



## Museum of the Western Prairie to host “The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain”

On Tuesday, September 6, at 7 p.m., the Museum of the Western Prairie in Altus will host an evening with Mark Twain. Storyteller James Doores of Amarillo, Texas, will bring the renowned author Mark Twain to life in his extraordinary one-man show, “The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain.” Dressed in a white linen suit, Doores has portrayed Mark Twain for more than forty years. Reviewers say Doores is very believable as he transports his audience back in time with Twain’s observations of American culture and idiosyncrasies. This program is free and open to the public. For more information please call 580-482-1044 or email [muswestpr@okhistory.org](mailto:muswestpr@okhistory.org). The Museum of the Western Prairie is located at 1100 Memorial Drive in Altus.

## Septemberfest scheduled at the Oklahoma History Center

The Oklahoma History Center and the Friends of the Mansion will be cohosting the governor’s twentieth annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free fall festival is open to the public and features more than sixty events and demonstrations. The History Center will be the primary location for activities, and tours of the first floor of the Governor’s Mansion will also be offered.

Attendance for Septemberfest has grown every year since it was initiated by Governor Frank Keating and the Friends of the Mansion, Inc., in 1997. The original intent was to share “Oklahoma’s House” with Oklahoma’s citizens. Septemberfest has attracted people from all over the world and it continues to grow in popularity. “This is an opportunity to showcase Oklahoma’s wonderful history and culture and things that make Oklahoma unique,” said Governor Mary Fallin.

This year’s Septemberfest theme, “Made in Oklahoma,” highlights hundreds of items that are produced and crafted in the state and traded or sold all over the world. Among the items that will be featured are food and beverages, gardening products, health and beauty products, farm and ranch supplies, and dairy products. The Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. Please call 405-522-0765 for more information.



## Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum receives recognition

*True West* magazine ranked the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum as one of the top six museums in the nation in the “Cowboys, Cattle, and Ranching” category. The list was published on page ninety-one of the September 2016 edition of *True West*. Staff members at the ranch are honored and very proud to be placed among the ranks of such wonderful institutions across the United States. This is the second consecutive year for the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum to be recognized in *True West* magazine’s museum rankings.



*True West* magazine captures the spirit of the American West with authenticity, personality, and humor by linking our history to our present. Whether you call it the Wild West, the Old West, or the Far West, America’s frontier history comes to life in *True West*, the world’s oldest, continuously published Western Americana magazine.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch was once the home of Wild West showman Gordon W. Lillie and his wife May Lillie. The ranch includes a historic home with original furnishings, a museum, gift shop, log cabin, blacksmith shop, barn, observation tower, and herds of bison, longhorns, and horses. The ranch is open seven days a week April through October and is closed Mondays and Tuesdays November through March. Visitors can tour the entire facility during normal hours of operation and specialized programming is available upon request for groups who make reservations in advance. The Pawnee Bill Ranch also proudly re-creates Pawnee Bill’s Original Wild West Show in June every year. For more information please call 918-762-2513 or visit the museum’s Facebook page. The Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum is located at 1141 Pawnee Bill Road, approximately one-half mile west of Pawnee on US Highway 64.

## “Life of a Cherokee Outlet Cowboy” presentation at Sod House Museum

Professor Jana Brown from Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be at the Sod House Museum for a special presentation on Saturday, September 17, at 10 a.m. Brown will present an overview of the life of a cowboy in the Cherokee Outlet through a review of the book *Cherokee Outlet Cowboy: Recollections of Laban S. Records*. Brown will discuss cattle ranching in the Cherokee Outlet prior to the land being opened to settlement through a land run. In addition to a history of cattle ranching during this era, Brown will review the book *Cherokee Outlet Cowboy*, written by Laban Samuel Records and edited by Ellen Jayne Maris Wheeler. Records wrote about his life as a lineman on the T5 and Spade ranches in the outlet prior to the land run. His narrative includes rich descriptions of the landscape and fauna of the region prior to settlement as well as the duties and everyday encounters of a cowboy. The Sod House Museum is located southeast of Aline on State Highway 8. For more information please contact Director Renee Trindle at 580-463-2441 or [sodhouse@okhistory.org](mailto:sodhouse@okhistory.org).





## Director's column

**By Dr. Bob L. Blackburn  
Executive Director**

Change is in the air.

As historians, we study change. As keepers of Oklahoma's stories and collections, we deal with change.

Some changes pose challenges, such as a decline in appropriations from general revenue exceeding 40 percent since 2008, or the most recent cut of more than \$1.1 million that forced us to lose twenty staff positions, reduce services to the public, and shrink support to museums across the state.

Two of the most visible results of the cutbacks are the closing of the John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick Research Center on Mondays and the transition of this newsletter, the *Mistletoe Leaves*, to a bi-monthly schedule.

