Preserving the Spirit of Place

Oklahoma's 14th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
First Baptist Church • 124 West Evergreen • Durant
May 16 - 18, 2002
PRESEVING THE SPIRIT OF PLACE

Looking for ways to develop heritage tourism in your community? Searching for guidance on health and life safety code issues in rehabilitation work? Seeking ideas for building a strong local preservation effort? Investigating southeastern Oklahoma's rich heritage? Then join us May 16-18 in downtown Durant for Oklahoma's 14th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. You will find the help you are looking for and have a chance to interact with others on similar quests.

DATES: May 16-18, 2002

LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 124 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

SPONSORS:
State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society
Oklahoma Main Street Center, Oklahoma Department of Commerce
Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.
Durant Main Street
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QUESTIONS?
Contact: Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@ok-history.mus.ok.us
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Indiana First Lady Judy A. O'Bannon
Indian First Lady Judy A. O'Bannon, a nationally recognized preservation leader and advocate of strong historic preservation efforts, will deliver the keynote address during the 14th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference.

O'Bannon, wife of Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon, was elected to the National Trust for Historic Preservation Board of Trustees last October. She chairs their Public Advocacy Committee, which focuses on preservation and community development--particularly smart growth issues.

She will address the Statewide Preservation Conference at 1:45 p.m. on May 17.

Mrs. O'Bannon will speak on her vision of "communities building community." She serves as an officer of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, one of the most successful statewide nonprofit organizations in the country, and she is a member of the Main Street Council, which she chaired from 1987 to 1996.

She is a particularly vocal advocate of communities becoming Main Street cities. This program stresses a four-point approach to commercial area revitalization, including organization, promotion, economic restructuring and design. In short, it's economic development through preservation.

The First Lady was graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1957 from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She was selected as a Rockefeller Theological Scholar and was the first woman to attend the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The O'Bannons have three children and five grandchildren.
ATTENTION ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS

Architects and planners who attend Oklahoma's 14th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference qualify for continuing education credits. Just register for the conference. Special forms needed to document your attendance will be provided at the conference.

Registered architects will earn American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) Learning Unit Hours (LU Hours) for their attendance. Many of the sessions meet the AIA/CES Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) criteria. Contact Catherine Montgomery, Historic Preservation Architect, SHPO, at 405/522-4479 or catherinem@ok-history.mus.ok.us if you have questions about AIA/CES credits.

Planners who attend the conference will earn American Planning Association Continuing Education Credits (CEs) at the rate of 8.0 hours for each full day and 3.5 hours for the special tour on Saturday.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Judy A. O'Bannon, First Lady of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana


Megan Bellue, Executive Director, National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Athens, Georgia

Howard Bergman, General Services Administration, Fort Worth, Texas

Constance Bodurow, Automobile National Heritage Area, Detroit, Michigan

Daniel Carey, Southwest Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Worth, Texas

Curt Cottle, Director, Heritage Tourism Development Office, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Columbia, South Carolina

Meeks Etchieson, Archeologist, U. S. Forest Service, Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Reid Ferring, Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Gary Geschwind, Palo Alto, California

Simon Herbert, Director, Arkansas Institute for Building Preservation Trades, Helena, Arkansas

Jim Steely, Hicks & Company Environmental Consulting, Austin, Texas

Amy Webb, Heritage Tourism Program Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Boulder, Colorado
THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00am
Conference registration begins and continues throughout the day

8:30am-10:00am
TRACK A: A HERITAGE TO SHARE
Heritage Tourism
• National Heritage Areas: What Are They and How Do They Work?, Brenda Barrett
• Michigan’s Automobile National Heritage Area: A Case Study, Constance Bodurrow

TRACK B: PREPARING FOR SUCCESSFUL PRESERVATION
Main Street Stripppers: Preparing for Facade Rehabilitation
• Stripping on Main Street: Preparing for Facade Rehabilitation with Volunteers, Bret A. Carter
• Sapulpa Case Study, Tami Fleak
• Shattuck Case Study, Clint Hanshu

TRACK C: HISTORIC PRESERVATION BRIDGES TIME
Understanding the Past through Archeology
• When Is an Archeological Site Significant?, Robert L. Brooks
• What We Learn from Archeology: Doaksville and Red River Steamboat Case Studies, William B. Lees

10:00am-10:15am
BREAK

10:15am-11:45am
TRACK A: Heritage Tourism (Cont’d)
• South Carolina’s Heritage Tourism Program, Curt Cottle
• Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation Programs, Tom Myers

TRACK B: Preservation Skills
• Learning Hands-On Preservation Skills: The Arkansas Institute for Building Preservation Trades, Simon Herbert

TRACK C: Managing Archeological Resources in Southeastern Oklahoma
• The U.S. Forest Service’s Weyerhaeuser Exchange Program, Meeks Etchieson
• Sawmilling on McGee Creek: A CRM Case Study, Reid Ferring

