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## **Tulsa Armory removed from Preservation Oklahoma's Most Endangered List**

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., announced in June the removal from its new list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties of the National Guard Armory at the Tulsa County Fairgrounds.

In 1986, the Oklahoma W.P.A. Survey identified the Tulsa County Fairgrounds National Guard Armory as one of Tulsa's most significant WPA projects. Constructed from 1940 to 1941, it is the second largest armory in the state. In February of this year, the Armory was slated for demolition as part of the County Fairgrounds Authority's revitalization of Expo Square. In March, the County Fairgrounds Authority agreed to rethink its plans and study alternatives to demolition of the historic building. The Armory, with its massive interior space, is in reasonably sound condition and could be utilized for a variety of purposes. Preservation Oklahoma chose to add this property to the Most Endangered List to underscore its importance and encourage the Fairgrounds Authority to retain it.

Last month, the Tulsa County Fairgrounds Trust Authority voted to amend the fairgrounds revitalization plan to retain the Armory building, according to County Commissioner John Selph.

The vote by the Fairgrounds Trust Authority led to an immediate decision by Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., to drop the Armory from its Most Endangered List. "We believe there is always a positive solution to challenges faced by historic buildings," said the organization's president Michael Hall of Tulsa, "and the County Fairgrounds Authority's vote shows that they understand this, too. Of course, we're delighted by this decision and think they will not regret it. Removing the building from our Most Endangered List is our way of acknowledging their prudence."

The annual list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties is a joint project between Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, and the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office. Nominations to the Most Endangered List are solicited in *Preservation Oklahoma News* each January and the new list is announced each May at the Statewide Preservation Conference.

As part of this program, Preservation Oklahoma makes speakers available statewide to give presentations to local organizations on a variety of topics. For more information on Preservation Oklahoma's Speakers Bureau, call Robert K. Erwin at (405) 232-5747.

**For information on the new Most Endangered List – see pp. 6-7**

## Know Your Preservation Terminology

by Melvena Thurman Heisch,  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Most of our readers will probably agree that historic preservation is a tool for the protection of significant archaeological and historic properties and for the revitalization of communities. The historic preservation tool is most effective when a federal, state, or local *designation* of the property has occurred. For example, listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides limited protection and benefits. Local district designation under a preservation zoning ordinance provides design review for construction work in the designated districts.

It is important that those individuals involved in the evaluation and designation of archaeological and historic properties keep in mind that the *designation* facilitates the historic preservation process and that it is not a *reward* for a building's restoration or for a neighborhood's good maintenance over time. Of course, property owners do often take great pride when their property is listed on the National Register or included in a local historic preservation district. It may be the sense of pride that encourages the property owner to rehabilitate his property.

Therefore, we should all remember that a property must retain historic integrity to qualify for registration or designation. But its condition may certainly leave something to be desired.

*Historic integrity* means the ability of a property to convey its significance. The elements of integrity include location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association. We must determine what features a property must retain so that it continues to convey its significance. Not all of the elements of integrity are required for a property to qualify for designation. The property type and its history help determine which elements of integrity must remain.

*Historic integrity* should not be confused with the condition (state of repair) of the property. A property's condition can range from excellent to good, fair, poor, or even ruins and qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or for a local designation.

*The goal of designation is to halt further deterioration and to improve the historic property's condition.*

### **Historic Preservation is for Everyone!**

Make sure your local historic preservation commission or city council is aware of your neighborhood's significance.

## **Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., holds Annual Luncheon and Meeting**

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., held its annual luncheon and meeting at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center on Sam Noble Parkway in Ardmore. The 80 organization members and conference participants in attendance were treated to the savory culinary work of the facility's Culinary Arts Instructor, acclaimed chef J. W. Reese and several of his staff members and students. The lunch consisted of historical recipes from Oklahoma's territorial period.

