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Septemberfest 2012

Join the Oklahoma History Center and the Governor's Mansion for the sixteenth annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 8. This year's event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will include attractions and activities for all ages celebrating Oklahoma's heritage with crafts, food, live entertainment, and living history. Families are encouraged to bring picnic lunches but food vendors will also be available. Admission to the History Center and for the activities is free for the day.

Along the Red River Journey area, living history interpreters will bring the past to life. Visit with World War II paratroopers, cowboys, and more. This year the OHS will bring Oklahoma history alive with learning stations, hands-on activities, demonstrations, and more from museums and historic sites across the state. If you find the need for shade or just want a chance to cool off be sure to venture inside the History Center for performances from groups such as Santa Fe Stomp. The Oklahoma Children's Theatre will be performing short performances perfect for a come-and-go audience. While at the museum take a few minutes to peek at our new exhibit *Oklahoma @ the Movies* and to view the animal-created art from the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Gardens.

NE 23rd Street will be closed for the event and parking will be available at the History Center and the State Capitol. For more information please contact Jason Harris at 405/522-0785 or by email at jharris@okhistory.org.



Top right: Omar Reed demonstrating blacksmithing.

Middle, left to right: Matt Reed and Lori Oden demonstrating historical photography; Jim Meeks and Mary Lee making sun prints; WWII paratroopers.

Above: Kevin Webb as Pawnee Bill, with Theresa Black.



Cabin Creek living history event



The Oklahoma Historical Society and the Friends of Cabin Creek Historic Site will host a Civil War living history event at the Cabin Creek Battlefield on September 28 and 29. The event is part of Oklahoma's commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The event begins on Friday, September 28, with an education day for students, educators, and the visiting public. Stations will teach different topics related to the battles fought at Cabin Creek and the Civil War in Indian Territory. Living historians will explain infantry drill, artillery drill, civilian life, and other aspects of life in Indian Territory during the war. Teachers and educators may RSVP by emailing cabincreek@okhistory.org. Admission is free on Friday for students, educators, and chaperones.

On Saturday, September 29, the public will be able to visit various living history stations and attend

programs throughout the day about the history of Cabin Creek. Activities include military and civilian demonstrations, music, and children's activities. A full battle reenactment will not occur at this event. Food and drink concessions and period vendors will be on hand. Admission on Saturday is \$5 per car.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. For more information and directions, visit the Cabin Creek webpage at <http://www.okhistory.org/sites/cabincreek>.



Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**
Executive Director

I have been fortunate throughout my career to have mentors willing to share their experience and leadership skills with me.

As an eager young editor at the OHS, I was guided by veterans such as Arrell M. Gibson, Ben Blackstock, and Don Green. As a manager, I learned valuable lessons from Louis Coleman and Blake Wade. Along the way I was befriended and mentored by community leaders such as Dr. John Carmichael, Paul Strasbaugh, and Jordan Reeves.

There is one mentor who has been a part of my professional, political, and personal life for the last thirty-three years. His name is Denzil D. Garrison, and he recently retired as a member of the OHS board of directors.

He faithfully served his country as a soldier during World War II and Korea. He served his neighbors as a county attorney, a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate. When Governor David Boren, a Democrat, needed a legislative director who would seek the

greatest good for the greatest number of people, he turned to his friend Denny.

Throughout this career of service, Denny balanced the responsibilities of a successful attorney, father, and grandfather. At his side throughout has been his partner and wife, Barbara.

Denny has a keen interest in history. He is one of the most skilled genealogists I know and a voracious reader who consumes books. I calculate that we have talked on the telephone more than one thousand times throughout our friendship and we never part without sharing an opinion of a book we are reading.

Denny and I share many interests, but outside of family there is nothing so dear to both of us as the welfare of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

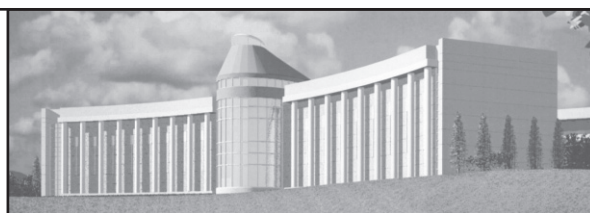
Denny was the guiding spirit of the new OHS Constitution and Bylaws adopted in 1981. After a decade of internal strife, that change in governance provided a secure foundation for institutional progress.

