Out Front in Preservation:

Oklahoma’s 22nd Annual

STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

DATES: JUNE 9-11, 2010

LOCATION: HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OKMULGEE CREEK COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM
106 WEST 6TH STREET, OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA
Plenary Session Speakers.

Plenary Session #1 (8:30 a.m., June 10)

Robert St. John, Chef, Author, and Chairman of the Board, Mississippi Restaurant Association will present Robert St. John My South: The History, Traditions, Eccentricities, and Absurdities of Food and Life in the South. He will explore how food contributes to our sense of place and cultural identity. Following the presentation, participants can visit with the speaker during a book signing and enjoy morning refreshments based on recipes from Mr. St. John’s book.

St. John, a native of Hattiesburg, MS, is a 28-year veteran of the restaurant industry. For the last 22 years he has served as executive chef, president, and CEO of the Purple Parrot Café, the Crescent City Grill, and the Mahogany Bar in Hattiesburg and Meridian, and he is a restaurateur, chef, food writer, author, and a true original. The Lexington Herald-Leader called him a “Jeff Foxworthy-style chef with an opinion on all things culinary.” A recent Booklist review stated, “If he had accomplished nothing more, St. John deserves kudos for making Hattiesburg, Mississippi a restaurant destination. His Purple Parrot Café updated Southern cooking for a new generation.”

St. John has appeared on The Food Network, The Travel Channel, and the Turner South network. He writes a regular column for Y'all magazine and is a contributing writer to Taste of the South magazine. Additionally, he is the author of seven books, including A Southern Palate, a collaboration with renowned watercolorist Wyatt Waters and Deep South Staples or How to Survive in a Southern Kitchen Without A Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup.

St. John is past president and chairman of the board of the Mississippi Hospitality and Restaurant Association, and a past board member of the Mississippi Tourism Authority. He currently serves as chairman of the board of the Mississippi Arts Commission and is active in many other civic organizations.

Plenary Session #2 (2:00 p.m., June 10)

Thomas D. Guzman is Director of the Iowa Downtown Resource Center, Iowa Department of Economic Development. His plenary session topic is Out of the Box Thinking - Using CDBG for Rehabilitation, Downtown Revitalization and Community Sustainability. He will share examples of Iowa’s many successful and creative rehabilitation and revitalization efforts funded through this important federal program.

Guzman has been with the Iowa Department of Economic Development since 1988. As Director of the Iowa Downtown Resource Center, he oversees all downtown development programs of the department, including its premier program, Main Street Iowa. He has been a real estate broker, retail sales manager, non-profit association manager, Main Street program director, and state coordinator prior to assuming his current responsibilities. These include managing a million dollar annual budget, overseeing the planning and delivery of technical assistance services, training, and assessments for Iowa’s 46 Main Street communities and for developing technical assistance and training opportunities for all Iowa communities.

Guzman represents all of the USA’s State and Citywide Main Street coordinating programs on the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Community Development Financial Institution Board of Directors and Loan Committee, as well as the Trust’s Diversity Committee. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Hayward. He has presented at many national and international downtown conferences.
Special Guest Speakers and their Presentations:

Leah Brown, Program Officer, Southwest Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Worth, TX, will discuss maintaining a sense of community and why it is important.

Monica Callahan (representing the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions), Madison Historic Preservation Commission, Madison, GA, will present a half-day design review workshop for local preservation commission members and city staff. (See About Special Events and Tours)

Susie Clinard, Savannah, GA, first State Coordinator of the Oklahoma Main Street Program will talk about establishment of the program during a special review of its first twenty-five years and a look into its future.

Carol J. Dyson, Architect, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Springfield, IL, will discuss the history and preservation of neon signs.

Thomas D. Guzman, Director, Iowa Downtown Resource Center, Iowa Department of Economic Development, Des Moines, IA, will provide the Plenary Session #2 presentation (see Plenary Session Speakers).

