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PRESERVATION50 EXHIBIT AVAILABLE FOR DISPLAY

On October 15, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act (the Act) into law. It and its amendments established the structure and mechanisms for treatment of the Nation's archeological and historic properties, including creation of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), authorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), and provision for State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO). The Oklahoma Historical Society, through its SHPO and partner agencies and organizations, is participating in Preservation50, the national celebration of the Act's 50th anniversary this year.

Part of this celebration includes a traveling exhibit that highlights the Act's impact on Oklahoma. Preservation Oklahoma is pleased to announce that this exhibit is now available to local communities! It features photos of buildings and structures listed on the NRHP and provides information on why the Act is important to preserving Oklahoma's historic resources. The exhibit consists of five retractable banners that can be easily assembled and displayed. The exhibit is free of charge thanks to a generous grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. The exhibit will be delivered, set up, and picked up—all you have to provide is the space! A presentation on the Act is also available and can be scheduled to coincide with the opening of the exhibit. We suggest the exhibit be scheduled for a two-week presentation.

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PRESERVATION FUTURE TENSE: OKLAHOMA'S 29TH ANNUAL STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

*June 7-9, 2017
Oklahoma City*

Automobile Alley. Photo: G. Parks

Save the dates, June 7-9, 2017, for *Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma's 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference*. Join your colleagues 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 tracks of sessions, and special events.

The first plenary session features Mick Cornett, Mayor, City of Oklahoma City and President, U. S. Conference of Mayors (invited), who will discuss the role of historic preservation in Oklahoma City's renaissance. The second plenary session highlights the environmental benefits of historic preservation, and the speaker will be James Lindberg, Director, Preservation Green Lab, National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Half-day workshops take place on Thursday and Friday mornings. *Workshop #1: Architectural/Historic Resources Survey: A Mobile Workshop*, presented by State Historic Preservation Office staff, teaches participants basic survey techniques including the use of the SHPO's standard survey form and tips for photographic documentation. *Workshop #2: Historic Preservation Commissions: Authority, Ethics, Designation, and Design Review* will be conducted by James K. Reap, Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Master of Historic Preservation Program, University of Georgia.

The concurrent tracks of sessions feature dozens of Oklahoma preservationists and special guest speakers, and include: **TRACK A: Beyond Preservation50**, focusing on the challenges and opportunities for historic preservation in the decades ahead; **TRACK B: Trending in Preservation**, highlighting new

technology, techniques, and programs that improve the preservation of our heritage; and **TRACK C: Preservation Fundamentals**, featuring the National Register of Historic Places, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and more.

Special events include the opening reception; many tour options (such as 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; City of Oklahoma City; Civic Center Music Hall; Downtown OKC, Inc.; Okie Mod Squad; Oklahoma City Foundation for Architecture; and Stockyards City Main Street.

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>;
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<http://www.okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>.

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Super (amazing) Structures

by Lynda Ozan, Architectural Historian, SHPO

As we spend the year reflecting on the past 50 years of the preservation movement in Oklahoma in celebration of the signing of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, it has us thinking about the amazing super structures that have a presence on the Oklahoma downtown landscape.

Bass Building, Enid. Photo: OHS.



Aldridge Hotel, McAlester. Photo: OHS.



Tradesman National Bank, OKC. Photo: OHS.



Broadway Tower, Enid. Photo: OHS.

As oil prices, hemlines and the stock market were on the rise across the nation, so too were large-scale, high-rise buildings in places like Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Enid and McAlester. The basic technology of steel frame construction had been worked out in larger metropolitan areas such as Chicago and New York City and with the invention of the modern elevator, buildings measuring more than 6 floors were starting to take shape in Oklahoma.

With the prosperity of the 1920s, Oklahoma skylines changed dramatically. Most high rises were developed and constructed in the 1920s while others did not see completion until the 1930s. All were once the tallest building in their respective cities and some still hold that distinction. The 1950s saw another boom of skyscraper construction surpassing the older skyscraper of the 1920s.

Tulsa examples are internationally known examples of the Art Deco style while many of the others identified in the state are classically designed buildings of the 1920s and 1930s. The 1950s saw a rise in modern styles from International in Oklahoma City to Wrightian in both Bartlesville and Oklahoma City. No matter what decade the buildings were constructed, they often had the most lavish interiors with the finest materials available at the time.

The larger Oklahoma cities have more than one building of this type. However, many of the smaller communities have them as well. We are featuring historic images of 10 buildings from the state and have drawn the line at buildings of 10 or more stories. Smaller communities such as Shawnee have buildings that measure just under 10 stories-heights that would have been unbuildable in most places just a few years earlier.



Philtower, Tulsa. Photo: OHS.