11:45am-1:45pm
Tour 1: Downtown Walking and Riding Tour and Box Lunch

Or
Tour 2: Choctaw Nation Headquarters and SEOSU Campus Tour and Box Lunch

1:45pm-3:15pm
TRACK A: Heritage Tourism (Cont’d)
• Heritage Tourism: Current Trends and the Secrets Behind Successful Programs, Amy Webb

TRACK B: Health and Life Safety Issues in Preservation Projects
• Emphasizing Fire and Life Safety and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, Catherine Montgomery
• Oklahoma Fire Marshals and Code Officials Present Fire and Life Safety Issues in Recent Rehabilitation Projects, Mike Cox, Paul Gallahar, Kellie Lee, Michael Southard, Cary Williamson

TRACK C: The Oklahoma Historical Society: Preserving and Interpreting the Heritage of Southeastern Oklahoma
• Fort Towson, Keith Tolman
• Fort Washita, Larry Marcy, Ron Petty
• Peter Conser House, Glen Hembree

3:15pm-3:30pm
BREAK

3:30pm-5:00pm
TRACK A: Heritage Tourism (Cont’d)
• Heritage Tourism in the Guthrie Historic District, John Osborne
• The Cheyenne Heritage Trail, Connie Hart-Yellowman

TRACK B: Health and Life Safety Issues in Preservation Projects (Cont’d)
• Fire and Life Safety Issues in Rehabilitation Panel Discussion, Mike Cox, Paul Gallahar, Kellie Lee, Michael Southard, Cary Williamson

TRACK C: Recreation and Conservation
• The CCC and the National Park Service in Oklahoma, Jim Steely
• The New Deal and Local Recreation, Jim Gabbert

6:00pm
Opening Reception
SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE
Registration continuous throughout conference

FRIDAY, MAY 17
8:00am
Conference registration continues throughout the day

8:30am-10:00am
TRACK A: Sharing Main Street's Heritage
- A Main Street Panel Discussion, Donna Dow, Becky Fox, Karin Woodruff

TRACK B: Community Preservation
- DesignWorks: A Program for Small Town Revitalization, Alice Johnson
- Braman: Small Towns Have a Chance Too, Jeanne McCulloch

TRACK C: Engineering, Industry, and Preservation
- Tea Kettle on a Raft: Upper Red River Navigation, Keith Tolman
- Building Lake Texoma, Louis Vogele

10:00am-10:15am
BREAK

10:15am-11:45am
TRACK A: Sharing Tribal Heritage
- The Choctaw Nation's Heritage Programs, Terry Cole
- The Chickasaw Nation's Heritage Programs, Kirk Perry

TRACK B: Community Preservation, (Session Cont'd)
- Developing an Effective Local Preservation Program, Megan Bellue
- Developing Your Preservation Leadership Skills, Daniel Carey

TRACK C: Engineering, Industry, and Preservation
(Cont'd)
- Two Thousand Years of Bridge Design Around the World, Howard Bergman, Gary Geschwind

11:45am-1:45pm
Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Luncheon
OR
Tour 3: Downtown Walking and Riding Tour and Box Lunch
OR
Tour 4: Historic Fort Washita Tour and Cookout

1:45pm-3:00pm
KEYNOTE SESSION
The Vision of Communities Building Community, Judy A. O'Bannon, First Lady of Indiana

3:00pm-3:30pm
BREAK

3:30pm-5:00pm
TRACK A: The SHPO and Cities Working Together to Promote Local Heritage
- A Local Government Panel Discussion, Roma Herndon, Phil Kliwer, Lisa Krieg, Glen Vaughn-Roberson

TRACK B: Building Awareness of Oklahoma's Heritage
- Oklahoma's Most Endangered Properties Program, Trent Margraf
- Building Local Support: OKC's YMCA and Gold Dome Efforts, Haven Mankin

TRACK C: Early Settlement and Industry in Southeastern Oklahoma
- Early Choctaw Settlement in Southeastern Oklahoma, Larry Neal
- Coal Mining In Southeastern Oklahoma, Bill Bryans

6:00pm
Pre-Banquet Reception

7:00pm
Annual Awards Banquet

SATURDAY, MAY 18
8:00am-As Long As You Like
Trail of Tears Walk and Wheelock Academy Tour and Light Breakfast

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Opening Reception** - You will not want to miss this special evening of entertainment, shopping and getting acquainted. The reception begins at a rehabilitation project in progress, the Three Valley Museum, continues with a walk through Downtown Durant for shopping and special gifts, and ends at the Massey Building, one of Durant’s most impressive buildings. For those who just do not want the evening to end, you can take a special bus to the Choctaw Gaming Center for complimentary games as the Choctaw Nation’s guests. (Thursday, May 16)

