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Women Who Built History

April 24-26, 2019

University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha

Save the dates, April 24-26, 2019, for *Women Who Built History*, the first annual Oklahoma History and Preservation Conference, sponsored by the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office. Join your colleagues in the discussion of collecting, preserving and sharing the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma and its people. The program features plenary sessions, concurrent tracks of sessions and special events.

The concurrent tracks of sessions will feature Oklahoma historians, authors, scholars and preservation professionals from around the state and country. Special events include the opening reception, tour options, and the awards luncheon.

Conference sponsors include the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office; Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma Main Street Center; and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

More information can be found at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm> or
<http://www.okhistory.org/about/conference>.

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Meadow Gold Sign, Tulsa, Photo: POK

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Mail all correspondence to Preservation Oklahoma.

Actions of the Keeper

New National Register Listings

2018 brought twelve new National Register of Historic Places listings for the State Historic Preservation Office. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

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 SHPO identifies, evaluates, and nominates properties for this special designation.

For detailed information, contact Sara Werneke, National Register of Historic Places coordinator, at 405/522-4478 or email swerneke@okhistory.org.

All of the nominations can be found by visiting:
http://nr2_shpo.okstate.edu/.

2018 National Register of Historic Places listings

- "Spirit of the American Doughboy" Statue, Muskogee, Muskogee County
- United States Post Office Purcell, Purcell, McClain County
- Enid High School Observatory, Enid, Garfield County
- Dunbar Elementary School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- 1210-1212-1214 North Hudson Historic District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- First National Bank and Trust Company Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County
- Downtown Altus Historic District, Altus, Jackson County
- Cheairs Furniture Company Building, Tulsa, Tulsa County
- Vernon A.M.E. Church, Tulsa, Tulsa County
- Rock Island Passenger Station, Anadarko, Caddo County
- Southridge Addition Historic District, Norman, Cleveland County

2018 National Register of Historic Places delisting

- DeBarr Historic District (delisted), Norman, Cleveland County



"Spirit of the American Dough Boy," Statue, Muskogee, Photo: OKSHPO



Enid High School Observatory, Enid, Photo: Currie-Gregg Observatory

Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program: To focus attention on the importance of agriculture to Oklahoma's development and to help increase the number of rural properties identified and evaluated for National Register eligibility, the SHPO, the Oklahoma Historical Society's Administration Division, and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture work together to carry out the Centennial Farm and Ranch Program.

For detailed information contact Shea Otley at 405/522-4485.

Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Commemorative Book Deadline Extended

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch program, the Oklahoma Historical Society is sponsoring a new book, *Oklahoma Centennial Farms & Ranches*, celebrating our centennial farms and ranches and Oklahoma's rich agricultural history. Acclaim Press has been commissioned to oversee the project, and the book will feature showcases of our state's centennial farms and ranches. All recipients of the Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch program award are invited to share their stories.

To find out more information on how to submit your family's information, visit www.okhistory.org/shpo/farmandranch.htm to download the brochure. The extended deadline for submission to be included in *Oklahoma Centennial Farms & Ranches* is February 28, 2019.

Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Program Fee Increase

On January 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program fees will increase. Increased costs in postage, printing and sign materials have required us to reevaluate our fees. To continue providing the program to all of the amazing centennial farm and ranch families in our state, the application fee will increase to \$25 and the sign fee will increase to \$75. The Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program staff thanks all of our centennial farm and ranch families for their continued contributions to Oklahoma's heritage and its economy.

If your property is eligible to receive a centennial farm or ranch award, visit www.okhistory.org/shpo/farmandranch.htm to download an application. You may also contact Shea Otley at 405/522-4485 or sjotley@okhistory.org.

The 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 2019 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the US Department of the Interior for the program. The funds will be equally divided into two grant rounds with any funds remaining from round one carried over for round two.

Applications and detailed instructions will be available from the SHPO on February 1. The deadline for round one applications is 5 p.m., the first Friday in April, and the deadline for round two applications is 5 p.m., the first Friday in June. 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 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 (federal grant plus 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 list 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 or submit a NRHP Nomination Grant application form, please visit www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm. 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.



The Douglass at Page Woodson Receives National Recognition



The Douglass At Page Woodson, Photo: Gina Sofola

On November 14, highlighting a vibrant cultural rebirth in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced The Douglass at Page Woodson apartment community as one of only three winners of the 2018 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards. Given each year at the end of a juried competition, the Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards, the nation's most coveted and prestigious, are bestowed on historic preservation efforts that demonstrate excellence in execution and a positive impact on the vitality of their towns and cities

"Through creative and meticulous restorations that reinvigorate older buildings, elevate the quality of public life, and educate and encourage others, the winning projects are outstanding examples of the power and potential of preservation to improve lives," said Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust. "We are honored to partner with the Driehaus Foundation to celebrate The Douglass at Page Woodson apartment complex as one of this year's awardees and a source of inspiration for the future—remarkable not just for its historic and architectural character, but for the many ways it puts community first."

