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PRESERVATION OKLAHOMA TO UNVEIL LIST OF ENDANGERED PLACES AND PRESENT AWARDS

On Monday, April 17, Preservation Oklahoma will unveil its 2017 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places and will also present the 2017 Preservation Leadership Awards. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at the Henry Overholser Mansion, located at 405 NW 15th Street in Oklahoma City.

Since 1993, Preservation Oklahoma has recognized historic properties across the state at risk of demolition or deterioration, raising awareness of the need to protect Oklahoma's historic resources. While inclusion on the list does not guarantee protection or funding, it can be a key component in mobilizing support for the preservation of historic properties. This list was selected by a group of preservation professionals from nominations submitted by the public. An exhibit of the 2017 list will also be unveiled and will travel to numerous locations across the state in an effort to continue the discussion about the need to preserve these historic buildings.

POK's Preservation Leadership Awards honor individuals whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma. The 2017 recipients are: **Katie Friddle**, Historic Preservation Officer in the Oklahoma City Planning Department, will receive the 2017 Young Leadership Award; **Ed Sharrer**, Director of Kendall Whittier Main Street, will receive the 2017 Preservation Leadership Award; **Bill John Baker**, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief, will receive the 2017 Preservation Leadership Award; and **Melvina Heisch**, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, will receive the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The event is generously sponsored by the Kirpatrick Foundation.

Tickets are \$30 for POK Members and \$40 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased at www.preservationok.org. For more information, please contact David Pettyjohn at 405/525-5325 or david@preservationok.org.

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PLANFIRST PRESENTATIONS

Preservation Oklahoma presented PlanFirst grant checks to three organizations.

In January, Main Street Stroud received funding to assist with the development of a comprehensive downtown plan. In February, The Lincoln County Historical Society in Chandler received funding to assist with the restoration of an early 1900s Chandler City Jail. In March, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in McAlester received funding to assist with preparatory expenses related to the replacement of the HVAC system.

Preservation Oklahoma administers the PlanFirst Grant program in partnership with BancFirst. PlanFirst grants encourage a thoughtful planning process for undertaking a preservation project, funding work such as structural engineer's reports, architectural plans for restoration or feasibility studies. Generously funded by BancFirst, each grant will provide a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$1,500 for projects in communities served by BancFirst.

To learn more or to request an application, contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or david@preservationok.org.



Stroud Presentation. Photo: POK



Chandler Presentation. Photo: POK



McAlester Presentation. Photo: POK

POK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR PRESERVATION AWARDS

Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups, and we are eager to compile our 2017 Preservation Award recipients. Help us identify candidates whose work in historic preservation is noteworthy!

Four awards will be given: Rural Private Sector, Rural Public Sector, Urban Private Sector, Urban Public Sector. Nomination forms are available online at www.preservationok.org or by calling 405/525-5325. Nominations are due by May 5. The Preservation Awards will be presented at Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Luncheon held at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Oklahoma City on June 9.



Backstage Theater, Stillwater, 2016 Preservation Award Winner
Photo: Backstage Theater

Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma's 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

June 7-9
Oklahoma City



Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma's 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will be held June 7-9 in downtown Oklahoma City. Join historic preservation leaders and advocates to discuss the future of historic preservation statewide and to keep current on the fundamentals for identifying and protecting the heritage of all Oklahomans. The program features plenary sessions, workshops, concurrent sessions (e.g. two sessions on June 8 about the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* by Antonio Aguilar, National Park Service, and Jennifer Bailey, SHPO staff), and special events. A few highlights are listed below.

PLENARY SESSION #1 (Wednesday, June 7) features Carol Shull, Keeper of the National Register, Retired, presenting the "Impacts of the NHPA, Past, Present, and Future" and Cathy O'Connor, President and CEO of The Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City, discussing "Historic Preservation and Oklahoma City's Renaissance."

PLENARY SESSION #2 (Friday, June 9) features James Lindberg, Senior Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Green Lab who will present "Reset to Default: Making Preservation the New Normal." (See Plenary Speakers for 2017 conference in this issue of POK News)

Two half-day workshops provide important training opportunities for preservation leaders and professionals. **Architectural/Historic Resources Survey - A Mobile Workshop** is offered on Thursday, June 8. State Historic Preservation Office staff, Stephanie Ballard and Lynda Ozan, teach participants basic architectural/historic survey techniques including the use of the SHPO's Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form (standard

survey form) and tips for photographic documentation. The workshop begins with a 45-minute introduction to survey methods in a classroom setting. Participants then go into the field for hands-on experience in collecting information and taking photographs.