Denny served two terms as president of the OHS and served continuously on the executive committee from 1981 to this summer. Without Denny there is no History Center. Without Denny there is no long term plan for raising standards and building a quality staff.

At every step in my career, Denny has been there to offer advice, encouragement, and support. He is a friend, a colleague, and a teacher.

Yes, I have been fortunate to have had mentors willing to share their experience and skills. No one has been more important than Denny Garrison.

Dr. Bob



Development News

by Paul F. Lambert

As of June 30, 8,754 individuals were members of the Oklahoma Historical Society. To my knowledge, this is the largest our membership has ever been. Our membership over the past six years has grown significantly and we are grateful for this growing level of support. Several years ago we set a goal of exceeding ten thousand members, and we have made steady progress. Hopefully, over the next twelve months we can achieve this goal. We are planning an aggressive campaign to grow the membership but it also is vitally important to retain our existing members. When it comes time to renew your membership I hope you will feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 405/522-5217, plambert@okhistory.org, or at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, 73105.

We have learned over the years that our members are an excellent source of prospective members. Consequently, we are asking members to mail or email us lists of individuals or couples to be invited to join the OHS. Of course, we will check first to see if they already are members. In appreciation to those who provide lists of five or more, we will send a replica of a historic map of their choice from among the following subjects: bird's-eye-view of Tulsa, 1920; Guthrie shortly after its inception; bird's-eye-view of Oklahoma City less than one year old; the original Oklahoma counties (75), 1907; The Raymer Map placing historic sites, battles, roadways, and exploration routes; and the proposed State of Sequoyah, 1905. Please indicate which map you would like to receive when you send your prospective members list. Thanks, again for all you do to support the OHS.

New members, July 2012

*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level

Associate

*Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGraw, Tulsa

Friend

Ann Hohweiler, Woodward
Leslie Kennon, Shawnee

Family

Alvie Cater Sr., Lawton
Bob Donaho, Davis
*Peggy Gattenby, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Gierhart, Choctaw
Kendell Hall, Porter
Carol Heydman, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hopper, Oklahoma City
Laura Howard, Bartlesville
Jean Hubinger, Oklahoma City
Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Kite, Tulsa
Bart McSpadden, Edmond
Homer and Lisa Noley, Wilburton
Anita Reese, Norman
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roberts, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sager, Oklahoma City
Mr. and Mrs. Brent Schoenecke, Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torres, Oklahoma City
Dr. Martin Turman, Edmond
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ward, Moore
Jean Wilson, Oklahoma City

Individual

Jim Arnot, Oklahoma City
Pamela Asling, Muskogee
Raquel Ball, Washington
Joshua Barth, Enid
Wayne Brown, Wellston
Emily Bunch, Oklahoma City
Rickey Burns, Cushing
Elva Campbell, Davis
David Cantrell, McAlester
Ricardo Chavana, Lawton
Justin Clemmons, Tecumseh
David Conaster, Mena, AR
Ronnie Estep, Arnett
Benny Feely, Okeene
Kala Fuentes, Okmulgee
Toby Gibson, Altus
Terry Golay, Covington
Aaron Gower, Park Hill
Gregory Grocock, Muskogee
David Harris, Muskogee
Tom Hays, Ardmore
Jon Herring, Woodward
Bonnie Holder, Kokomo, IN
David Holder, Enid
Teena Hume, Enid
David Jackson, Glencoe
Janet Jones, Enid

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AROUND OKLAHOMA

Events

The annual Loose Caboose Festival in **Purcell** on Saturday, September 1, is a family-oriented event sponsored by the Purcell Antique Merchants Association. Starting at the actual caboose in Pocket Park on Main Street, vendors line the sidewalks of Purcell. Browse through art, antiques, collectibles, crafts, Made-in-Oklahoma products, and much more. Enjoy wine tastings or stick around for live entertainment, which will be provided all day. Sample goodies at the Loose Caboose Festival's food court to enjoy everything from Indian tacos to sarsaparilla. Children's activities will include a moon bounce, face painting, storytelling, crafts, and games. During the festival, local antique shops located on Main Street will also feature special sales and free drawings. The event occurs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call 405/527-5214.