"Page Woodson School has been given a second life," said Ron Bradshaw, owner and developer. "Along the way, this process taught us something about community. We thought we were the owners,

but soon found out that there were many owners and we were just fortunate enough to be stewards of this restoration."

Constructed in 1910 as the Page Woodson School, the former all-white elementary school was renamed Douglass High School in 1934, when it transitioned to serve African American students from across Oklahoma City. Douglass became a center for progress during the Civil Rights Movement and frequently housed meetings of figures such as Thurgood Marshall, the nation's first African American Supreme Court Justice. Many notable members of the faculty and student body were influential in the fight against segregation in Oklahoma City. The school went through many name changes and uses before the Oklahoma City School Board finally voted to close it in 1993 as populations declined in the surrounding area.

"The Douglass at Page Woodson is an incredible success story of redevelopment for Oklahoma City, and a great example of providing community resources without reinventing the wheel," said Cayla Lewis, executive director of Preservation Oklahoma. "By taking a historic building in a growing area and converting into affordable housing, the site also provides residents with the sense of identity, history, and authenticity that engenders well-being."

After years of vacancy and vandalism, the school was purchased in 2013 by developer Ron Bradshaw with plans to restore the building's Art Deco details and address the community's needs. The restoration capitalized on the building's outstanding example of Classical Revival red brick, its rich artisanal ornamentation, and educational themes to give this affordable housing solution a far more distinguished architectural identity than it would otherwise have today. Today, The Douglass at Page Woodson contains 60 affordable housing units and a historic community auditorium, which once hosted personalities such as jazz great Duke Ellington, used for meetings, lectures, film screenings, and the arts.

"We are always concerned when our important historic buildings stand vacant for long—especially one with such an important connection to the community—

The Douglass at Page Woodson Receives National Recognition Continued

but the developers and architects took what was an incredibly challenging resource and converted it into residential living that is not just for the people who live there but for the people of Oklahoma City at large," said Lynda S. Ozan, deputy state historic preservation officer of the Oklahoma Historical Society. "The Page Woodson apartment complex deserves recognition for preserving the identity of the school and the history associated with the African American students, and for completing an innovative, multimillion dollar reuse project in a city where many historic buildings are demolished for modern development."

"Oklahomans have begun to embrace historic preservation because of its economic value and the 'sense of place' historic structures impart. However, preserving Page Woodson means much more," said Gina Sofola, project manager and advocate for The Douglass at Page Woodson. "This historic African American school communicates the value of a people, their contributions to Oklahoma City, and their stories. Our history as a city or nation is collective, and while sometimes painful, our acknowledgement, elevation, and celebration of the full history frames the way in which we move forward - the way we begin to build together."

Established in 2012, the Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards have honored distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and corporations whose skill and determination have added to the richness of their communities by

preserving their architectural and cultural heritage. As the most sought after of all National Trust awards, the initiative recognizes efforts in landmark preservation, historic restoration, skilled craftsmanship, and educational and advocacy activities.

The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards winners, chosen from among 50 nominated projects by a jury led by Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic Paul Goldberger, will be honored as part of PastForward 2018, the nation's largest historic preservation conference, on November 14 at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre in San Francisco. This year's other awardees are the Crosstown Concourse mixed-used facility in Memphis, Tennessee and the Richardson Olmsted Campus architectural masterpiece in Buffalo, New York.

Source: *The National Trust for Historic Preservation*



The Douglass At Page Woodson, Oklahoma City
Photo: Gina Sofola

Scholarships to Attend the 2019 Statewide Preservation Conference Now Available

The Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for Oklahoma college and university students to attend *Women Who Built History*. It will be held April 24-26, 2019, on the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma campus in Chickasha. More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm> or <http://www.okhistory.org/about/conference>

Twenty (20) scholarships are available on a first-come basis to those who qualify. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee. The application deadline is 5 p.m., March 31, 2019.

For details and an application form contact Lynda Ozan, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org.

Preservation Oklahoma’s Overholser Mansion Carraige House Renovation Plan

Preservation Oklahoma Overholser Mansion Carriage House Renovation Plan Winter 2019

Overview:

Preservation Oklahoma’s mission is to promote historic preservation statewide. We do this through a variety of ways including hosting workshops, publishing the Preservation News quarterly newsletter with State Historic Preservation Office, producing our annual Most Endangered Places list, and providing advocacy and resources for historic properties all over Oklahoma. Part of our mission, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Society, is to be the steward of the Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City.

Project Description:

The Overholser Mansion serves as a community resource for the neighborhood, Preservation Oklahoma facilities, and local/regional outreach. Most recently, POK hosted a Wood Window Restoration Workshop, followed by a Heritage Hills neighborhood meeting. POK has also hosted events such as annual Holiday and Easter Egg Hunt parties, Urban Campout, and its largest fundraiser, Summer White Party here. With so much regular activity, it is time for an update. Improvements will be made to the floors, allowing for a more accessible environment, easier cleanup, and opportunity for more activities. The floors, as well as much of the Carriage House, have not been updated in over 20 years. The Carriage House also serves as the office space for Preservation Oklahoma, along with meeting space and boardroom.