The Research Center is located on the first floor of the Oklahoma History Center, open free to the general public, and now has regular hours of operation Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The closing of the Research Center was approved with great reluctance. We pride ourselves on accessibility to collections, programs, and services, so it is a step backward. The reality is that the accumulated budget cuts, punctuated by the most recent draconian appropriation reduction, have depleted our research staff to the point that we could no longer stretch the surviving staff members over a six-day schedule and still deal with critical duties such as processing new collections, responding to correspondence, and improving access to historical collections.

Ironically, change is helping us to partially deal with this critical cutback in state support.

The digital revolution that began in the 1980s and hit light speed in the 2010s

is giving us new tools to change the way we make our research collections accessible to the public. Thirty years ago, researchers had to have physical access to the Research Center with personal assistance from archivists and librarians who knew enough about the collections to guide them through the maze of paper and microfilm.

Today, armed with scanners, computer programs, and innovative young staff members, we can deliver access through personal computers and offer digital guides through searchable databases. That conversion is not, and probably never will be, complete, but it offers us a new tool to blend with traditional personal service and a deep knowledge of our collections.

Unfortunately, technology alone cannot cope with the changes wrought by declining support from the state. Our greatest asset in that battle is our entire team, starting at the top with our board of directors and managers and extending out to our donors, partners, and members who share their resources of time and treasure to collect, preserve, and share history.

On the front lines of the battle are our staff members and volunteers. In the Research Division, the field generals are Chad Williams and Laura Martin, who are always open to new strategies and never back away from a challenge. They find solutions.

They also will be the first to give credit to people like JA Pryse, who is leading the charge with digital technology, or Jennifer Towry, who gives the public access to these collections through our website. Their assets include veterans like Brian Basore, who I call the mole because he can find anything, and Delbert Amen, an ageless volunteer who gives us three days a week capturing images of newspapers on microfilm. There are others too numerous to list here.

Yes, change is in the air. Hopefully, we can reopen the Research Center on Mondays and resume monthly publication of the *Mistletoe Leaves* if funding is restored. Until then, we will do our best to serve you and all Oklahomans. Thanks for your support that has not changed.

*Dr. Bob*

## Development News

By Larry O'Dell

Our 2016–2017 Annual Giving Campaign has begun. We are setting out to meet a high goal. Last year's campaign brought in more than \$220,000 for programming, exhibits, events, and education. We believe that our supporters can help us achieve \$250,000 by next June. OHS members should all have received a brochure detailing the campaign and how to contribute. Everyone can donate at [www.okhistory.org/support/annualgiv](http://www.okhistory.org/support/annualgiv). If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, you can contact me at [lodell@okhistory.org](mailto:lodell@okhistory.org) or 405-522-6676.



## New Members, July

\*Indicates renewed memberships at a higher level

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# AROUND OKLAHOMA

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## Events

Experience the 2016 Bivouac and National Cavalry Competition in **El Reno** from Wednesday, September 21, through Saturday, September 24. The US Cavalry Association, now located at Oklahoma's historic Fort Reno in the original 1876 Officer's Quarters, invite all to attend. Gates open at 9 a.m. Fort Reno will host the competitions, which will include mounted pistol, military field jumping, combat horsemanship, mounted saber, wheeled horse, and many more. Fort Reno is located at 7107 West Cheyenne Street in El Reno. Please call Wendy Ogden at 405-422-6330 for more information.

Join the Oklahoma Museums Association (OMA) for the 2016 OMA Annual Conference in **Bartlesville**. Eighteen sessions will be held from Wednesday, September 21, through Friday, September 23, at the Bartlesville Community Center. The theme of the conference is "Diamonds in the Making: Museums as Cultural Gems" and the conference format will be a little different this year. The 2016 conference committee is planning to make it even more powerful and meaningful, with a conference all about Oklahoma museum professionals. To register online visit [www.okmuseums.org/conference](http://www.okmuseums.org/conference). Early bird registration is available through August 3. Also included on the website is information about preconference workshops, session topics, speakers, exhibitors, hosts, sponsors, scholarships, and lodging. The Bartlesville Community Center is located at 300 SE Adams Boulevard in Bartlesville. For more information please call 405-424-7757 or email [info@okmuseums.org](mailto:info@okmuseums.org).

Visit **Fairview** for the annual Old Time Threshing Bee and Two Cylinder Show on Friday, September 23, and Saturday, September 24. This celebration of pioneer farm life will include activities and entertainment from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There will be demonstrations of grain milling, rope making, threshing of wheat bundles, broom making, and saw milling. Attendees also can enjoy a gas and steam engine show, antique farm equipment show, arts and crafts, musical entertainment, a vintage car show, special children's events, and tours of the Major County Historical Society's museum facilities. The event is held on the Major County Historical Society grounds, located one and one-half miles east of Fairview on Highway 58. Please call 580-227-2265 for more information.