Jonathan Poston, Director, Southwest Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Worth, TX, will discuss the NTHP’s programs and how they contribute to sustaining our sense of community.

Robert St. John, Chef, Author, and Chairman of the Board, Mississippi Restaurant Association, Hattiesburg, MS, will provide the Plenary Session #1 presentation (see Plenary Session Speakers).

Schedule At a Glance

Registration: Creek Council House Museum, 106 West 6th Street. Opens at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 9, and runs throughout the conference.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Silver Strike on Main Street: Twenty-Five Years of Downtown Revitalization through Historic Preservation, Linda Barnett, Susie Clinard, Tracey Cox, Ron Frante, Jim Watters

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Effective Design Review: A Workshop for Local Design Review Commissions, Monica Callahan

TRACK C: First Things First
Finding and Protecting Oklahoma’s Archeological Resources
- Emigrants, Pottery, and Cultural Identity: The Wichita Peoples During the Protohistoric Period, Timothy G. Baugh
- The Archaeology of Camp Gruber, Jennifer R. Boudreaux-Kolise

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Silver Strike on Main Street: Mining the Next Twenty-Five Years, Carol Ervin, Erin Karl, Karla Ochoa, Kristen Vails, Jeff Wagner, Terri Wheeler

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Effective Design Review (Cont’d)

TRACK C: First Things First
Oklahoma’s Archeological Resources (Cont’d)
- Fort Gibson Investigations, Leland C. Bement
- Rose Hill Plantation, Lynda Schwan

6:00 p.m.

Opening Reception (See About Special Events and Tours)

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Plenary Session #1
Robert St. John: My South: The History, Traditions, Eccentricities, and Absurdities of Food and Life in the South, Robert St. John
(Includes presentation, book signing, and morning refreshments, see Plenary Session Speakers.)

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Creating Effective Leadership: A Journey of Self-Discovery, Phil Bandy, Jayne Detten, Mary R. Graves

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Strengthening Local Preservation Through Design Review
- Oklahoma City: Successes and Challenges, Catherine Montgomery
- Tulsa: Successes and Challenges, Amanda DeCort

TRACK C: First Things First
Documenting Oklahoma’s Urban Architectural Legacy:
- Oklahoma City’s Mid-Twentieth Century Architectural Legacy, Allison Marshans, Cynthia Savage
- Inside the Inter-Dispersal Loop: Downtown Tulsa’s Architectural Legacy, Cathy Ambler

12:00 noon–1:45 p.m.

Preservation Oklahoma Inc.’s Annual Meeting and Luncheon (See About Special Events and Tours)

OR

12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.

Ghosts of Okmulgee Tour and Box Lunch (See About Special Events and Tours)
2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

Plenary Session #2
Out of the Box Thinking - Using CDBG for Rehabilitation, Downtown Revitalization and Community Sustainability, Thomas D. Guzman (See Plenary Session Speakers).

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Preservation Oklahoma’s Partnership and Leadership Development Programs, Kay Decker, Katie Friddle

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Historic Districts: Determining Contributing/Noncontributing Resources, Lynda Shewan

TRACK C: First Things First
Research Collections for Historic Preservationists:
• Oklahoma State University Library Map Collection, John Phillips, Vicki Phillips
• Tulsa Foundation for Architecture’s Collection and Its Preservation, Lee Anne Ziegler

6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

Pre-banquet Reception/SHPO’s Annual Awards Banquet
(See About Special Events and Tours)

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Teamwork and Historic Preservation
• Making Place Matter: Colleges and Universities and Their Community, Kay Decker
• Join the Oklahoma Preservation Team: Using the Statewide Preservation Plan, Melvina Heisch

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Painting with Light: History and Preservation of Neon Signs, Carol Dyson