Oktoberfest from August 31 to September 2 and September 5 to 8 in **Choctaw** has become a favorite destination for German food, genuine German beer and wine, and German music. Visitors will enjoy continuous live entertainment for all ages plus special appearances by German dance groups. Oktoberfest also features crafts, vendors, and activities for children. Don't miss the "Stabbing of the Keg" kickoff ceremony or the delightful polka music. For the schedule of events and more information call 405/390-8647 or visit <http://www.oldgermany.com> and select the Oktoberfest page.

Make your way to the Pottawatomie County Free Fair from September 5 to 8 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in **Shawnee** for activities for the whole family. Witness the competitions, arts and crafts, commercial vendors, educational booths, delicious fair food, and evening carnival rides. Daily livestock shows and exhibitions will include poultry, goats, cattle, rabbits, sheep, and more. Visitors to the fair will also enjoy a children's petting zoo, old-fashioned games, live music performed by local musicians, and the fair's popular horse show. Do not miss the fair's farmhand olympics, as well as an antique tractor display and garden tractor pull. For more information, call 405/275-7020 or visit <http://oces.okstate.edu/pottawatomie/2011-county-fair/>.

Celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Severs Hotel in downtown **Muskogee** on Thursday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m. with a few of its famous guests such as Will Rogers, Eleanor Roosevelt, Alice Robertson, and Tams Bixby. For ticket information contact muskogeemainstreet@gmail.com.

The Amish School Auction, Craft, and Antique Show in **Clarita** on September 8 includes crafts, antiques, a bake sale, farm equipment, livestock, tack, collectibles, and quilts. Horses, poultry, farm-related items, and plenty of homemade baked goods of every kind will also be available. The auction takes place at the Ben Troyer farm, six miles south of Tupelo on State Highway 48. Homemade quilts, antiques, glassware, and furniture will be auctioned off. In addition, pieced quilts made by Amish women will be available. This event is organized by a group of about twenty Amish families. The event occurs from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 580/428-3458.

Visit **Duncan** for the annual Western Spirit Celebration on September 14 and 15. Part of Duncan's Western Fall Fest, this event is a tribute to the American cowboy. The event kicks off with a longhorn cattle drive along the old Chisholm Trail going right up to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center. The longhorns will remain on the grounds, herded by professional cowboys. Savory chuck wagon meals cooked over an open flame outside will be available during the event. Watch Western heritage reenactors and cowboy poets and browse booths with artisans and vendors. There will be several activities and games for kids and free concerts will be held throughout the event. Bring the family out on Saturday to receive free admission to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center. The event occurs on Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 580/252-6692.

The annual **Elk City** Fall Festival, held on September 15 and 16, is one of the largest arts and craft shows in western Oklahoma. For more than thirty years crafters and artists from all over have traveled to Elk City to showcase their unique gifts, products, and home décor. Admission is free. This annual fall festival also includes a variety of food vendors. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 580/225-0207.

Come to Oklahoma Indian Summer in **Bartlesville** from September 20 to 22 and enjoy a wealth of activities and exhibitions celebrating American Indian culture. This event features youth and adult powwows with dancing, storytelling, a talent show, and church service. American Indian artists in a variety of media will compete for the top prize in the art show and sale. A wide array of American Indian cultural demonstrations and storytelling are scheduled inside the community center and will be held throughout the weekend. The public is invited to an intertribal worship service that will be performed in both Cherokee and English. Children's events will include painting, pony rides, and plenty of games. Food and craft vendors will be onsite, as well as traders offering a variety of books, artifacts, supplies, and clothing with an American Indian theme. For more information, call 918/331-0934.

The eighth annual Western Heritage Weekend in **Dewey** will feature the Tom Mix Festival and Parade and a longhorn cattle drive down Main Street on Saturday, September 22, and a Wild West Show on Sunday, September 23, at Prairie Song Village. Saturday events include live music, children's games, food and trade vendors, gunfighters, the Rodeo Princess contest, free museum tours at the Tom Mix Museum and Dewey Hotel, and a silent auction featuring Western heritage items. On Sunday, the Wild West Show admission includes cowboy church, prairie song tours, and live music. This year's Wild West Show will include chariot races, bronc riding, a fancy gun handling exhibition, ghost riders (monkeys on dogs herding sheep), wild cow milking, the one-armed bandit with his bison, and more. For more information, call 918/534-1555 or email tommix@cabelone.net.