Step back in time at the second annual Set in Stone cemetery tours on Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, at the IOOF cemetery in **Ponca City**. Friends of Marland's Grand Home and the Pioneer Woman Museum are cohosting the tours. There will be guided tours of grave marker symbolism, a tram tour of prominent and historical figures of Ponca City, and a guided tour of the mausoleum where many influential Ponca Citizens are interred. Timed tours will be offered at \$10 for each tour type. Additionally a free workshop on marker symbolism will be given on Tuesday, October 11, at 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Woman Museum. Tickets for Set in Stone cemetery tours will go on sale September 6. Reservations for the workshop and the tours can be made by calling 580-765-6108.

The Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society, established in 1991 as a nonprofit to support awareness of higher education's vital role in Oklahoma history, recently announced the class of 2016 to be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. The formal induction ceremony and banquet will be held on Monday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in **Oklahoma City**. The inductees are Ann Ackerman (Oklahoma City), Oklahoma City Community College; Marcia Bennett (Oklahoma City), University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Robert Wesley Fulton (Broken Arrow), Oklahoma State University; Glen D. Johnson (Oklahoma City), Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education/University of Oklahoma College of Law/Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Jane Magrath (Norman), University of Oklahoma; George Nigh (Oklahoma City), University of Central Oklahoma; Shivakumar Raman (Norman), University of Oklahoma; Ramesh Sharda (Stillwater), Oklahoma State University; Barbara Stoecker (Stillwater), Oklahoma State University; Jerry B. Vannatta (Oklahoma City), University of Oklahoma College of Medicine/Oklahoma City University; Ronald H. White (Oklahoma City), University of Oklahoma/Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and Gerald Williamson (Ada), East Central University. The Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame was established in 1994 to recognize and honor individuals, living and deceased, for outstanding meritorious service to higher education in Oklahoma. This year 2016 represents the twenty-third year to honor higher education educators and administrators as well as those who support higher education

with distinguished contributions. To be eligible for induction, an individual must have been employed by one or more institutions of public or private higher education in Oklahoma on a full-time basis for a minimum of ten years. Individuals not so employed, but have performed outstanding service to higher education in the state, or organizations or institutions, are also eligible for consideration, such service to be above and beyond financial contributions. Each year the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society may elect to give a Special Award of Merit for distinguished contributions to higher education to an individual, organization or institution deemed worthy of recognition. Biographical sketches and photographs of past Higher Education Hall of Fame inductees are available on the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society website at [www.ohehs.org](http://www.ohehs.org). For more information about the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame or the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society, please visit [www.ohehs.org](http://www.ohehs.org), call 405-522-0779, or email [ajacobs@okhistory.org](mailto:ajacobs@okhistory.org).

## Meetings

The monthly meeting of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society (OGS) will be held on Monday, September 12, at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. Raj Folmsbee will be the speaker and the presentation is entitled "Mexican Independence Day." The meeting and program will take place from 6 to 7:45 p.m., and experienced researchers will be available prior to the meeting at 5 p.m. to answer research questions. Meetings are free for OGS members. Nonmembers are welcome, but are charged \$5 to attend. OGS meetings are held at the Oklahoma History Center, located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in the State Capitol Complex. Please call 405-637-1907 for more information.

Do you want your organization's meeting, event, exhibit, or announcement included in the "Around Oklahoma" section of *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 Evelyn Moxley, assistant editor, by email at [emoxley@okhistory.org](mailto:emoxley@okhistory.org) or by mail at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. If you wish a news item to appear in the November issue, you must submit it by Tuesday, October 4.



## September events at a glance

- 1–5 Tour de Museums summer program, hosted by T. B. Ferguson Home, Watonga
- 3 Family Day at the Birthplace Ranch, Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch, Oologah
- 3 “TG&Y is Still Alive: The Eightieth Anniversary” lecture, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 6 “The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain” presentation, Museum of the Western Prairie, Altus
- 10 Introduction to Draft Horses program, Fort Towson Historic Site, Fort Towson
- 10 Cancer Kid’s Day Out picnic, T. B. Ferguson Home, Watonga
- 10 Septemberfest, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 10 “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” book discussion—*The Virginian*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 10 Quilting workshop with Martha Ray, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 14 Brown Bag Lunch and Learn lecture by Jonathan Bernstein, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 15 Mysteries of the Mansion tour, Henry Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City
- 15 *Mickey Mantle: Baseball Hero in Black and White* exhibit closes, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 16 Public Meeting for the SHPO’s FY 2017 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 16 Living History Lantern Tours at Humphrey Heritage Village, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 17 Annual Ice Cream Social, Fred Drummond Home, Hominy
- 17 “Life of a Cherokee Outlet Cowboy” presentation by Jana Brown, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 17 Third Saturday Living History program, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 17 Tatting workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 22–23 Autumnal Equinox Walks, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 24 Decoupage workshop, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 24 *Smithsonian Magazine’s* eleventh annual Museum Day Live!, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 24–25 Twelfth annual Western Heritage Weekend and Tom Mix Festival, Tom Mix Museum, Dewey
- 26 Prize drawing for Tour de Museums summer program, T. B. Ferguson Home, Watonga
- 29 Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center Lecture Series presentation by Colonel Charles DeBellevue (retired), Northern Oklahoma College—Gantz Center, Enid
- 29 Prairie to Palate outdoor dining experience and fundraiser, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City