At the luncheon, executive director Robert K. Erwin gave a slide presentation announcing the new list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties and new Preservation Oklahoma board president Michael Hall, of Tulsa, presided over the election of two new board members: Roger Rinehart, of El Reno, and Sabra Tate, of McAlester. Rinehart is a partner in a law firm in El Reno and is a founding member and former president of Preservation El Reno, Inc., where he worked to restore the original sheriff's stables. Tate is a founding member of the McAlester Building Foundation, which preserved the old high school building, and was instrumental in the rehabilitation of McAlester's Aldridge Hotel.

Preservation Oklahoma's new officers for 1998-99 are: president, Michael Hall (Tulsa); vice president, Marva Ellard (OKC); treasurer, Dan McMahan (Altus); and secretary, Susan Guthrie Dunham (OKC).

Preservation Oklahoma's board invites all interested individuals to contact us about joining one of its committees: board development, fundraising, heritage education, membership development, revolving loan fund development, and the Statewides Initiative. Call executive director Robert K. Erwin at (405) 232-5747 for more information.

## Old and New, the 1998 Archaeological Survey

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has funded two archaeological surveys for this year. These surveys are somewhat different from those funded previously and focus on some of the oldest and newest of Oklahoma's archaeological resources. Selected subsurface core testing is a key feature of the Archaeological Survey and National Register Nomination of Bison Kill Sites in Harper County in Northwest Oklahoma with Leland Bement as the principal investigator. Focusing on one of the oldest periods ever targeted by a SHPO funded survey, it is anticipated that the core testing will reveal the specific locations of some sites, enhance the accuracy of projected site location, and contribute to the information included in the Cooper Bison Kill Site (34HP45) National Register nomination, which is also part of the project. Excavations at the Cooper Bison Kill Site, with its three distinct bison kills, has produced a painted bison skull, the oldest painted object in North America.

Lois Albert will undertake the Archaeological Survey of Early Cherokee Settlements in Eastern Oklahoma, an archaeological survey focusing on the recent historic period. This survey will concentrate on finding sites related to the earliest period of Cherokee settlements in Cherokee, Delaware, and Adair counties. A special effort will be made to develop site locations most likely to contain small early Cherokee homesteads. Planned are several weeks of intensive documentary research at several institutions in Oklahoma, a public talk in the area of the survey, and interviews with individuals most likely to be aware of these early and middle 19th century sites. Surprisingly, early Cherokee sites are not well represented in the current site files and hopefully this survey will add substantially to our knowledge of this resource type.

## Four Cities to be Surveyed for Historic Resources

by Cynthia Savage

In two subgrant projects sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the cities of McAlester, Bristow, Broken Arrow, and Sand Springs will be surveyed for the purposes of identifying and documenting buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Due to their size and relative location, the towns of Bristow, Broken Arrow, and Sand Springs will be combined into one project. The survey of McAlester will comprise the other project.

The two projects will begin early this fall and will be completed by late summer 1999. Both surveys will be undertaken by the Department of Geography at Oklahoma State University. Dr. George Carney will be the principal investigator on the McAlester project. Dr. Brad Bays will direct the survey of Bristow, Broken Arrow, and Sand Springs. Through the SHPO's subgrant contracting program, sixty percent of the project costs are provided from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund and OSU will provide the matching forty percent.

The surveys will result in the documentation of representative properties in the four cities. Documentation consists of the completion of the SHPO's Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form and two black-and-white photographs. Other goals of the surveys include the identification of properties and districts that warrant further study to determine eligibility for the National Register and the identification of areas which lack

a significant concentration of historic resources to warrant further National Register consideration.

These towns were chosen through the SHPO's annual project selection process to increase the number of documented properties in these communities, all of which played an important role in Oklahoma's development.

These projects will facilitate Section 106 review of projects in these cities and provide information needed by the SHPO, the local communities, and individuals to plan future preservation efforts.