Considerations are also being made for repainting the space and providing new lighting. The Carriage House serves as the meeting place for every Overholser Mansion Tour, and also houses the museum exhibits. Updates here will provide a more welcoming experience for tour-goers, and also set the space up for success for enhanced and new museum exhibits, a Phase 2 project. Preservation Oklahoma will work with the Oklahoma Historical Society to create this.

Project Goal:

With increased traffic and visibility to the Overholser Mansion and use of the Carriage House, Preservation Oklahoma will be making an earnest effort for improvement, which will also result in greater financial sustainability for the organization with the ability to offer more rental opportunities and income. Updates and improvements will set the Carriage House up to be a more attractive community resource and event venue.

Preservation Oklahoma’s Overholser Mansion Carraige House Renovation Plan



Henry Overholser Mansion Carriage House,
Oklahoma City, Photo: POK

Budget Details:

PHASE 1 CARRIAGE HOUSE RENOVATIONS	
Polished Concrete Floors:	\$9,500
Updated Wood Floors:	\$6,000
New Lighting and Electric:	\$7,500
Upstairs and Downstairs Painting and Replastering:	\$8,700
New Display Cases for Gift Shop and Entrance Desk:	\$1,500
Upstairs Bathroom Fixtures Updates:	\$1,500
Storage Solution for Current Resources:	\$1,000
Kitchen Appliance Updates:	\$2,500
Overage:	\$2,800
PROJECT TOTAL:	\$40,000

If you are interested in supporting Preservation Oklahoma’s efforts to renovate the Carriage House, contact Cayla Lewis, director@preservationok.org. Sponsor benefits and more information are available at www.overholsermansion.org/carriage-house-renovations.



Henry Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City,
Photo: POK

Henry Overholser Mansion Resumes Daily Tours February 1

The Henry Overholser Mansion is closed for daily tours until Friday, February 1. Tours begin every hour on the hour with the first tour beginning at 10 a.m. and the last tour for the day beginning at 2 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Mysteries of the Mansion tours will resume every Third Thursday of the month beginning Thursday, April 18. April through September, experience the Overholser Mansion in a whole new way with extended tours and story time, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



SHPO Announces HPRC’s 2019 Meeting Schedule

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee’s (HPRC) meeting schedule for calendar year 2019. 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 Ron Frantz (architect, Oklahoma City); John Hartley (prehistoric archaeologist, Norman); Shirley Ballard Nero (historian, Clearview); Jana Phillips (architectural historian, Stillwater); and Charles Wallis (historical archaeologist, Norman).

The HPRC’s 2019 meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, April 18, July 18, and October 17. The meetings are open to the public and will be held in the LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom at the Oklahoma History Center, located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. The HPRC and the SHPO encourage all interested parties to attend. Meeting agendas and NRHP nominations under consideration will be available at www.okhistory.org/shpo/hprc.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, please call 405/521-6249 or visit www.okhistory.org/shpo.

2019 Preservation Awards Nomination Form

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 whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma.

Nominations may be made in the following categories:
Young Leadership Award - Awarded to an individual under forty years of age who has demonstrated an impact on historic preservation.

Preservation Leadership Award and Lifetime Achievement Award - Individual, organization, or government agency for outstanding contributions to historic preservation.

Nominations may also be made in the following sectors:
Rural Public | Rural Private | Urban Public | Urban Private

The Preservation Leadership Awards will be presented during the Oklahoma History and Preservation Conference, April 2019.

Nominations are due March 1, 2019.

Name of Candidate, Agency, or Organization: _____

Award Category: _____

Candidate Email: _____

Candidate Phone: _____

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email: _____

Nominator Phone: _____

On a separate page, in 500 words or less, please describe why you believe this candidate should receive this award.

Feel free to email additional information, photos, and letters of recommendation to director@preservationok.org.

Please return this completed form to:
Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.,
405 NW 15th Street,
Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

Nomination form is also available online at www.preservationok.org.
Please call 405/525-5325 or email director@preservationok.org with questions.



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Historic structures, much like photographs and newspapers, tell the story of Oklahoma communities, linking the past to the present. They also provide economically vibrant locations for local businesses and residents. Since 1992, Preservation Oklahoma has worked to protect and preserve these structures through advocacy, education, and programming. By joining our efforts, you are supporting the protection of Oklahoma's unique and diverse history. Your support also assists in the preservation of the 1903 Henry Overholser Mansion, an Oklahoma City landmark and home of POK's offices.

Membership Benefits

Membership benefits include discounted tickets to POK events, complimentary tours of the Overholser Mansion, and invitations to our annual membership appreciation event.

Membership Levels:

Student	\$25
Individual	\$50
Family	\$100
Partner	\$500

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!