The Future of Your Community's Heritage: Historic Preservation Commission Members' Workshop on Authority, Ethics, Designation, and Design Review is a half-day session designed for local historic preservation commission members and city staff and is offered on Friday, June 9. Historic preservation commissions across Oklahoma and the nation face similar challenges in the appropriate enforcement of their local preservation ordinances, and James K. Reap, workshop instructor, will address these issues. James is an attorney who specializes in heritage conservation. He is professor and graduate coordinator of the Master of Historic Preservation Program at the University of Georgia. He has chaired preservation commissions in the City of Decatur and DeKalb County and served as vice chair in Athens, Georgia. He is a founding member and former board member of the Georgia Alliance and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

People, Places, and Preservation's Future: Policy, Practice, and the Profession is a panel discussion on Thursday, June 8. Oklahoma's historic preservation leaders and professionals will find this session interesting and inspiring. October 15, 2016, was the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and preservation leaders nationwide celebrated accomplishments under the Act through Preservation50. As the celebration draws to a close, it is time to consider the future.

Four national historic preservation leaders will discuss their experiences and their thoughts about who will lead historic preservation in the decades ahead, what training they will require, what kinds of places may attract their focus, how they will protect the nation's heritage, and what public policy issues may challenge the historic preservation community. Panelists include Elizabeth Hughes, Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Maryland Historical Trust; Susan West Montgomery, Vice President for Preservation Resources at the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Carol Shull, Keeper of the National Register, Retired; and de Teel Patterson (Pat) Tiller, Professor of Historic Preservation at Goucher College and Professorial Lecturer in the Department of American Studies at George Washington University.

Special events include the opening reception; many tour options such as the Pre-Conference Tour **Metro Modern: Exploring OKC's Mid-Century Modern Architecture**, with lunch presentation, Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and Plaza in context with the Oklahoma City Memorial, by Steve Kline and Susan Allen Kline, and a **Hard-Hat Tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol Rehabilitation Project**; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s

annual meeting and luncheon; and the State Historic Preservation Office's annual awards banquet.

Conference cosponsors include Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office; Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma Main Street Center; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; American Institute of Architects, Central Oklahoma Chapter; American Planning Association, Oklahoma Chapter; City of Oklahoma City; Civic Center Music Hall; Downtown OKC, Inc.; Okie Mod Squad; Oklahoma Arts Council; Oklahoma City Foundation for Architecture; Stockyards City Main Street; and Urban Land Institute Oklahoma. Full conference program and registration information will be available in late April.

Follow conference developments at:

<http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm>;
<http://www.facebook.com/okshpo>;
<http://www.twitter.com/okshpo>; and
<http://okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>.

Please contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org, with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR 2017 STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Special opportunities are available for Oklahoma college and university students, design professionals, and planners who attend *Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma's 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference*. It will be held June 7-9, 2017, in downtown Oklahoma City (full registration and program details available in late April).

Qualified scholarship applicants are full-time students (undergraduate or graduate) enrolling for the Summer and/or Fall 2017 semester(s) in any Oklahoma college or university and pursuing a degree in history, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, art history, anthropology, archeology, interior design, planning, geography, law or other field closely related to historic preservation. Twenty (20) scholarships are available on a first-come basis to those who qualify. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee, and the application deadline is 5:00pm, Friday, May 5. For details and an application form contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org, or visit the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conferencedetails.htm> and <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

By attending the conference, design professionals will earn up to 13.5 HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. Planners will earn AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Certification Maintenance credits (information about calculating credit hours will be provided at the conference). Simply register for the conference (no additional fee) and sign in at the State Historic Preservation Office table in the registration area at the conference. Instructions for documenting and reporting attendance will be provided there, too.



SHPO ANNOUNCES MAY WORKSHOPS

May 10-12, 2017
Oklahoma City

Bryan County Mixed Truss Bridge, Photo: SHPO

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce its May Workshop series. The sessions will be held May 10-12, 2017, in the Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City. There is ample free parking available.