The survey teams will spend a considerable amount of time in each of the cities, attempting to meet with local groups interested in the projects and to inform the communities of the projects' goals; conducting research at local historical societies and museums, libraries and county courthouses; and spending time in the field documenting properties. A final report summarizing each project will be available by the fall of 1999.

OSU's Geography Department is currently wrapping up two survey projects, one for Stillwater and the other for Muskogee. Information on these towns, consisting of the individual property files and a final report, will be available at the SHPO by early this fall.

If you have information you would like to share with the survey teams or if you would like more information about the surveys, please contact Cindy Savage at the SHPO at (405) 522-4478.

## Milk Bottle Grocery and Hotel Cherokee listed on National Register

by Cynthia Savage

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the listing of the Milk Bottle Grocery building in Oklahoma City and the Hotel Cherokee in Cherokee on the National Register of Historic Places. With the addition of these buildings, the total number of National Register listings in Oklahoma equals 912.

A longtime Oklahoma City landmark, the Milk Bottle Grocery was listed on the National Register for its architectural significance. The Milk Bottle Grocery was deemed significant as an unusually small and distinctive, triangular, lot-shaped building and for the giant, carefully executed and preserved milk bottle on its roof. The small, triangular shaped, Commercial Style building was constructed in 1930. The milk bottle, an outstanding example of advertising as an overtly outsized sculptural form, was added in about 1948. The nomination was prepared by Jocelyn Lupkin.



Milk Bottle Grocery Building in Oklahoma City



Hotel Cherokee in Cherokee, Alfalfa County

The Hotel Cherokee was listed on the National Register for its commercial and architectural significance to the town of Cherokee in Alfalfa County. The hotel represents the physical legacy of commercial development and the link between transportation and commerce in Cherokee during the 1929-1947 period. Built in 1929, the four-story, Commercial Style hotel is the largest and most elaborate building of its kind in Cherokee. Virtually unaltered, the hotel retains a high degree of integrity. The building is now owned by the Alfalfa County Historical Society and operated as the Alfalfa County Museum. The Alfalfa County Historical Society received a \$500 matching grant from the SHPO to hire Dr. Dianna Everett to prepare the nomination.

For more information on these properties or the National Register of Historic Places, please contact Cindy Savage at (405) 522-4478.

## Marble City receives Preservation Services Fund Grant

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded Marble City a \$1,200 grant for the restoration of the old Citizens State Bank building.

According to mayor Leo Buzzard, the grant will be used to pay architect Mike Martin of Spaces, Design and Architecture in Muskogee, to prepare preliminary designs for the restoration. Marble City also received a REAP grant from the state of \$20,000 for construction costs on the 1909 building's restoration. The completed building will be used as a museum.

The grant is from the National Trust's Preservation Services Fund, which awards \$500 to \$5,000 matching grants to nonprofit groups and public agencies.

# Norman joins Certified Local Governments Program

The City of Norman became Oklahoma's twelfth Certified Local Government (CLG) on May 4 when the US Department of the Interior approved the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)'s request to grant this status. As a CLG, Norman will now have a direct role in the National Register nomination process, have the ability to assume certain SHPO responsibilities, and receive federal matching funds from the SHPO's CLG Fund.

Norman joins Anadarko, Chickasha, Cordell, Enid, Grandfield, Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Ponca City, Tahlequah, and Tulsa, all of which enforce a local historic preservation zoning ordinance. The local ordinance is the basic requirement for becoming a CLG.

Local government plays perhaps the most important role in historic preservation through the enforcement of zoning. Before building permits can be issued for properties in locally designated historic districts, a

certificate of appropriateness must first be obtained from the local preservation commission or board. Rehabilitation projects, demolition, and new construction are all subject to this review. The local preservation ordinance provides more protection than listing in the National Register of Historic Places, which provides limited protection when historic properties are threatened by federal construction activities.