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

“Oklahoma Memories” podcast

“Oklahoma Memories” is a weekly four-minute program using the audio archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Previous topics have included “The Job of Being a Governor,” “John Hope Franklin,” “First Car in Oklahoma City,” “Urschel Kidnapping,” and “The Swine Flu.” The episodes include historical stories from Oklahoma or interviews from well-known people remembering historic events. The program won second place for Best Radio Feature for 2009 and an honorable mention in 2012 from the Oklahoma Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists.

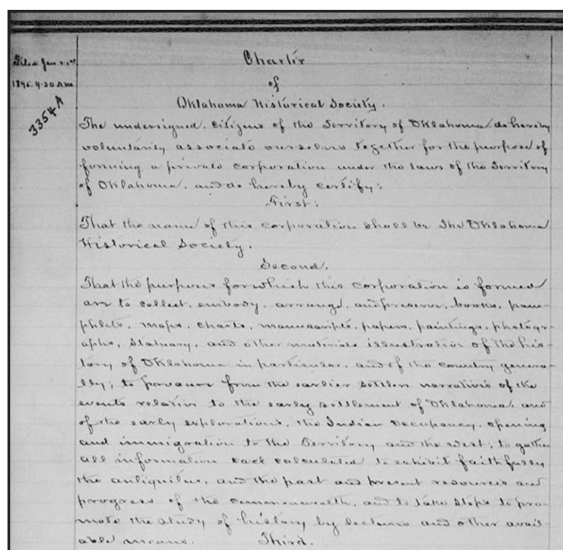
“Oklahoma Memories” is broadcasted on 91.7 KOSU-OSU in Stillwater and Oklahoma City, 107.5 in Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma, and 101.9 in Okmulgee as part of “All Things Considered” on Mondays at 4:45 p.m. KCCU-Cameron University airs the program as part of “Morning Edition” at 8:45 a.m. on 89.3 in Lawton and Fort Sill, 95.9 in Woodward and northwestern Oklahoma, 88.7 in Wichita Falls, 90.3 in Ardmore, 90.1 in Altus, 89.3 in Duncan, 100.1 in Chickasha, and 89.1 in Weatherford, Clinton, and Elk City.

In addition to the radio airtime, be sure to visit <http://www.okhistory.org/about/podcasts> to listen to current or archived podcasts and view transcripts of “Oklahoma Memories.”

Also available on the OHS podcast page is “Oklahoma Journeys,” that aired from September 2009 to September 2011. These episodes also feature stories of important Oklahoma heritage, such as the Zeke Proctor murder trial, the Tulsa Race Riot, arrest of David Payne (a Boomer), and the death of Wild West Show veteran Pawnee Bill.

Incorporation Records for Oklahoma and Indian Territories digitized

The Incorporation Records for the Oklahoma and Indian Territories have been digitized in a joint project with the OHS Research Division and the Oklahoma secretary of state’s office. The ledger books were generated by the territorial secretary as new companies and municipalities began conducting business. There are twenty-seven volumes of Oklahoma Territory Incorporation Records and fifteen volumes for Indian Territory. Some examples of the entries found in the ledgers include: agreement and incorporation, incorporation amendment, appointment of agent, dissolution, and lease and mortgage transactions. The entries begin in 1890 and continue until statehood is established in 1907.



The first step in the digitizing process was to microfilm the forty-two volumes of ledger books. The pages are sixteen by twenty inches, some are handwritten, some are typed, and others are completed by a form printed on the page. After the microfilming was completed, the rolls of film were scanned and each frame shot by the microfilm camera became a digital image file. The image files were then indexed by staff brought in for the project from the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies, Rumela Bose and Diane Wasser, and Lauren Riepl from the University of Central Oklahoma Museum Studies program. The indexing entailed reading every entry and typing in the entry number, the name of the company or entity, the type of action, the location of business, and the date filed. In some instances the entries were incomplete or difficult to read. Including the time it took to double check for errors, this process took more than nine months to complete. Once the indexing was complete the files were then made into Adobe PDFs for easy navigation and the data generated from indexing was tied to each entry.

