, Coordinator of Certification of Local Government Programs for SHPO

In July 2000 Glen Roberson joined the OHS staff to work in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as coordinator for the certification of local government programs. He works with cities that have historic preservation ordinances that empower the cities to identify and to protect historic sites and structures. Local urban governments can garner federal money through grants from the National Parks Service. Other duties include coordinating the Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Program and serving as librarian for the SHPO office, located in the Oklahoma History Center.

Roberson stated that he grew up near Dalhart, Texas, where his father, Forrest Roberson, who called himself a rancher, worked a large farm/small ranch and raised wheat and cattle. During the Korean War his mother, Mary, worked as superintendent and principal for a small school in Hartley, where she also coached the boy's basketball team for one year. Glen recalled spending many hours on a John Deere tractor and hauling hay. At age eighteen he left home and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State College at Alva. He eventually transferred to Oklahoma State University and received his doctorate in 1977. His dissertation, "City on the Plains: The History of Tulsa, Oklahoma," was published under the title *City in the Osage Hills: Tulsa, Oklahoma* in 1984. During his college years he took a semester off and worked on a shrimp boat in the Gulf of Mexico. The hard manual labor and the smell quickly brought him to his senses, and he returned to college.

He thoroughly enjoys history. When asked by *Mistletoe Leaves* what he did outside his OHS job, he said that he was teaching three courses at the University of Oklahoma. In addition to an American history survey class, he instructs two upper-level courses, History of the Great Plains and Urban West of the Twentieth Century. He also likes to research and write. He wrote a chapter entitled "The Homeless Peorias," which was printed in an Oklahoma Historical Society publication, *Oklahoma's Forgotten Indians* (1981), and has had articles published in historical journals. Through the years he has been an adjunct instructor at Rose State College, Oklahoma City Community College, and the University of Central Oklahoma. Outside the history field he has worked as a research analyst, performing historical research on economic cycles for Merrill Lynch, and has operated his own investment company.

Three years ago Roberson was a single father. Then he married a long-time acquaintance named Fran, who works for a nonprofit organization. Between the two of them, they have four grown children and four grandchildren.



Gift Shop News

by Russ Haynes

Hello from the gift shop! It is fall and football season, but it is also time for the annual Gift Shop pre-Christmas sale. On Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 the Gift Shop will have selected items on sale for 25% to 75% off the retail price. Come and get some of your Christmas shopping done for those history lovers on your list! By the end of November the annual publications catalog should also be arriving in the mailboxes of those of you who live out of town or out of state. Here are a few of the newer books we have for sale here in the store.

AMERICAN FRONTIER LAWMEN, 1850-1930, by Charles Robinson. Number 96 in Osprey Publishing's *Elite* series. Discusses the men who shaped law and order in the "Wild West." Describes how, where, and why these law enforcement officers operated as they did. Includes 8 pages of color reconstructions. 72 pages. Paperback. \$17.95

ONCE UPON A HIGHWAY: Route 66 in Oklahoma, by John Calvin Womack. Brings to the viewer and reader a remarkable and provocative record of sights and places along old Route 66 in Oklahoma. Includes over 150 sketches of various landmarks found along the highway. Signed by the author/artist. 162 pages. Hardback. \$36.95

ASTRONAUTS, ATHLETES, & AMBASSADORS: Oklahoma Women from 1950-2007, by Glenda Carlile. Includes biographical profiles and accomplishments of 27 different Oklahoma women. 250 pages. Paperback. \$16.95

BLOOD & TREASURE: Confederate Empire in the Southwest by Donald Frazier. Describes how Confederate troops tried to capture the Southwest to extend the Southern empire and presents new interpretations of a little-known aspect of the Civil War. Exhaustively researched, *Blood & Treasure* is the definitive account of the New Mexico campaign. 361 pages. Paperback. \$21.95

To order please use the order form included, or you can call us at 405/522-5214. Please make checks payable to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Overseas members must e-mail for a shipping quote before submitting an order. For questions and suggestions call or e-mail <giftshop@okhistory.org>. Thanks once again for your patronage. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