TRACK C: First Things First
Preservation and the Sense of Community
• The National Trust for Historic Preservation: Helping Sustain the Sense of Community, Jonathan Poston
• The Oklahoma Neighborhood Schools Preservation and Planning Project, Nicolle Franklin

10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Preservation in Okmulgee: Been There, Done That, Do We Want To Do That Again: A Panel Discussion, David Anderson, Nolan Crowley, Jim Martin, Dana Signon, Rae Ann Wilson

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Federal and State Tax Credits for Rehabilitation: Certified Rehabilitation: Storefronts and Other Common Issues, Harry Simms

TRACK C: First Things First
Preservation and the Sense of Community (Cont’d)
• Abraham Lincoln in Stained Glass Windows; Public Art, Churches, and Oklahoma Communities, Kenneth D. Kelsey
• Washita County Courthouse: The Heart of Cordell, Michael Hall

12:00 noon–1:30 p.m.

Guests of Okmulgee Tour and Box Lunch (See About Special Events and Tours)

1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Muscogee Creek Nation’s Heritage Programs, Joyce Bear, Emalee Spain

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Federal and State Tax Credits for Rehabilitation: Tulsa Landmark Buildings and Their Rehabilitation, Michael Hall, Mike Sikes, Joel Slaughter

TRACK C: First Things First
Preservation and the Sense of Community (Cont’d)
• Norman’s Historic Neighborhoods and Preserving a Sense of Community, Susan Owen Atkinson
• Henry Overholser Mansion and the C. G. Jones Farmstead, Sarah E. Dorman

3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

TRACK A: Leading the Way
Cherokee Nation’s Heritage Preservation and Cultural Tourism Programs, Travis Owens, Steve Rush, Heather Williams

TRACK B: Fundamentals for the Frontlines
Rehabilitating Historic Tribal Buildings
• Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Building, Mike Sikes
• From Persecution to Preservation – The Pawnee Indian Agency Boarding School Rehabilitations, Barrett Williamson

TRACK C: First Things First
Preservation and the Sense of Community (Cont’d)
• The Character of Oklahoma Small Towns, Anna M. Eddings
• Maintaining a Sense of Community, Leah Brown
About Special Events & Tours:

**Special Events:**

**Effective Design Review: A Workshop for Local Review Commissions**

The half-day workshop will focus on the designation of local landmarks and districts, best practices for commission operations, design review, and commissioner and staff roles and responsibilities. Monica Callahan, representing the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), will present the workshop.

Ms. Callahan is Planning & Community Development Director for the City of Madison, Georgia. She staffs seven citizen commissions appointed to oversee a range of community planning functions including historic preservation, downtown development, greenspace conservation, corridor management, cemetery stewardship, and comprehensive planning. She is also a principal in Piedmont Preservation, a firm devoted to cultural resource management providing a range of preservation services throughout the United States.

She has extensive experience in preservation commission operations, design guidelines development, community outreach, and conflict resolution; is immediate past president of the Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions; and is a frequent presenter and trainer at the National Preservation Conference, and the NAPC’s National Commission Forum and other programs. *(June 9, included with conference registration)*

**Opening Reception:**

Join other conference participants, cosponsors, and volunteers on the Creek Council House Museum’s lawn for a special evening of conversation, great food, and special music provided by Larry Sparkman on keyboard. The opening reception is the perfect time to connect with friends and colleagues and to exchange information about what’s Out Front in Preservation in your community. The reception is sponsored by Citizens Security Bank. *(June 9)*

**Plenary Sessions:**

This year’s conference features two plenary sessions. Each one provides an opportunity for all participants to come together and to hear from nationally recognized speakers, Robert St. John and Thomas D. Guzman. Details about each speaker and his presentation are provided in Plenary Sessions Speakers above. *(June 10)*

**Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.’s Annual Meeting and Luncheon (separate registration required):**