Oklahoma Archaeology and the National Historic Preservation Act

Cate Wood, Section 106 Coordinator, Cultural Archaeologist, SHPO



*OU students conducting archaeological site testing. Cimarron County, 2015.
Photo: Leland Bement.*

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA/Act) became law on October 15, 1966, and as stated in its opening paragraph, the guiding principle set forth in the Act is that:

The spirit and direction of the Nation are founded upon and reflected in its historic heritage; the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people; historic properties significant to the Nation's heritage are being lost or substantially altered, often inadvertently, with increasing frequency; the preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans.

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Act, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) develops the statewide preservation plan that is renewed every five years, entitled, *Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan*. The preservation plan may be found online at: <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm>.

The plan details the goals and objectives for the preservation of the state's archaeological and historic resources which include:

- (1) Increase the public's awareness of Oklahoma's archaeological and historic resources and the importance of their preservation.
- (2) Strengthen efforts to identify and evaluate archaeological and historic resources.
- (3) Develop appropriate strategies for the preservation of archaeological and historic resources.

The National Park Service assists the SHPO in meeting these goals through the allocation of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) that was established in 1977. The HPF is the funding source for the preservation awards to State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribes, local governments and nonprofits. The funding is provided by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues, not tax dollars. The HPF uses revenues of a non-renewable resource to benefit the preservation of other irreplaceable resources.

The SHPO uses a portion of its HPF allocation to support state-wide survey projects that identify historic resources, assess eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and facilitate cultural resource management decisions. These survey projects are conducted through subgrants where the applicant for the project is responsible for providing the nonfederal matching share for the effort.

Recent subgrant projects include the NRHP eligibility evaluation of three archaeological sites (34CI480, 34CI488 and 34CI492) that had been documented in a 2013 pedestrian archaeological survey along portions of Cold Springs Creek which is a tributary of the Cimarron River that cuts south across the open High Plains. 34CI480 represents a Middle Archaic open camp site; 34CI488 was identified as a multicomponent camp site representing occupations from the Middle Archaic, Late Archaic and Plains Village time periods; and 34CI492 was identified as a multicomponent rock shelter site representing occupations from the Plains Woodland, Plains Village and the homesteading period of the nineteenth century.

The three sites were selected for further study based on their potential to contribute to the growing understanding of pre-Hispanic land-use at the juncture of the Southern High Plains and the mesa and Canyonlands of the West. Under the direction of Dr. Leland Bement of the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, students from the University of Oklahoma had the opportunity to conduct controlled subsurface excavations at the three sites, conduct background research of the area and analyze artifacts and radiocarbon dates in order to assess the NRHP eligibility of these sites. A total of four radiocarbon dates were attained from materials excavated from intact archaeological deposits providing a date range of occupation from the middle Archaic (5,000 B.P. to 3,000 B.P.) to the Plains Village periods (ca 1,000 to 500 years ago) on up to the nineteenth century. Obsidian artifacts were also identified at these sites and demonstrated interaction with groups in regions bordering the High Plains to the southeast and southwest. Based on the results of the excavation and research, it was determined that all three sites (34CI480, 34CI488 and 34CI492) were eligible for the NRHP under Criterion D for archaeological sites that have either yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. Site 34CI492 was also determined eligible under Criterion A for properties that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history due to its association with the Trujillo family who had been a part of the homesteading period and sheep herding community during the nineteenth century. These HPF subgrant survey projects are valuable to the mission of the SHPO under the NHPA by pursuing the goal of recording the diverse heritage of Oklahoma and adding to the continually evolving story of the human experience.



*OU students conducting archaeological site testing, Cimarron County, 2015.
Photo: Leland Bement.*

SHPO ANNOUNCES HPRC'S 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is pleased to announce the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee's (HPRC) meeting schedule for calendar year 2017. The governor appoints the members of the HPRC to advise the SHPO about nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and other preservation issues. Current HPRC members include William P. Corbett (Historian, Tahlequah); Ron Frantz (Architect, Oklahoma City); John D. Hartley (Prehistoric Archeologist, Norman); Arn Henderson (Architectural Historian, Norman); and Charles S. Wallis (Historical Archeologist, Norman). The HPRC's 2017 meetings will begin at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 19, April 20, July 20, and October 19.

The meetings will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society's LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom, Oklahoma History Center (third floor), 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, and they are open to the public. The HPRC and the SHPO encourage all interested parties to attend, and meeting agendas and NRHP nominations under consideration will be available at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

The National Park Service regulations governing the SHPO's programs require that a qualified state review board participate in the NRHP and other SHPO programs. During each meeting, the HPRC hears presentations on NRHP nominations from SHPO staff and consultants; receives comments from owners of properties proposed for nomination; listens to public comments and concerns; and formulates recommendations to the SHPO about whether or not a property should be nominated. The HPRC and SHPO staff invite concerned citizens and preservation professionals to participate in this important component of Oklahoma's preservation program.