## October events at a glance

- 1–31 Annual Quilt Show, Pawnee Bill Ranch, Pawnee
- 1 *Child Labor in Oklahoma: Photographs by Lewis Hine, 1916–1917* exhibit opening, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 1 Family Day at the Birthplace Ranch, Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch, Oologah
- 1 Blacksmithing demonstrations, Fort Washita Historic Site, Durant
- 1 Oktoberfest, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 1 First Saturday Hands-on History program, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 7 Brown Bag Lunch and Learn lecture by Lieutenant Colonel David Holland (retired), Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 7–9 Antique Agriculture Festival, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 8 Victorian Era Mourning exhibit opening, A. J. Seay Mansion, Kingfisher
- 8 “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” book discussion—*The Log of a Cowboy*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 8 Quilting workshop with Martha Ray, Sod House Museum, Aline
- 10 Home School Day, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 11 Cemetery Symbols presentation, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 11–12 Doaksville Candle Light Tours, Fort Towson Historic Site, Fort Towson
- 14–15 Civil War event, Fort Washita Historic Site, Durant
- 15 Oklahoma Archaeology Month programs, Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, Spiro
- 15 Family Farm Day, Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Enid
- 15 Third Saturday Living History program, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 15 Tatting workshop, Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher
- 15–16 Set in Stone cemetery tours, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 20 Historic Preservation Review Committee meeting, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 20 Mysteries of the Mansion tour, Henry Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City
- 22 Cemetery Symbols workshop, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City
- 26–29 Fort Washita’s annual Ghost Stories, Fort Washita Historic Site, Durant
- 28–29 Twenty-fourth annual Murrell Home Ghost Stories, George M. Murrell Home, Park Hill
- 29 “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” book discussion—*Monte Walsh*, Pioneer Woman Museum, Ponca City
- 31 Halloween at the Fort, Fort Washita Historic Site, Durant
- 31 Halloween Night at the Museum, Will Rogers Memorial Museum, Claremore

## Murrell Home to host Antique Agriculture Festival

The George M. Murrell Home, south of Tahlequah, will host the first annual Antique Agriculture Festival on October 7–9. The festival will focus on nineteenth-century agricultural practices and will feature activities for the entire family. The three-day festival focuses on the end of the growing season and will include ongoing living history demonstrations, harvesting, food preparation, entertainment, shopping, and food vendors. The Murrell Home, built in 1845, is the last remaining nineteenth-century plantation in Oklahoma. It is located at 19479 East Murrell Home Road in Park Hill.



## Museum Day Live!

The Oklahoma History Center will open its doors free of charge on Saturday, September 24, as part of *Smithsonian Magazine’s* eleventh annual Museum Day Live! event.



On this day only, participating museums across the United States emulate the spirit of the Smithsonian Institution’s Washington, DC-based facilities, which offer free admission every day. On September 24, the History Center will open its doors for free to those who download a Museum Day Live! ticket. Each Museum Day Live! ticket provides free admission for two people. The ticket must be presented for free admission, with mobile redemption also accepted. To download a Museum Day Live! ticket, please visit [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2016](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2016). Tickets may be downloaded beginning on Monday, August 1. A Smithsonian Affiliate, the Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. Please call 405-522-0765 for more information.

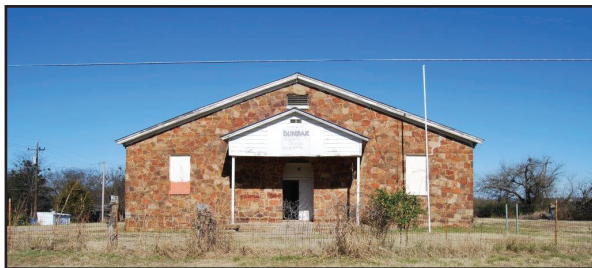
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## New Oklahoma National Register listings