The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, May 3. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. To register, contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521-6249 or jmatthews@okhistory.org. You may also register online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php.

Design professionals who attend the workshops will qualify for HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. A certificate of attendance will be e-mailed to participants after the workshops. Self report your attendance to the board.

If you have questions about the content of the workshops, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

Workshop Schedule and Descriptions:

May 10 (10:30am-12:00noon) – Certified Local Governments Program: The SHPO and Municipalities Preserving Community Heritage (presented by Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer)

The National Historic Preservation Act, as amended provides for partnerships to identify, evaluate, and protect historic properties in communities of all sizes. A local government joins the federal-state partnership when it achieves Certified Local Government (CLG) status. CLGs play a direct role in the nomination of properties to the National Register of Historic Places, receive subgrants from the SHPO's annual Historic Preservation Fund allocation from the National Park Service, and may assume other SHPO duties. The workshop topics include eligibility for CLG status, minimum requirements for local historic preservation ordinances, and benefits to the local historic preservation program.

May 10 (1:30pm-4:30pm) – Introduction to Section 106 and Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register (presented by Lynda Ozan, Architectural Historian/National Register Program Coordinator and Cate Wood, Historical Archeologist/Section 106 Program Coordinator)

The workshop provides the basics about the review process in Oklahoma under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Topics include who are the participants in the process and what are their roles, identification and evaluation of historic properties, determination of effects on historic properties, and resolution of adverse effects. Step-by-step instructions will be provided for requesting the State Historic Preservation Office's comments on federal undertakings and for completing the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form for standing structures.

May 11 (10:30am-4:30pm) - Working with the National Register of Historic Places (presented by Lynda Ozan, Architectural Historian/National Register Coordinator)

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

May 12 (10:30am-12:00noon) - Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

Participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in

successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. The session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to the *Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.

May 12 (1:30pm-4:30pm) – The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

The workshop features a discussion of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*. Generally known as The Standards, these commonsense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether pursuing the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits for a certified rehabilitation, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find the session beneficial. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

GRAVESTONE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

On May 4-5, 2017, Preservation Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, and The Saline Preservation Association will host a two-day workshop at the Tahlequah Public Cemetery. The workshops will take place from 9am to 4pm each day. The cost is \$45 for both days and that includes lunch and materials. Participants may attend one or both days, but space is limited. This workshop is possible due to the generous support of the Cherokee Nation.

Jonathan Appell, a member of the Preservation Trades Network, will lead hands-on, interactive training for participants, covering topics including how to re-set stones, repair to fragmented stones, appropriate repair materials, use of infill material, and methods for re-pointing and cleaning masonry.

Mr. Appell is a professional gravestone and masonry conservation specialist with expertise in cemetery preservation planning. He has performed gravestone preservation and planning projects on many historically significant cemeteries throughout the United States, including Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC; The Granary in Boston, MA; Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in

Tarrytown, NY; The First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greensboro, NC; and The New Haven Crypt in New Haven, CT.

Please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or visit www.preservationok.org for more information and to register for the workshop; space and supplies are limited.



2016 Workshop, Tahlequah. Photo: POK

The Shaking and Rattling Takes a Toll

By Lynda Schwan Ozan, Architectural Historian, SHPO



Cushing Lion's Den (l). The 1920s building is scheduled for demolition due to damage caused by a November 2016 earthquake. Photo: SHPO

If you live or travel through Oklahoma, in the past eight years you have probably felt an earthquake or seen the damage caused by one. In a state that is accustomed to natural disasters such as tornados, flooding and fire, the recent shaking and damage caused by earthquakes has probably raised your concerns to a whole new level.

Typically earthquakes result from sudden movements of the geological plates that form the earth's crust, generally along existing cracks or fractures, known as 'faults.' This article is not meant to debate what is causing earthquakes in Oklahoma but rather bring attention to the historic buildings that are being affected by unpredictable and violent ground motions.