The end product allows you to search for records by territory, year, entity name, or entry number. Your search results will contain a link that takes you directly to the image of the page containing the entry. Incorporation records are useful for towns and cities seeking a charter date, railroad and real estate company land transactions, or tracing the history of a business. Entries filed after statehood was established in late 1907 will be held by the secretary of state’s office in the State Capitol Building. They also have a database for searching entries which is available on the secretary of state’s office website and is updated by their staff. You can find a link to that database at the bottom of the Oklahoma Historical Society’s Territorial Incorporation database website <http://www.okhistory.org/research/ledgers>.

OHC call for volunteers

Volunteers are invaluable to any organization, providing their time, energy, and talent. The Oklahoma History Center is sending out a call for more volunteers to assist with daily activities such as meet and greet, gallery hosting, guiding tours, helping in the Museum Store, and assisting at special events year round.

The next volunteer training will be held September 24 to 29 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on the weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone interested should contact the Volunteer Services Office at volunteers@okhistory.org or 405/522-0754.



Volunteers on a fieldtrip to Dewey in 2009 (photo courtesy of Robbin Davis).

Celebration Tea and Open House at the Cherokee Strip Museum

The Cherokee Strip Historical Society and the OHS will host their annual Cherokee Strip Celebration Tea and Open House to commemorate the Cherokee Strip land run on September 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cherokee Strip Museum in Perry. “The Cherokee Strip land run of September 16, 1893, was an epic event in the history of our state. Over one hundred thousand land-hungry pioneers raced for forty thousand homesteads and the valuable town lots available in the Cherokee Outlet. The run ushered in an era of agriculture and urban development. We invite you to visit the museum and explore the history of this event and our local history,” said Peggy Haxton, who manages the museum. For more information, call 580/336-2405.



Honey Springs Annual Memorial

On Saturday, July 14, the Honey Springs Battlefield Site in Checotah held a memorial service to honor those who died during the engagement at Honey Springs (action at Elk Creek) on Friday, July 17, 1863.

The event featured Federal and Confederate reenacting units presenting rifle salutes, a cannon salute, and playing taps.



Reenactors portray soldiers during the memorial.



Autumnal equinox walks at Spiro Mounds

Archaeologist and site manager Dennis Peterson will lead guided equinox tours starting at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 22. Each walk will take about two hours and require a mile of easy walking. Peterson will tell about the unique prehistoric American Indian mound site, the types of mounds, why they were created, and why some of the mounds are lined up for the sunsets of the solstices and equinoxes. He will tell the history of the excavations, American Indian ceremonies and stories, and tales of the unusual happenings associated with the mounds. For those wishing to see the sunset, take the 7 p.m. walk starting just about sunset when the alignment will take place. Come out to experience one of the most unique historical sites in the United States as seen through the eyes of an archaeologist.

In addition to the regular admission fee, there is a small fee for this series of tours of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. No reservations are required unless you are bringing a big group. Be certain to dress for the weather.

The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center is the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma. The center is regularly open Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. If you need more information or wish to schedule a group or school tour during the solstice walks or some other time, please call 918/962-2062.



Quilting workshop at the Sod House Museum

On September 8 quilters will meet and share their completed quilt blocks from 9 am to 12 pm at the Sod House Museum. Martha Ray will assign a new block pattern for the quilters. The cost is five dollars per person. For more information call 580/463-2441 or e-mail sodhouse@okhistory.org.



Bow making workshop at Pawnee Bill Ranch

Tommy Leach of Stillwater will present a primitive bow making workshop in the Pawnee Bill Ranch's historic big barn on Saturday, September 15, at 9 a.m. The class is a hands-on opportunity for participants to learn the stages of bow making. The fee for the workshop is \$25 with lunch provided. For more information, call 918/762-2513 or email pawneebill@okhistory.org.



Above: Pawnee Bill

SHPO grant application meeting

On September 7 at 10:30 a.m. the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office will hold a public meeting for its fiscal year 2013 historic preservation fund grant application. The meeting will be held at the Oklahoma History Center classroom. For more information, call 405/521-6249.

Hidden Collections . . .

The Clarke Collection

by William D. Welge, CA

It has become a rare thing for the Research Division to collect items generated during the nineteenth century. But in fall 2010 the division received a sizeable collection of letters, printed government documents, original newspapers from Massachusetts and Kansas from the 1850s and 1860s, Civil War records, and boosterism from the descendants of Sidney Clarke.