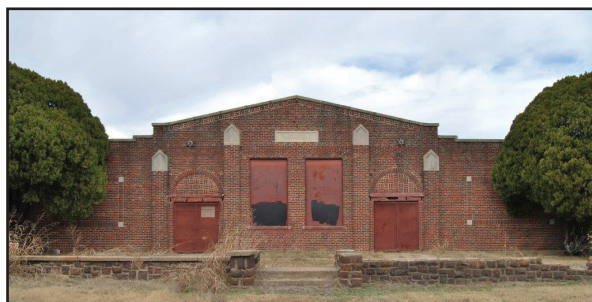
The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce eight new National Register of Historic Places listings in Oklahoma. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

Two schools in southern Oklahoma are included in the newest listings. The Dunbar School in Atoka, Atoka County, served as the historic separate school in the community. Although an earlier separate school operated at Boggy Point in the western section of what would become Atoka County in the late nineteenth century, it was Dunbar School that served African American students in Atoka County for more than half a century. The facility originally served as both an elementary and secondary school, but in 1958 the school transitioned to serving only the primary grades as secondary students were integrated into the "regular" school system.



**Dunbar School**

The Oakland School in Oakland, Marshall County, was the only school that served the community of Oakland until it was consolidated with Madill in 1964. The Classical Revival style school is the only example of the style in Oakland and is significant not only for its architectural style but also for its role in education at the local level.



**Oakland School**

Located in Carrier, Garfield County, the Carrier Congregational Church is significant in the area for its Colonial Revival style. The church was designed by R. W. Shaw, an Enid architect, in 1928. The church is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style and is the only example of this type in Carrier.



**Carrier Congregational Church**

Hotel Dale, located in downtown Guymon, Texas County, is significant for its association with community planning and development in Guymon. The construction of the hotel marked the successful completion of a five-year-long community effort, led by the chamber of commerce, to encourage economic growth in Guymon after World War II. The Hotel Dale was designed by Oklahoma City architect Louis C. Williams.



**Hotel Dale**

Oklahoma County added four new National Register locations to its ever-increasing inventory. The Edmond Ice Company, located at 101-109 West Second Street in Edmond, is significant for its association with commercial development in Edmond between 1909 and 1944. Expanding its offerings from exclusively ice, to ice and butter, and then to ice cream and ultimately soda, the complex is a reminder of the evolution of manufactured ice and its wide-ranging impact on development in Edmond.



**Edmond Ice Company**

The Electric Transformer House at 2412 North Olie Avenue in Oklahoma City is significant for its association with community planning and development. Construction of this electric building reflects the growth of the city and how instrumental electricity was to its continued development.



**Electric Transformer House**

Sunshine Cleaners, located at 1002 NW First Street in Oklahoma City, is significant as an excellent example of the Art Deco style of architecture as applied to an industrial building.



**Sunshine Cleaners**

The Tiffany House at 5505 North Brookline Avenue in Oklahoma City is significant for its role in community planning and development as one of three mid-century, high-rise apartment buildings, a new housing type in Oklahoma City, built between 1960 and 1967.



**Tiffany House**

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 State Historic Preservation Office identifies, evaluates, and nominates properties for this special designation. These nominations are made on a quarterly basis. If you believe a property in your area is eligible, please fill out the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form located at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrprelim.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrprelim.htm). For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, please contact Lynda Ozan at [lozan@okhistory.org](mailto:lozan@okhistory.org) or 405-522-4478.

Join the State Historic Preservation Office as it celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with Preservation50. The NHPA became law on October 15, 1966, and the entire United States is celebrating. For more information please visit the National Park Service website at [www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation). Follow along on Facebook and Twitter with the following hashtags: #50for50 and #Preservation50.



## **“Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!”**

The Pioneer Woman Museum (PWM) in Ponca City is pleased to host the “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” book discussion series. This monthly book group is a project of Oklahoma Humanities. “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” is designed to encourage adults to read and discuss literature based around a central theme. The theme for this cycle at PWM is “The Cowboy.” It is free to participate, and the book discussion group begins at 10 a.m. each Saturday. The books listed below can be borrowed from PWM prior to or after each discussion. Although recommended, books do not have to be preread to participate in the discussion.

- Saturday, August 27—*Cowboy Life: Reconstructing an American Myth*, led by guest scholar Dr. Hugh Foley
- Saturday, September 10—*The Virginian*, led by guest scholar Dr. David Oberhelman
- Saturday, October 8—*The Log of a Cowboy*, led by guest scholar Tracey Hanshew
- Saturday, October 29—*Monte Walsh*, led by guest scholar Dr. Sara Jane Richter
- Saturday, November 19—*Lonesome Dove*, led by guest scholar Dr. Karen Neurohr

This program is underwritten by a grant from Oklahoma Humanities. For more information please call 580-765-6108, email [piown@okhistory.org](mailto:piown@okhistory.org), or visit the museum’s Facebook page. The Pioneer Woman Museum is located at 701 Monument Road in Ponca City.