With the federal matching funds from the SHPO, each CLG undertakes projects to strengthen its local preservation program. For example, surveys to identify historic properties, National Register nominations, and educational materials are just some of the activities that are helping develop local preservation efforts. For further information about the CLG program, contact Melvena Heisch at (405) 522-4484.

## 250 participate in 10th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

Oklahoma's Tenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, held May 7-9 in Ardmore, drew 250 participants from across the nation, state, and local community. Joining the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office as this year's cosponsors were the Oklahoma Main Street Program; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; Ardmore Main Street Authority; City of Ardmore; Ardmore Chamber of Commerce; Ardmore Beautification Council; and the Greater Southwest Historical Museum.

The mayor of Ardmore, John Moore, welcomed participants to the keynote address. Also in attendance were state Representative Al Sadler and state Senator Darryl Roberts.

## Park Service publishes Book on Effective Preservation Testimony

The National Park Service has published the latest in a series targeted to its national partners in the Certified Local Governments (CLG) program. The book, *History on the Line*, by Richard W. Longstreth, is the result of a cooperative project between the National Park Service and the National Council for Preservation Education, a nationwide nonprofit organization of colleges and universities whose goal is to advance preservation education both in academia and among the general public.

*History on the Line* provides a first ever primer on preparing and presenting effective testimony in the cause of historic preservation before a local commission. Using

actual examples of testimony, this publication draws from cases presented before the Historic Preservation Review Board and other bodies in the District of Columbia. The primary motivation in publishing this book is to provide the preservation community with solid models for framing strong arguments on behalf of historic properties.

The publication should benefit all CLGs, all of which are receiving a copy. Additional copies are available on a limited basis from the National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Services Division, (attn: Larry Hunter), 1849 C Street, NW, Room NC 330, Washington, DC 20240.

### National Alliance of Preservation Commissions changes its Mailing Address

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## Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., announces 1998-99 List of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties

*During Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s annual meeting and luncheon on May 8 in Ardmore, the organization's executive director, Robert K. Erwin, presented its 1998-99 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties. There are four new properties and five coming off the list. The Most Endangered List is a joint project with the State Historic Preservation Office.*

### New Additions to the List

#### **Chandler National Guard Armory - Chandler, Lincoln County (NR/1991)**

Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society, this building, originally on our 1995 Most Endangered List, moved to the Watch List in 1997. In their new nomination, the Lincoln County Historical Society reported that city officials were discussing possible demolition and had solicited a bid. Since then, Preservation Oklahoma has learned that the City of Chandler was negotiating with O'Reilley's Auto Parts, which was looking at locations in Stroud and Chandler for a new location. The City had offered to sell them the armory property for a nominal price, which included demolition; however, O'Reilley's chose to buy and tear down an early day farmhouse down the street.

Built by the Works Progress Administration in 1936-37 of native sandstone, the Armory's walls are 16 inches thick to withstand winds of up to 175 miles per hour. Much of the work was done by hand, including excavation with picks and shovels. The Armory includes a drill hall with stage and a 110-foot rifle range. It has been vacant since 1970.



National Guard Armory on Route 66 in Chandler

#### **Lima Rosenwald Town Hall - College and Broadway, Lima, Seminole County (No Designation)**

Built in 1921 for the Town of Lima, this red brick building was a gift of Julius Rosenwald, the CEO of Sears-Roebuck and Company. Rosenwald's philanthropy funded the construction of 198 schools and public buildings in rural towns across Oklahoma from 1920 to 1932. The Rosenwald building in Lima has served as a municipal library, Head Start center, and conference/meeting space. One of the few early landmarks remaining in Lima, the Rosenwald Town Hall's future is uncertain due to marked deterioration and lack of city funds for maintenance.



Old Stroud School

#### **Old Stroud School - West 7th and Old Stroud Road, Stroud, Lincoln County (NR/1997)**

Owned by Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, the Old Stroud School was leased by the Stroud Historic Neighborhood Association, which planned a rehabilitation of the building. The rehabilitation was put on hold during preparations for the Stroud Centennial and when no progress occurred on the building, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority took possession of it again. Now, it stands boarded up, neglected, and vandalized.