**TOURS**

**Tour 1 and Tour 3:** You have two chances to enjoy the Downtown Walking and Riding Tour which begins with a short walk to the First Methodist Church for a box lunch and tour of the 1923 sanctuary, which features marvelously stained glass windows. Then you will ride through a nearby residential neighborhood and conclude with a walking tour of Downtown Durant. (Thursday, May 16 or Friday, May 17)

**Tour 2:** The Choctaw Nation Headquarters and SEOSU Campus Tour starts with an Indian Taco lunch. Then you will tour the Choctaw Nation’s headquarters located in the Oklahoma Presbyterian College Building, listed on the National Register. Then the tour concludes with a visit to Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Campus of a Thousand Magnolias established in 1909. (Thursday, May 16)

**Tour 4:** Take a short bus ride to Historic Fort Washita, a National Historic Landmark owned and interpreted by the Oklahoma Historical Society. A cookout will be ready when the bus arrives. You will then have the opportunity to tour the ruins of the 1842 military post, the post cemetery, and the reconstructed barracks. (Friday, May 17)

**Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.’s Annual Meeting and Luncheon** - Join Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., our statewide nonprofit preservation organization, for their annual meeting and luncheon. You will hear about POK’s accomplishments this past year and learn about exciting plans for the future. (Friday, May 17)

**Keynote Session** - First Lady Judy A. O’Bannon of Indiana will deliver the keynote address, and her presentation is entitled “A Vision of Communities Building Community.” See the Keynote Speaker feature in this brochure. (Friday, May 17)

**Pre-Banquet Reception and Annual Awards Banquet** - Join us for special pre-banquet entertainment and then take part in a special celebration at SEOSU’s Visual and Performing Arts Center as the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office presents its Citations of Merit to recognize the special achievements of its preservation partners across the state. There will also be a special presentation about Oklahoma’s recent listings in the National Register of Historic Places. (Friday, May 17)

**Trail of Tears Walk and Wheelock Academy Tour** - The Choctaw Nation cordially invites all conference participants to share this special experience, their annual Trail of Tears Walk, led by Chief Gregory E. Pyle. This special Saturday event begins with a bus ride and light breakfast (or you may drive your own car) to Millerton where we will join the special group assembled at Millerton’s city park for the one mile walk to Wheelock Academy (or, you may continue on the bus). At Wheelock you will learn about this National Historic Landmark which served as a boarding school for Choctaw girls from 1833 to 1955, and enjoy Choctaw arts and crafts, story telling, dancers, and lots of food. You may want to have your family meet you at Wheelock and spend the day. The bus returns to Durant immediately after lunch. (Saturday, May 18)
Lodging and Registration Information

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Lodging: Please make your hotel reservations by Friday, May 3 to receive the conference rate. Reference the Statewide Preservation Conference when you call.

Choctaw Inn • 4902 S. Hwy. 69/75, Hwy. 69/75 and Choctaw Road, Durant, OK, 580/931-8340
Single/Double $49.00 plus tax

Comfort Inn & Suites • 2112 W. Main, Hwy. 69/75 and Main Street (Hwy. 70), Durant, OK 580/924-8881, Single/Double $58.00 plus tax

Holiday Inn • 2121 W. Main, Hwy. 69/75 and Main Street (Hwy. 70), Durant, OK, 580/924-5432
Single/Double $48.00 plus tax

Registration Form
Deadline for registration: May 10, 2002 (No refunds after the registration deadline)

Name: ______________________________________________ Title: ____________________________
Organization: _______________________________________
Address: _____________________________________ City/State/Zip: _______________________
Telephone: ___________________________ FAX: ________________________ EMail: _______________________

Conference Fees:
$25.00 per person - Required Conference Registration Fee

Optional Activities/Fee Required:
$10.00 Tour 1: Downtown Walking and Riding Tour and Box Lunch, Thursday
$10.00 Tour 2: Choctaw Nation HQ and SEOSU Campus Tour and Box Lunch, Thursday
$10.00 Tour 3: Downtown Walking and Riding Tour and Box Lunch, Friday
$10.00 Tour 4: Historic Fort Washita Tour and Cookout, Friday
$15.00 Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Friday
$25.00 Annual Awards Banquet, Friday

TOTAL AMOUNT $________

Optional Activities/No Fee - Indicate number of people attending
# Attending Opening Reception, Thursday
# Attending Post-Reception Activities at Choctaw Gaming Center, Thursday
# Attending Pre-Banquet Receptions, Friday
# Riding Bus/Trail of Tears Walk and Wheelock Academy Tour, Saturday
# Driving/Trail of Tears Walk and Wheelock Academy Tour, Saturday

Note: Conference facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require any special accommodations, please contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@ok-history.mus.ok.us by 12:00 noon, Friday, May 10, 2002, so that arrangements can be made.

Method of Payment: (Sorry, no credit cards)

Personal check enclosed and made payable to Durant Main Street
Government agency Purchase Order #_____________________
Please send an invoice to me at the above address.

Return registration form with payment to:
Durant Main Street, P. O. Box 928, Durant, OK 74702