Since 2011, Oklahoma has felt four earthquakes of a 5.0 magnitude or greater. In 2011, a 5.6 magnitude earthquake was centered near Prague and caused damage to the National Register-listed St. Gregory's Abbey and College in Shawnee. In February of 2016, a 5.1 magnitude earthquake was centered in Fairview, Major County. In September of 2016, a 5.8 magnitude, the largest to date in Oklahoma, was centered in Pawnee. Damage was seen throughout the Pawnee Agency and Boarding School Historic District and historic buildings on the downtown square. Most recently, in November of 2016, a 5.0 magnitude earthquake was centered in downtown Cushing. This earthquake caused extensive damage to the downtown core of Cushing, including the destruction of the National Register-listed Cushing American Legion Building. While this outlines the major earthquakes, hundreds of smaller earthquakes have occurred during this time as well, also having the potential to cause damage to historic buildings.

Recognizing the vulnerability of historic buildings is the first step towards saving and protecting Oklahoma's heritage. The lack of maintenance and improper repairs weaken the stability of the historic building through time. We cannot overemphasize the importance of a maintenance plan as well as a disaster preparedness plan. Unlike the other natural disasters in Oklahoma, earthquakes come with no warning.

For information about seismic retrofitting, see Preservation Brief 41 published by the National Park Service (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/41-seismic-retrofit.htm>).

For information on disaster preparedness plans, see the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (<https://www.ok.gov/OEM/>) or the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/be-red-cross-ready/make-a-plan>).



Rear, Cushing American Legion Building. Photo: SHPO

OKIE MOD SQUAD PRESENTS OKLAHOMA MODERNISM WEEKEND

The Okie Mod Squad's mission is to enhance awareness and appreciation of the Sooner State's vast array of mid-century modern architecture and to help preserve it for future generations. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that we are hosting the 2nd annual Oklahoma Modernism Weekend on June 9-11, 2017, in Oklahoma City. Once again, the iconic and very space age First Christian Church at NW 36th and Walker will be home to the fun-packed and informative weekend, which will include a Flashback Fashion Show, a vintage Wheel-o-Rama, several lectures and tours, food trucks, a live broadcast with the Spy, and plenty of shopping opportunities at our indoor Mod Market and outdoor Mod Swap.

In addition, the incomparable pop culture humorist, Charles Phoenix, will return to Oklahoma City for a one-night-only engagement on Friday with his hilarious Big Retro Slide Show. In his engaging shows, Phoenix shares his collection of vintage Kodachrome slides and celebrates all things Americana, from quirky local landmarks to theme parks to kitchy suburbia. This one-of-a-kind show will feature slides from all over Oklahoma and beyond.

If you'd like more information about either becoming a vendor or joining us as a guest for the weekend, please go to our website, okcmmod.com, and look under the Events tab. You can also find our group - Okie Mod Squad - on Facebook.

We hope to see you there!



NHT DESIGNATION PROPOSED FOR ROUTE 66

As a result of discussions last fall between the Rt. 66 Road Ahead Partnership and the offices of Congressman Darin LaHood (R-IL) and Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL), the Road Ahead Partnership recently announced the introduction in Congress of two bills to commemorate the historical significance of Route 66. As a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, Rep. LaHood introduced H.R. 801, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. Davis introduced H.R. 66, a bill to establish a federal commission to recommend activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. Grace F. Napolitano (D-CA), a senior member of both the Transportation and Natural Resources Committees, proudly coauthored both pieces of legislation.

Bill Thomas, current Chairman of the Rt. 66 Road Ahead Partnership, noted, "Designating Rt. 66 a National Historic Trail was one of the most positively supported ideas raised at the series of Rt. 66 Collaboration Workshop meetings facilitated by the Road Ahead Partnership during the summer of 2015. These meetings were designed to solicit feedback/input from Rt. 66 stakeholders across the country regarding the proposed mission, outcomes, and goals of the Road Ahead Partnership." Dozens of Oklahoma preservation leaders participated in the July 2015 meeting held in Oklahoma City.

The Rt. 66 Road Ahead Partnership will track the progress of these two pieces of legislation as they work their way through Congress. For additional information contact: Bill Thomas – theroadahead@gmail.com

PLENARY SPEAKERS FOR 2017 CONFERENCE

Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma's 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference (Oklahoma City, June 7-9) features plenary sessions, workshops, concurrent tracks of sessions, and special events. Three special guest speakers will provide presentations during the plenary sessions.