## **Living History Lantern Tours at CSRHC**

On Friday, September 16, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center (CSRHC) in Enid will host Living History Lantern Tours. After dark, visitors to the CSRHC’s Humphrey Heritage Village will travel back to the days after the Land Run of 1893. Lantern-led tours through the historic buildings and campsites will explore daily life, its hardships, and its rewards. During the tour, guests will encounter schoolmarms, Land Office agents, fine Victorian ladies, homestead families, and many others. Following the lantern tour, attendees also may enjoy historical entertainment and refreshments. The cost for tickets is \$10 per person, and they must be purchased in advance. Tours begin at 7 p.m. To order tickets please call 580-237-1907. The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center is located at 507 South Fourth Street in Enid.

## **Introduction to Draft Horses program at Fort Towson**

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon as you learn about draft horses! On Saturday, September 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., Fort Towson Historic Site will host an Introduction to Draft Horses program. There will be a discussion about the differences between oxen and horse power, including what each has contributed to shape Oklahoma’s history. Learn different uses of the horse, from the farm to other industries, and even war! There will be a team of Belgian horses on site to show the power of harnessed energy. Do not miss this exciting and educational experience. Fort Towson Historic Site is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offers free admission. For more information please call 580-873-2634 or visit Fort Towson Historic Site’s Facebook page.



## **Autumnal Equinox Walks at Spiro Mounds**

Visit Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center on Thursday, September 22, and Friday, September 23, for the Autumnal Equinox Walks. As the end of summer nears and crops are ready for harvest, it also is time for an important ceremony. For American Indians, the Busk or Green Corn Ceremony was a harvest and renewal ceremony that took place around the autumnal equinox in the Spiro area.

During the guided Autumnal Equinox Walks, attendees will learn about the Green Corn Ceremony. Each day there will be three walks at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., led by archaeologists and Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center Manager Dennis Peterson. Each walk will be approximately two hours and require one mile of easy walking. Peterson will share information about this 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.

The small fee for the tour is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, in addition to the daily admission fee. OHS members do not pay the daily admission fee. No reservations are required except for large groups. 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. For more information please call 918-962-2062 or email [spiro@okhistory.org](mailto:spiro@okhistory.org).

## **Prize drawing for Tour de Museums summer program**

On Monday, September 26, at 1 p.m., the prize drawing for Tour de Museums will be held at the T. B. Ferguson Home in Watonga. All Tour de Museums passports that contain stamps from all eight participating museums will be entered in the drawing. The winner will receive a one-night stay at the Noble House Bed and Breakfast in Watonga for adults and a gift certificate for paddle boat rides at Roman Nose State Park for children.

Be sure to finish collecting your passport stamps before Labor Day arrives! Participating museums include Cherokee Strip Museum, Alva; Chisholm Trail Museum, Kingfisher; Freedom Museum, Freedom; Gateway to the Panhandle Museum, Gate; Major County Historical Society, east of Fairview; Sod House Museum, southeast of Aline; Stafford Air and Space Museum, Weatherford; and T. B. Ferguson Home, Watonga. For more information please contact Louise Griffin at [historic.tbferguson.home@gmail.com](mailto:historic.tbferguson.home@gmail.com) or 580-623-5069.

## **Museum Store News**

By Jera Winters

Based on customer demand, we are shaking things up at the Oklahoma History Center Museum Store. We hear every day how much you love our book selection, so we have decided to expand our fantastic selection of books on Oklahoma, its history, and its people.

We want to carry only the best and most current books that we can, so we are clearing out the cobwebs on some of our older stock. This is a great chance for members to stock up on deals. We have discounted books on every subject, and they are up for grabs now!

If books are not your favorite, do not worry. We’re continuing to carry our best-selling souvenir and gift items, including our very popular Made in Oklahoma section. We are known for having a great selection of hard-to-find gifts and souvenirs for travel, guests, and events, and will continue to provide these wonderful products for our customers. However, we will be thinning out some product lines, so come and get wonderful deals ahead of the Christmas rush!

As always, members receive a 15 percent discount on all purchases in the History Center Museum Store. Please be aware that the membership discount does not apply to clearance items. Please call us at 405-522-5214 with questions or to place an order.

## SHPO seeks input for FY 2017 program

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting on Friday, September 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the classroom of the Oklahoma History Center, located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. SHPO staff will provide information about the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and how it supports the statewide preservation program. During the meeting, the SHPO will also receive public input for development of the Fiscal Year 2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application to the US Department of the Interior. The United States is celebrating the NHPA's fiftieth anniversary this year. Your participation in this public meeting is an important way you can join the celebration and help the SHPO advance Oklahoma's preservation goals for the future.