For information about any of the SHPO's programs, call 405.521.6249 or visit us on the website listed above.

PRESERVING GRAVE MARKERS IN HISTORIC CEMETERIES

The National Park Service recently issued *Preservation Brief #48: Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries*. Written by Mary F. Striegel, Francis Gale, Jason Church and Debbie Dietrich-Smith, it was developed by the NPS's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) with production assistance from Technical Preservation Services.

Historic cemeteries are important resources found across the country, and the individuals, organizations, and agencies concerned about them face numerous challenges. The new publication will be useful for grass-roots efforts to preserve grave markers in abandoned cemeteries and to work at professionally managed commercial cemeteries.

Preservation Brief #48 is available in PDF on the NPS website at www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm. The brief is also available in print form from the Government Printing Office, and information about ordering it and other Technical Preservation Services publications is found at <https://bookstore.gpo.gov/>.

NRHP NOMINATION GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE SHPO

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces 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 has reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the program. The funds will be equally divided for award in two grant rounds with any funds remaining from Round 1 carried over for Round 2. Applications and detailed instructions will be available from the SHPO on February 1. The deadline for Round 1 applications is 5:00pm, April 3, and the deadline for Round 2 applications is 5:00pm, June 5. Each grant is limited to \$1,000.00, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700.00. Grant recipients will use the grant funds and nonfederal match to retain an appropriately qualified professional to prepare a complete individual property nomination package for the NRHP. Applicants must be aware that \$1,700.00 (federal grant + nonfederal match) is only an estimate of the cost for such projects and that more than the minimum \$700 nonfederal match may be necessary to cover the consultant fee. Consultants must consider the nature of the property proposed for nomination and many other factors as they develop their fee proposals.

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

To obtain an application form go to www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm (available February 1). You may also contact the SHPO at 405.521.6249.

Information about the SHPO and its programs, including the NRHP, is available at www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm.



OKLAHOMA PRESERVATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Photo: POK



Photo: SHPO

Looking for a convenient way to find out what preservation events are scheduled in Oklahoma or for another way to promote your event? Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. maintains the Oklahoma Preservation Calendar of Events. A joint project of POK and the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office, the calendar lists workshops, conferences, tours, exhibits, festivals/promotional events, and other activities across the state. View it at <http://www.preservationok.org/calendar-of-events.html>. Check back regularly to keep up with the latest historic preservation activities or sign up for weekly calendar updates to your email.

We also invite our preservation partners to promote their events on the calendar and link to it from their own websites. To be included on the calendar, an event must relate to the broad historic preservation field. Topics may include, but are not limited to, documentation and evaluation of archeological and historic resources, restoration or rehabilitation of historic buildings, protection of archeological sites, community revitalization, economic impacts of historic preservation, and local history.

To submit your event for the calendar, complete the Event Submission Form at <http://www.preservationok.org/calendar-of-events.html> and e-mail it to David Pettyjohn, Executive Director, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. at david@preservationok.org.

2017 PLACEMAKING CONFERENCE



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The Placemaking Conference is a biennial event hosted by the University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities. The conference features renowned speakers on issues of vital importance to today's communities and an audience of hundreds of citizens and leaders that are working to make great places.

We invite you to save the date for April 3, 2017.

Visit iqc.ou.edu/conference for up-to-date information.

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The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (OKSHPO) invites you to subscribe to its listserve. Get the latest information on a wide range of topics such as availability of grants and share information about your preservation efforts. To subscribe, just go to <http://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/okshpo> for step-by-step instructions for subscribing and using the listserve.

Anyone can post a message to the listserve whether or not they are a subscriber. Just send a regular e-mail message to okshpo@lists.onenet.net. That's all there is to it, and your message reaches everyone on the list. Please remember that you cannot send attachments with your message.

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POK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR PRESERVATION LEADERSHIP AWARDS



*2016 Preservation Leadership Awardee
Randy McFarlin (r). Photo: POK*



*2016 Young Leadership Awardee
Heather Sumner (r). Photo: POK*

Preservation Oklahoma seeks nominations for our annual Preservation Leadership Awards. These awards recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations, and government agencies that have worked tirelessly to save the important markers of our state's rich and diverse history. The awards will be presented during the unveiling of the 2017 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Places in April in Oklahoma City.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

Young Leadership Award: Awarded to an individual under the age of 40 who has made a meaningful impact on the preservation community.

Preservation Leadership Award: Awarded in three categories (individual, organization, government agency) for outstanding contributions to historic preservation.

Nomination forms can be located at www.preservationok.org or by e-mailing david@preservationok.org. Nominations are due February 15.



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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
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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!