Have brunch on October 13 and help restore the Seay Mansion

The annual Seay Mansion Society Luncheon will be held this year on October 13 at the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds, Thirteenth Street and Bowman in Kingfisher. Viewing of beautifully decorated tables begins at 9:30 a.m. Each table has a personal hostess who decorates it in a distinctive style, with beautiful dishes, flatware, centerpieces, and table linens. The dining event will begin promptly at 11 p.m. It will be followed by an entertaining and informative program. There will be drawings for prizes, and guests are sure to leave with ideas for decorating their own tables for dinner parties during the coming holiday season.

The goal of the brunch is to raise money for the restoration of the Seay Mansion, located in Kingfisher across the street from the Chisholm Trail Museum.

Cost of the event is \$10 per person. For tickets call the Chisholm Trail Museum at 405/375-5176.

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Pawnee Bill Ranch hosts October quilt show and workshops

During the entire month of October the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum hosts its Annual Quilt Show. The exhibit features historic and modern quilts.

A Heritage Skills Workshop is scheduled for October 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year the following classes are offered: Dutch-oven cooking; blacksmithing; natural dyeing; corn-husk doll and flower making; candle making; basket making; flint knapping; soap making; and traditional pioneer games.

Registration takes place from 8:30 to 9 a.m., and classes begin at 9 a.m. Preregistration is required. Workshop fees, based on a participant's choice of classes, reflect the kinds of supplies used in the class. The fees are reasonable, however, and most have a completed project for the creator to take home.

A Victorian Crazy Quilt Workshop will be offered on October 4 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Participants must bring a pair of fabric scissors and a thimble and any special fabrics they would like to use in the quilt. All other supplies will be furnished. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Staff will present the history of crazy quilting and also describe the quilt's uses in fashion, decoration, and gifts.

Call 918/762-2513 to enroll.

OHS October events

- 1-31** *Inspired to Lead: First Families of Oklahoma*, Oklahoma History Center (OHC)
- 1-31** *The Chinese Experience in Oklahoma*, Oklahoma Museum of History, OHC
- 1-31** Centennial Quilt Challenge Contest and Exhibit, *Oklahoma's Pioneering Spirit, 1907-2007*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 14** Oklahoma Centennial Parade, Oklahoma City; Brunch, OHC
- 13** 1907 Fashion Show and Tea, George M. Murrell House, Park Hill
- 20** Tatting Workshop with Judy Banashek, Chisholm Trail Museum Museum, Kingfisher
- 25** Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Museum of History, OHC



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Fort Gibson designated official Trail of Tears National Historic Trail site

Ceremony planned for October 13 during Fall Encampment

On Saturday, October 13, Fort Gibson Historic Site will be designated as an official site of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The route includes places that figured in the removal of the Cherokees from the Southeastern United States in the late 1830s. Members of the Trail of Tears Association as well as representatives from the Cherokee Nation, the National Park Service, and the Oklahoma Historical Society will be present for the ceremony.

The Historic Trail designation comprises an important part of the annual Fort Gibson Fall Encampment. Troops of the 1840s will once again garrison the historic installation for the 2007 edition of the event, set for Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13. The event portrays frontier garrison life in the later part of the Indian Removal period. Living history presenters will encamp in and around the log fort to show visitors the roles played by the U.S. Army Infantry, the Dragoons, and various civilians attached to the army during the 1840s.

Planned presentations will include mounted and infantry demonstrations, blacksmithing, medicine, cooking, and military justice. Several civilian presenters will portray life in the Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole nations. Friday, October 12 will be set aside as Education Day. Classes may visit the site from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. to experience the presentations.

The Fall Encampment is presented by the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Sixth Infantry Living History Association. Fort Gibson Historic Site is on State Highway 80 in Fort Gibson, OK. Admission will be free Friday and Saturday in recognition of the Oklahoma Centennial. For more information call 918/478-4088 or e-mail <fortgibson@okhistory.org>.



Sixth Infantry Association at drill
(Staff photo).