Under the NHPA, the SHPO administers the federal historic preservation program in Oklahoma. The purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state's archaeological and historic resources for everyone's benefit. The SHPO conducts surveys to identify archaeological and historic resources; nominates eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); comments on the effects of federal undertakings on archaeological and historic resources; develops the statewide preservation plan; administers the Certified Local Governments (CLG) Program; provides comments to the National Park Service about rehabilitation projects proposed for federal tax credits; and provides public outreach programs and technical assistance to preservation professionals, government agencies, and interested citizens. The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$830,000 from the HPF for these programs and its operations. Ten percent of the HPF award is reserved for pass-through grants to CLGs.

"Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (January 2015–December 2019)" is available online at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm), and sets forth the statewide preservation community's goals and objectives. The SHPO's priorities for addressing the State Plan's goals are continuation of the archaeological and historic/architectural resources survey program, with special emphasis on resources associated with underrepresented peoples and extension of survey coverage to previously unstudied areas; preparation of NRHP nominations; and continuation of public outreach and technical assistance programs. The public's ideas and priorities for the SHPO's activities in each of these program areas in FY 2017 will help strengthen preservation efforts in Oklahoma.

Written comments and suggestions from individuals who are unable to attend the meeting are also welcome. Please

complete the SHPO's "Project Suggestion Form" and return it by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 16. Call the SHPO at 405-521-6249 or email Melvena Heisch at [mheisch@okhistory.org](mailto:mheisch@okhistory.org) to request the form, or obtain it at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm).

### 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!

Miami Public Library, Miami, January 14, 1982  
 Geneva Coates, Oklahoma City, April 1, 1982  
 Frank and Loreece Dennis, Oklahoma City, February 1, 1985  
 Edward and Brenda Granger, Oklahoma City, July 6, 1987  
 Steven and Donna Byas, Norman, July 22, 1987  
 Mike and Glenna Stidham, Checotah, March 17, 1988  
 McCurtain County Historical Society, Idabel, July 14, 1988  
 Mark and Lou Curnutte, Vinita, July 30, 1990  
 Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Oklahoma City, June 1, 1992  
 Mary Finley, Oklahoma City, July 24, 1992  
 Lidia Hook-Gray, Liberal, KS, July 23, 1993  
 Bruce and Janelle Swearingen, Bixby, July 27, 1993  
 John Elliott, Edmond, April 11, 1994  
 Terry Duke, Sandusky, OH, July 14, 1994  
 Gerald West, Dauphin, PA, January 12, 1995  
 Teddy Hollis, Arcadia, April 13, 1995  
 Robert Rorschach, Tulsa, February 26, 1996

### New Members, cont'd.

#### Individual

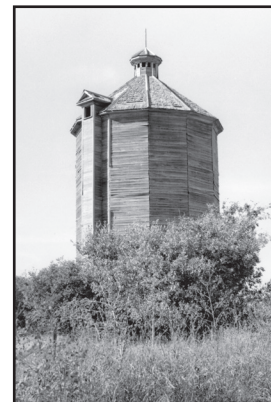
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 Gerald Brown, Tulsa  
 Jack Butz, Lawton  
 Melvin Cook, Elmore City  
 William Cowper, Oklahoma City  
 Misty Crittenden, Stillwater  
 Shane Dunn, Okmulgee  
 Paula Elliott, Eufaula  
 Tessie Gill, Pocola  
 Mark Goering, Enid  
 Jonathan Harper, Lawton  
 Eric Jackson, Haworth  
 Jerry Keeton, Haworth  
 Jacquelyn Keys, Stillwater  
 Enola Like, Waynoka  
 Samuel Manuel, Allen  
 Kendall McGee, Marlow  
 G. L. Mohon, Norman  
 Jason Outlaw, Blanchard  
 Travis Palmer, Tecumseh  
 Kayci Parker, Wagoner  
 Rosa Quinton, Ardmore  
 Tommie Riley, Hobart  
 Rhonda Shepahrd, Arapaho  
 Brette Smith, Coalgate  
 Krista Smith, McCurtain  
 John Snyder, Enid  
 Heath Stallcup, Tupelo  
 Kenneth Syers, Boley  
 Burger Travis, Broken Arrow  
 Madeline Whatley, Lawton  
 Preston White, Healdton

#### Organizational

Break O'Day Farm/Metcalf Museum, Durham

## New exhibit celebrates fiftieth anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act

The Oklahoma History Center recently opened its newest photographic exhibit on August 15. This exhibit celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the enactment of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its positive impact on historic preservation. It is located in the West Family Hall of the History Center. It may be viewed Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The twenty-nine images included in the exhibit illustrate how the NHPA fosters the preservation of significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects across Oklahoma. The Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. Please call 405-522-0765 for more information.