PLENARY SESSION #1 (Wednesday, June 7) features Carol Shull presenting the "Impacts of the NHPA, Past, Present, and Future" and Cathy O'Connor discussing "Historic Preservation and Oklahoma City's Renaissance." Carol Shull, now a consultant and volunteer, served as Keeper of the National Register for almost 20 years and also as chief of the National Historic Landmarks program for the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The National Register is the official inventory of places important to the heritage of the United States, and National Historic Landmarks are properties designated by the Secretary of the Interior for their exceptional value in illustrating the history and prehistory of the nation. She helped shape the National Register by drafting its regulations; editing the National Register Bulletin series; working to make the National Register available online; and starting the National Register's Teaching with Historic Places program and Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary series. Carol has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master's degree in American History from the University of Texas at Austin. She has worked, written, and lectured extensively in historic preservation. She has published in a number of professional journals and authored and edited a variety of National Park Service and other publications. Carol is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Cathy O'Connor is the President and CEO of The Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City, a non-profit corporation designed to coordinate public participation in economic development projects. Cathy has been instrumental in furthering development downtown, helping to ensure the success of the MAPS 3 projects and promoting job creation. She is very committed to the redevelopment of distressed areas and led the efforts to create the NE Renaissance Urban Renewal Area and Tax Increment Finance District and the Core to Shore Tax Increment Finance District. Prior to becoming President of the Alliance, Cathy served as an Assistant City Manager with Oklahoma City where she enjoyed an almost 30-year career. She led the City's team to structure the terms for the redevelopment of the historic Skirvin Hotel. In her role with the Alliance she continues to have responsibility for management of the City's Tax Increment Financing Program; a \$75 million Strategic Investment Program, a local economic development incentive fund; and management of the City's Urban Renewal Authority and Economic Development Trust. Cathy is active in community organizations, including Historic Preservation Inc. She is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City and Leadership Oklahoma and the recipient of numerous awards.

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Jim Lindberg leads the National Trust's Preservation Green Lab, an interdisciplinary team with expertise in energy conservation, data analysis and mapping, historic preservation, and policy. Working with diverse partners, the team strengthens the connections between sustainability and the nation's vast inventory of older buildings and established neighborhoods. Jim has led a range of nationally recognized preservation and sustainable development projects, including the adaptive use of a former dude ranch in Rocky Mountain National Park and the green rehabilitation of a historic school in Denver. He has authored numerous articles and books on architecture, planning and preservation and is a lecturer in the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Colorado Denver. Jim received his BA degree in the Growth and Structure of Cities from Haverford College and his MS degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont.

Follow conference developments at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm>; <http://www.facebook.com/okshpo>; <http://www.twitter.com/okshpo>; and <http://okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>. Or, Contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO (405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org).

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION GRANTS ROUND 2

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is now accepting applications for Round 2 of its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations. The SHPO reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for these grants. The deadline for Round 2 applications is 5:00pm, June 5.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Grant recipients will use the funds to retain an appropriately qualified professional to complete an individual property nomination for the NRHP.

The NRHP is the catalogue of our nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes. While listing in the NRHP is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain an NRHP nomination grant application, just go to www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm. You may also obtain the application from the SHPO by calling 405/521-6249.

SAVE THE DATE

POK'S 2nd Annual White Party

Saturday, June 10
7pm to 10pm

The Henry Overholser Mansion
405 NW 15h Street
Oklahoma City

Tickets: \$65

www.preservationok.org



2016 White Party Attendees. Photo: G. Parks



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By becoming a member of Preservation Oklahoma, a 501(c)3 organization, you are demonstrating your commitment to historic preservation in our state and your willingness to get involved in the critical issues of preserving Oklahoma's heritage for future generations. Each member increases the strength, power, and presence in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national level. Your membership is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Membership Benefits

In addition to being a part of Oklahoma's preservation community, members of Preservation Oklahoma receive newsletters and email updates on preservation news and issues, invitations to members-only events, free admission to tours and programming throughout the year, and much more!

Membership Levels:

Sod House:	\$25 Individual	\$75 Family
Bungalow:	\$100 Individual	\$300 Family
Victorian Mansion:	\$500 Individual	\$1,500 Family

Corporate, Institution, and Senior/Student Levels are also available.

To join, please visit <http://www.preservationok.org/become-a-member.html> and join through our secure online payment form. You can also join by calling the POK offices!