Oklahoma’s statewide nonprofit organization invites you to join them for their annual meeting and luncheon. To register and reserve your luncheon ticket, contact POK at 405/525-5325 or preservationok@preservationok.org. The program will include an update on POK’s activities, presentation of awards, and a special luncheon address by Jay Hannah, Executive Vice President, BancFirst, who will present “The Road to Preservation is Paved with Paper: Community Grass Roots Planning for Preservation Projects Large and Small.” He will talk about his diverse experiences with preservation, including his work with BancFirst and POK to develop the PlanFirst grant program, his personal experiences with preservation efforts across the state and as the Chairman of the Board of Cherokee Nation Enterprises and their preservation work. POK members and non-members are welcome. *(June 10, reservations required)*

**Pre-Banquet Reception/SHPO’s Annual Awards Banquet:**

The State Historic Preservation Office invites you to mingle with award recipients and your fellow preservationists as we celebrate preservation accomplishments across the state. The SHPO will present the 2010 Citations of Merit, certificates for recent Oklahoma listings in the National Register of Historic Places, and recognize Muskogee, Oklahoma’s latest Preserve America Community. The pre-banquet reception is sponsored by First National Bank and Trust-Okmulgee/Henryetta and Okmulgee Golf Club. *(June 10, reservations required)*

**Tours:**

Ghosts of Okmulgee Tour and Box Lunch: Enjoy a special walking tour of Okmulgee’s downtown historic district to learn about its history, architecture, and preservation efforts. Meet characters from Okmulgee’s past who will make the history of the community come alive with their accounts from the Indian Territory period through the oil boom days. Tour participants are guaranteed a special educational experience and great entertainment. The tour sponsor is East Central Oklahoma Electric Cooperative. *(June 10 and 11, reservations required, space limited)*
Lodging:

Make your reservations by May 27, 2010, and reference Statewide Historic Preservation to receive the group rate.

Holiday Inn Express
2780 N. Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(HWY 75 North)
918/756-0100
Single/King Bed - $99.00 + 13.5% tax
Double/Queen Beds - $99.00 + 13.5% tax
Suites/King Bed, Fold-Out Couch, Living Area - $109.00 + 13.5% tax
Suites/Queen Beds, Fold-Out Couch, Living Area - $119.00 + 13.5% tax

Best Western
3499 N. Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(HWY 75 North)
918/756-9200
Double/Queen Beds - $82.00 + 13.5% tax
Single/King Bed - $77.00 + 13.5% tax
Suites/King Bed, Sofa Bed, Living Area - $113.00 + 13.5% tax

Days Inn
1221 S. Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(HWY 75 South)
918/758-0660
Single/King Bed - $55.00 + 13.5% tax
Double/Queen Beds - $60.00 + 13.5% tax

Registration Form

Deadline for Registration: June 2, 2010. No refunds will be possible if requested after the registration deadline. Online registration available at www.okmulgeeeonline.com.

Name ____________________________
Organization/Firm ____________________________
Address _______________________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________ Fax __________________________
Telephone __________________________ E-mail __________________________

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE (Required):
$______ $40.00 per person if postmarked by June 2, 2010
$______ $50.00 per person if postmarked after June 2, 2010 (or paid at the door)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (fee required)
[See “About Special Events and Tours”] $______ $30.00/Awards Banquet (June 10)

TOURS:
$______ $15.00/Ghosts of Okmulgee Tour & Box Lunch (Select Date)
       June 10/12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
       June 11/12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

$______ TOTAL (Registration Fee + Any Optional Activities)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (No fees, just need to know how many)
[See “About Special Events and Tours”]
______ Opening Reception (June 9)

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@okhistory.org by 12:00 noon on June 2, so that arrangements can be made.

METHOD OF PAYMENT
______ Check enclosed, made payable to Okmulgee Main Street
______ Credit Card ______ VISA ______ Master Card
Credit Card # ____________________ Name on Card ____________________
Expiration Date ____________________
Purchase Requisition # ____________, please invoice

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
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