## Lectures to focus on bankers and business people in Oklahoma history

In November OHS bank and commerce historian Michael J. Hightower will deliver lectures on bankers and business people in Oklahoma history.

On November 1, he will discuss "Banking in Oklahoma before Statehood, aka Wild West Capitalism" at the Tuesday Study Group in northwest Oklahoma City.

On November 2, he will discuss "A Century of Banking in Oklahoma" at the Oklahoma City Economic Roundtable, a lecture series hosted by the Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Hightower's lectures support the *Crossroads of Commerce* exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center, and they highlight the often neglected role of bankers and business people in shaping Oklahoma history. To schedule a presentation to business and community groups in your area, or to suggest avenues of research on banking and commerce, please contact Dr. Hightower at [mhightower@okhistory.org](mailto:mhightower@okhistory.org) or 434-249-6043. For more information, please visit [www.michaeljhightower.com](http://www.michaeljhightower.com).



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## Western Heritage Weekend and Tom Mix Festival in Dewey

Dewey keeps the spirit of Tom Mix and the Old West alive with the twelfth annual Western Heritage Weekend on Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25. Voted *True West* magazine’s “Reader’s Choice for Best Old West Event,” Western Heritage Weekend and Tom Mix Festival events reflect the best in family fun and historical entertainment. Dewey will come alive with the sounds of longhorn cattle and stagecoaches during this two-day festival.

Saturday’s events begin at 9 a.m. with the Miles for Mammograms “Boot Scoot” 5K and Fun Run benefiting Family Healthcare Clinic. The starting gun for the race will be fired by one of the many Old West reenactors. New this year is an old-time cowboy camp, including historical hitch-wagons, carriages, and a stagecoach provided by the Lazy J Ranch and John Howell. Camped alongside will be Buffalo Bill, portrayed by Kent Shelton. Stagecoach, wagon, and carriage rides will be available for hire. The festivities also include live music, children’s games, merchandise and food vendors, a tractor show, a stick horse rodeo, and a western hero look-a-like costume contest. There will be a bank robbery and gun fight by the Tom Mix Gunfighters. The Tom Mix Museum and the Dewey Hotel Museum will offer free admission, though donations are appreciated.

The Tom Mix Museum will host a book signing by Bob M. White featuring his recently released book, *The Tom Mix Cord: Saga of a Western Film Star’s Classic Motorcar*. John T. Wayne, grandson of John Wayne will also be on hand to sign copies of his historical novels. Two reenactor programs are scheduled for the Tom Mix Museum Theater. The first living history event will begin at 11 a.m. when Joe Glazer and Jackie Hunsucker will bring the days of the 101 Ranch alive as Colonel Joe Miller and Molly Miller. At 1 p.m. Betty Kime will appear as Olive Stokes, Tom Mix’s third wife and Dewey native. The high point of the day for many is the Wild West Parade at 3 p.m. “No matter how many times you see them—when those longhorns come walking down Main Street, it is always a thrill,” said Bill Woodard, a Dewey native and Tom Mix board member.

On Sunday, the venue changes from downtown Dewey to Prairie Song Village, a re-created Old West town approximately five miles east of Dewey. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. with a cowboy breakfast available from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Song-catcher Barn. Cowboy Church will be held at 10 a.m. in the arena. Merchandise and food vendors will open at 10 a.m., with tours of Prairie Song buildings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A gunfight is set for high noon at the bank. The Wild West Show starts at 1:30 p.m. Featured performers include Tim “Wild Thang” Lepard and Michael “Goobie” Smith, rodeo clown—both returning to the Wild West arena by popular demand. Also returning are Haley Ganzel and the Tricked Out Trickriders, Dusta Lee, and Trey Kimzey, Madison Schalla, and the Sky High Angels performers, Dusta Lee team. For more information please email [tommix@cableone.net](mailto:tommix@cableone.net), call 918-534-1555, or find “Western Heritage Weekend in Dewey, OK” on Facebook.



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### Fred Drummond Home to host Ice Cream Social

The Fred Drummond Home in Hominy is pleased to invite the community to its annual Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This family friendly event features activities for kids and adults alike.

The Ice Cream Social and admission to the Drummond Heirloom exhibit will be free. Richard Heinrich will be on site to teach rope tricks, and the first thirty children who can do a trick will receive a rope to take home. Visitors to this event will have the opportunity to tour the home for the regular admission fee. A bouncy castle will be on site for children, with a charge of \$2 for children up to age eleven and \$3 for children twelve and older. Hot dogs will also be for sale during the day.



The Fred Drummond Home is located at 305 North Price Avenue in Hominy. Regular admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors age sixty-five and over, \$1 for children ages six to eighteen, and free for children under five. For more information please call 918-885-2374.