Born in 1831 in Southbridge, Massachusetts, Clarke toiled in the field of journalism. Like many men of his day he moved west of the Mississippi River, relocating to Lawrence, Kansas, in 1858. Being a staunch abolitionist, he encountered opposition to his views as a portion of the populace hoped to extend slavery into Kansas. In 1861 he was elected to the first Kansas legislature and later, during the Civil War, was the assistant provost marshal general of the Dakotas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas. The collection will also include documents of his brief congressional career beginning in 1864.

By the 1880s Clarke joined forces with the Boomer movement under David L. Payne. After Payne's death in late 1884, Clarke continued to support the effort to open the Unassigned Lands in central Indian Territory to non-Indian settlement. His collection will touch upon that aspect of his life. When Payne's successor William L. Couch decided to try other avenues to open the territory to settlement, he used Clarke's experience in Congress as they coordinated efforts to secure legislation that would succeed where invasion had failed.

For twenty years after the run of 1889, Clarke was involved in the politics of the newly opened territory. His zest for public life is evident from his election to the city council of Oklahoma City and to the territorial council a few years later.

The collection has a wealth of political fodder and intrigue from the mid-1850s until his death in 1909. It is surprising to note that there is no biography written about this man. His accomplishments were many but known only by a few. For more information about Sidney Clarke and his life contact the Manuscript Department at 405/522-0876 and ask about collection 2011.153.

Museum Store News

by Jera Winters

At the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store we are pleased to offer our members and patrons the best selection in books about Oklahoma's history and its people. To celebrate our most recent exhibit on the art of Woody Crumbo, *Crumbo Spirit Talk*, the Museum Store is highlighting books that celebrate American Indian artists and art.

Uprising: Woody Crumbo's Indian Art, by Robert Perry, is a richly detailed biography of the internationally acclaimed Potawatomi artist, musician, dancer, flutist, silversmith, and poet. The book describes how Crumbo's work was influential in the acceptance of American Indian art forms in the mainstream artistic community. This book retails for \$29.95 and is available to members for \$24.46.

Plains Indian Art: The Pioneering Work of John C. Ewers, edited by Jane Robinson, is a collection of essays by one of the most respected scholars of American Indian artwork. This collection features essays by the pioneering ethnohistorian with beautiful reproductions and illustrations of the art. This book retails for \$39.95 and is available to members for \$33.96.

Allan Houser: American Master, by W. Jackson Rushing, tells about the journey of renowned American Indian and Oklahoma artist Allan Houser from his childhood in Oklahoma to his art studies and beyond. The book features more than 250 full-color illustrations of the artist's work. This book retails for \$60 and is available to members for \$51.

Stop by and visit for these and many other unique products. Members always receive a discount of 15 percent on Museum Store purchases. Please contact us at 405/522-5214 to order or with any questions about these or any other of our great items.

The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture

This 1,700-page, two-volume set includes 2,455 articles by noted historians including biographies, town and county histories, major events, and much more about the rich history and culture of Oklahoma and its people.

The retail price is \$100 for the set, plus shipping and handling. OHS members receive a discount, and institutions may also qualify for discounts. For purchase or more information contact the Museum Store at 405/522-5214 or giftshop@okhistory.org.

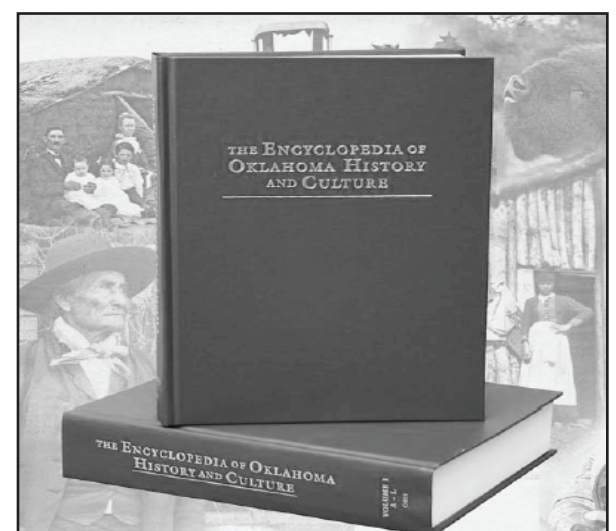
New members, cont'd.