#### **Tulsa County Fairgrounds National Guard Armory - Expo Square, Tulsa (Eligible)**

*See story, page one.*

## Moved to the Watch List

### **Centre Theater - 415 Couch Drive, Oklahoma City (Eligible)**

Built in 1947, the Centre Theater has been on the Most Endangered List since the program began in 1993. In 1996, the Urban Renewal Authority, called for proposals to redevelop the Centre property, a move considered by many a prelude to demolition. Preservation Oklahoma helped a local group, the Project Centre Coalition, prepare a redevelopment proposal, study the building's marketability, and look for a developer, finally contacting the Oklahoma City Art Museum, which wanted a site for a new downtown facility. The Museum and Urban Renewal are now discussing a positive future for the building.

### **Mayo Hotel - 115 West 5th, Tulsa (NR/1980)**

Also included in Preservation Oklahoma's original Most Endangered List, the Mayo was built in 1925. The 18-story hotel features superb classical exterior details. An unsuccessful effort to rehabilitate the Tulsa landmark in the early 1980's left it essentially gutted. On April 2, the Tulsa City Council voted to support application to HUD for \$12 million in Section 108 funding to go toward a public-private reinvestment in the building. With developers taking steps to finance its rehabilitation and the City of Tulsa firmly behind the effort, the Mayo no longer meets the Most Endangered criteria.



An early photo of Oklahoma City's YMCA Building

## Removed from the List

### **Journal Record Bldg. - 621 N. Robinson, OKC (NR/1980)**

Heavily damaged by the Murrah Building bombing, this 1923 vintage building has been on the Most Endangered list since 1996. With announced plans to incorporate it in the bombing memorial and pledges by city leaders to preserve the building, Preservation Oklahoma feels comfortable removing it from the list.

### **Tulsa Club Building - 115 East 5th at Cincinnati, Tulsa (No Designation)**

Designed by Bruce Goff in 1927 for the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, this Art Deco building was on the 1996 list. Since then, C. J. Morony, owner of the Sinclair and other historic Tulsa buildings, purchased it. Because Morony has proven a good steward to his other historic buildings, the Tulsa Club has been removed from the list.

### **Central YMCA Building - 125 N.W. 5th, Oklahoma City (Eligible)**

Built in 1948, the downtown Y is one of the best of few examples in Oklahoma City of the International Style of architecture. The Murrah Building bombing badly damaged the building and local preservationists feared the Y would be demolished to clear room for parking for the future memorial. However, in 1997, Karen and Gene Maule, owners of the Kemco vending machine company, purchased the building and announced plans to reopen it as retail space and offices. Newspaper accounts of the building's status now often note its "historic significance."

## Retained on the List

### **101 Ranch - S.W. of Ponca City, Kay County (NHL/1973)**

Only a few small landmarks remain at the site of this famous ranch and Wild West Show.

### **Angie Debo House - Marshall, Logan County (NR/1996)**

Home of reknowned scholar Angie Debo, the Shotgun Style house is in disrepair and in need of a new roof.

### **Black Middenmound Archaeological Site LT-11 - Red Oak vicinity, Latimer County (NR/1972)**

This site is the target of ongoing vandalism.

### **Guthrie Fire Department Hose Tower - Central Fire Station, Guthrie, Logan County (NR/1974)**

The tower was used to dry hoses before the introduction of water-resistant synthetic materials.

### **Skirvin Hotel - One Park Ave., Oklahoma City (NR/1979)**

Built in 1910-11 to Solomon Layton's design, the Skirvin Hotel was once the city's social and political center.

### **Wheelock Academy and Mission - east of Millerton, McCurtain County (NHL/1966)**

Established by the Choctaw Nation in 1842, the campus stands vacant, deteriorating, and increasingly vandalized.