Casey Laymon, Park Hill
Geraldine Lyon, Marlow
Sara Moore, Elk City
Clayton Phillips, Konawa
Bonnie Reese, Nardin
Jeffrey Richard, Henryetta
Adan Salgado, Holdenville
Carol Schick, Edmond
Tron Steele, Muskogee
Johnny Vance, Eufaula
Mattie Walker, Tahlequah
Richard Warner, Muskogee
Ricky Wells, Stonewall
David Wiggs, Stillwater

Twenty-year members renew in July

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

James Tilly, Tulsa, June, 1, 1969
Oleta Tolen, Moore, May 1, 1982
Oklahoma Christian University Library, Oklahoma City, September 1, 1985
William Anderson, Calabash, NC, December 1, 1985
Carol Jordan, Oklahoma City, June 24, 1986
Ardmore Public Library, Ardmore, July 23, 1986
Twylla Berger, Ocala, FL, October 24, 1986
James O'Malley, Richardson, TX, March 23, 1987
Steven & Donna Byas, Norman, July 22, 1987
Mike & Glenna Stidham, Checotah, March 17, 1988
Fort Smith National Historical Society, Fort Smith, AR, July 5, 1988
Bill & Karen Anderson, Holdenville, July 6, 1988
D. L. Myers, Tulsa, December 16, 1988
Lonnie Fink, Oklahoma City, June 20, 1989
Ray Stinchcomb, Catoosa, November 8, 1989
Mark & Lou Curnutte, Vinita, July 30, 1990
James Russell, McAlester, April 13, 1992
Oklahoma School of Science & Math, Oklahoma City, June 1, 1992
Lindell & Bonnie Moore, Midwest City, June 30, 1992
Donna McSpadden, Chelsea, July 1, 1992



Yoga at the Pioneer Woman Museum

Beginning Saturday, September 8, at 7 a.m., OM Yoga will be offering sunrise yoga in the park at the Pioneer Woman Museum. This is a complimentary gentle yoga series that is appropriate for all levels of yoga experience. Just bring a mat and blanket. This free class is open to the public and all donations will benefit the Pioneer Woman Museum. If you have questions, call 580/765-6108.



Spotlight on a site . . . The Pioneer Heritage Townsite Center

The Pioneer Heritage Townsite Center in Frederick was created in 1977 when the Frederick Rotary Club and Tillman County Historical Society teamed up to save and move the Horse Creek School.

The OHS became involved in 1996 with renovations to the Frisco Depot and installation of exhibits. The site was then named Pioneer Heritage Townsite Center. Additional land and structures have expanded the museum complex that represents plains and southwestern Oklahoma agriculture in the 1920s era.

Life with no running water and electricity, shopping at the general store, attending a one-room school, and the back-breaking labor of farming are remembered by older generations and introduced to the younger generations at the Pioneer Heritage Townsite Center through different historic structures.

The general store was constructed on the townsite in spring 2000. It is the first stop of visitors to the center. It houses goods needed during the early years, an original Tillman County post office, information about sites to visit in Tillman County, important visitor information, and the museum gift shop.

Horse Creek Schoolhouse was built in 1902 in northeastern Tillman County. It served first as a school and later as the North Deep Red Baptist Church until the 1960s. The building has been restored and is now used to teach children about school in a one-room facility. The building was moved to Pioneer Park in 1977 and served as a museum until 2000.

The Nill House structure was originally a corn crib built from lumber milled on the Nill family farm. It was brought to this area by the Nill family in 1906. The family shipped the house by rail from Ohio to Oklahoma Territory. It was reassembled as a house near Quanah, Oklahoma Territory (southeast of Frederick), and the family of seven lived there for about six months until a new, two-story home was built. The house was donated by N. C. Nill and moved to the current site in 1983.

The Tillman County Historical Museum building was constructed in the spring of 2000. The museum houses exhibits that interpret life in a southwestern Oklahoma community during the territorial period, the World Wars, and the Depression era.

The St. Paul (AME) Church was built in 1924. It was originally located at 722 W. Aster in Frederick, Oklahoma. The church was moved to the current site in 1999 and restored. The pews, choir benches, and pulpit are all original.

The Frisco Depot was scheduled for demolition when members of the Tillman County Historical Society and staff of the Tulsa office of the Frisco Railroad worked out a deal to save it. The depot was moved to the townsite in May 1985 in three separate pieces. The building houses the *What's Coming, What's Going* exhibit. This exhibit shows how agricultural products were shipped out, and how building and household supplies were shipped in, by rail. Some of the original furniture is still in place, as is graffiti from early workmen and travelers. Three passenger trains stopped daily. Military personnel and civilians used this mode of transportation regularly before the automobile became popular.

The barn was erected in 1983 through the efforts of the Tillman County Historical Society. It was originally built as an extension of the schoolhouse museum. The building has been moved and renovated to represent a functioning barn. Also in the barn is the Abernathy Boys exhibit.

The Pioneer Heritage Townsite Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for special events. Admission is free. For more information, call 580/335-5844, email pioneer@okhistory.org, or visit <http://www.okhistory.org/sites/pioneertownsite>.



Upper left down to right: Horse Creek School, Frisco Depot, the general store, St. Paul Church, and Nill House.

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Frontier Festival at the Cherokee Regional Heritage Center



Historical interpreters at the 2011 Frontier Festival.

Join the Cherokee Regional Heritage Center for the Frontier Festival living history lantern tour on Friday, September 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. and a living history event at the Humphrey Heritage Village on Saturday, September 15.

The living history lantern tour features eight stops. At the schoolhouse visitors will be welcomed by the schoolmarms as they explain that the group will travel back to the early days of Enid just after the land run and experience the daily life of the homesteaders. Visit the general store to see what is going on with some of the locals. See the workings of the early pioneer fire department. Next visit the Humphrey Heritage Village Church as they have their annual evening revival and choir singing. At the homesteaders camp find out about some of the hard times experienced by the people and their plans for new buildings. Find out local gossip as you listen to the Glidewell ladies and their guests retire to the parlor after dinner. Join the land office agents as they close up for the night and discuss the troubles of the land run. Visit the post office to learn even more about the people of the town and how they are coping with the new land. Last of all visit the plaza for some period refreshments.

On Saturday, September 15, the activities continue with the Frontier Festival living history event at the Humphrey Heritage Village from 1 to 5 p.m. Activities and presentations for all ages will be provided by living history interpreters.

The lantern tour costs ten dollars per person for all ages. For registration and further information call 580/237-1907.

Civil War quilt seminar

On September 23 at 2 p.m. at the Pawnee Bill Ranch Martha Ray will teach about quilting during the Civil War. Retired director of the OHS site service center, Ray has taught quilting for years. This workshop will focus on the fabrics available during the Civil War, typical quilt patterns, and stories associated with quilts from that time period. The class will be fun and informative for anyone who enjoys Civil War history, quilting, and textile art. Donations will be accepted. Please register at 918/762-2513 or pawneebill@okhistory.org.



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Membership Program

Call for papers and presentations for the OHS Annual Meeting

The Oklahoma Historical Society is seeking papers and presentations for the 2013 OHS Annual Meeting, which will be held April 17 to 19 at the Frisco Conference Center in Clinton, Oklahoma. A total of ten concurrent paper sessions will be held on Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19.

The theme for the Annual Meeting is “Movin’ On: Mobility as a Dynamic Force in Oklahoma’s History.” Oklahoma has been shaped by movements of people on various scales, such as roving plains tribes, Indian removals, land runs and lotteries, cattle trailing industry, oil booms, Dust Bowl migration, and others. Social and economic mobility also has been an important aspect of the Oklahoma story. The willingness to “pull up stakes” and try some place or something new has characterized the people of Oklahoma.

Presentations should be limited to twenty to thirty minutes in length, depending on the number of participants in each session. One-page proposals should include the title of the presentation; a one-hundred-word description of the presentation; and the name, address, phone number, email address, and short curriculum vitae or brief biographical sketch of the presenter. Those who submit proposals will be notified of their status by early February 2013 if not earlier. Registration fees for program participants will be waived.

Please submit proposals as early as possible to: Annual Meeting Committee, Attn: Paul Lambert, Oklahoma Historical Society, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Proposals also may be emailed to Paul Lambert at plambert@okhistory.org. The deadline is Monday, December 31, 2012. For more information, call 405/522-5217.