## Shirk Memorial Award presented to General Services Administration

Each year the Oklahoma Historical Society presents the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation to recognize outstanding accomplishments in historic preservation which have had statewide impact.

This year's recipient was the US General Services Administration (GSA) and their consultants, including Oklahoma City architectural firms Glover-Smith-Bode, Inc.; FKW Architects; and C. H. Guernsey & Co.; artists Marilyn Adams of Edmond and James Butler of Bloomington, Illinois; and Cromwell Architects Engineers of Little Rock, Arkansas, for their exemplary rehabilitation projects in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Muskogee. The GSA is the federal government's real estate management agency. Its inventory includes 500 historically or culturally significant properties, 200 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and twelve of which are individually designated National Historic Landmarks. The agency's commitment to the responsible management of these buildings was best expressed by Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA, when he said, "Public buildings are not just places where the public business is conducted. They are a part of the nation's legacy, a symbol to the American people in each community of our democratic form of government."



Recipients of the Shirk Award at the Statewide Preservation Conference

Through its historic preservation and art-in-architecture programs, GSA is ensuring that a part of Oklahoma's legacy is protected for the public's use today and tomorrow.

The US Post Office-Courthouse, 215 Dean A. McGee, in Oklahoma City is listed in the National Register. Its rehabilitation involved close consultation with the SHPO. The building's exterior, including the clay tile roof, was rehabilitated. The extraordinary interior work included restoration of decorative artwork and fixtures and the ornate 9th floor courtroom ceiling. Key GSA project personnel included Keith Andreucci, Howard Bergman, Grace Craine, Don Hales, Ron Lane, and Terry Pysh. Architectural and engineering services were provided by the firms of Glover-Smith-Bode, Inc., and Cromwell Architects Engineers. Commissioned under GSA's art-in-architecture program, James Butler executed in oil "Sunset on the Chisholm Trail" and "A View Near Tahlequah" for the building.

The Tulsa Federal Building-Courthouse, at 225 South Boulder, is eligible for the National Register. Lead GSA personnel on its rehabilitation included Howard Bergman, Joe Camp, and Ron Lane. The project included extensive work on floors one through three. FKW Architects provided architectural services for the project. GSA's art-in-architecture commission made possible inclusion of the exquisite art glass window by Marilyn Adams entitled, "Tulsey Judicial Window."

The US Federal Building-Courthouse, 101 North 5th, Muskogee, also eligible for the National Register, is GSA's third major rehabilitation project in Oklahoma. Floors two and three were rehabilitated, including two judge's chambers. The principle GSA personnel involved were David Cockrell and Terry Pysh. Architectural services were provided by C. H. Guernsey & Co.

*Previous recipients of the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation include the Department of the Army/Fort Sill and the Kirkpatrick Foundation of Oklahoma City.*



## SHPO presents Citations of Merit and Special Recognition

Each year the State Historic Preservation Office extends, through the Citation of Merit, appreciation to Oklahoma's preservation community for their contributions to the preservation of the state's heritage. Those recognized at the tenth annual Statewide Preservation Conference were:

- Aldridge Developers, Inc.; MetroPlains Development, Inc.; Sikes Architects; Charles Rainbolt; Bill Brewster; and Sooner Builders and Investments, Inc. for rehabilitation of the Aldridge Hotel in McAlester.
- The Ardmore Main Street Authority for its historic building plaque program.
- ⇒ The Chickasaw National Recreation Area, National Park Service, for its living history tour during the Christmas season and its year-round management of the many historically significant features, including the landscape, of what was originally known as Platt National Park.
- The Friends of the Frank Phillips Home for numerous fundraising efforts to support preservation and interpretation of the Frank Phillips Home in Bartlesville.
- The Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield Park, Inc., for dedicated efforts to protect and interpret this important Civil War site near Checotah.
- ⇒ John Kilpatrick for preservation of one of Oklahoma City's most recognizable landmarks, the Milk Bottle Grocery on Classen Boulevard.
- MetroPlains Development, Inc.; the Rogers County Historical Society; and Wa-Ro-Ma Community Action Agency for rehabilitation of the National Register listed Hotel Will Rogers, which had been slated for demolition.
- The Murrah Revitalization Advisory Committee for their consideration of and sensitivity toward the rehabilitation of historic buildings damaged in the April, 1995, bombing and for their overall concern about preserving the character of downtown Oklahoma City.
- The City of New Cordell for its leadership in the exemplary adaptive reuse of the Florence Hospital for downtown housing.
- ⇒ The Oklahoma Main Street Program; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; the City of Clinton; the Clinton Chamber of Commerce; and the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum for their support of the ninth annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Clinton.
- The Oklahoma Anthropological Society for their support of the Oklahoma Historical Society's ongoing preservation program at Doaksville, a National Register property near Fort Towson.
- Joe Young and Harry Wiese, partners in WXY, Ltd., for rehabilitation of Chandler's historic Cox Building.
- Catherine P. Wilson, for the impressive National Register nomination she prepared for the McAlester House in Seiling.

*Since the Citation of Merit's selection criteria requires that recipients reside in Oklahoma, the SHPO presented a Special Recognition to members of the Kansas Grassroots Art Association for their delicate assistance to the Rogers County Historical Society in preservation of the Totem Pole at Galloway Park in Foyil.*

## Calendar of Upcoming Historic Preservation Events

Unless otherwise noted, all State Historic Preservation Office workshops will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, with no registration fee required. If you desire to attend any of these events but have a disability and need accommodation, please notify the SHPO at least three (3) days before the event. For more information, call (405) 521-6249.

### September

- 11 Public Meeting for the SHPO's FY1999 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30 a.m.)  
11 Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: a public forum (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### October

- 20-25 52nd National Preservation Conference in Savannah, Georgia  
For information, call: (202) 588-6100.

### December

- 2 State and Local Governments as Preservation Partners in Oklahoma: the CLG Program (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon)  
2 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)  
3 The Section 106 Review Process: what happens when there is an effect? (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)  
4 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### May

- 6-8 Oklahoma's Eleventh Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Woodward Registration Fee.  
9-15 National Historic Preservation Week

### June

- The June SHPO workshops will be held at the Hospitality and Training Center, Kiamichi Park, five miles east of Hugo on US-70:*  
23 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)  
23 Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)  
24 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)  
25 Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)  
25 Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

## Help set Oklahoma's Course for Preservation in the 21st Century

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will present *Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: A Public Forum* on Friday, September 11, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City. Concerned citizens, preservation professionals, and government agency representatives are urged to attend.

*Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan* (State Plan) sets forth the goals and objectives established by the state's preservation community for 1995 through 1999. The SHPO is responsible for coordinating the State Plan's development and encouraging its implementation. As described in the State Plan, the process has begun to revise it for the next five years. To help ensure that the State Plan is meaningful, the SHPO needs the broadest possible public participation in this effort. Discussion topics will include:

- Recent preservation successes and failures in Oklahoma
- New threats/old threats to Oklahoma's archaeological and historic properties
- Goals and objectives for the next five years
- Priority projects and activities for the SHPO and other public sector preservation partners
- Priority projects and activities for Oklahoma's private sector preservation partners
- Your vision for the statewide preservation program in the twenty-first century

If you will be unable to attend the September 11 public forum, your written comments on these topics are welcome and should be mailed to: SHPO, 2704 Villa Prom, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 or faxed to (405) 947-2918 by 5:00 p.m., September 11. You may request a copy of the State Plan by calling (405) 521-6249. If you have other questions, contact Melvena Heisch at (405) 522-4484.

## SHPO seeks Public Input for 1999 Program

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30 a.m., September 11, 1998, in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, to provide information about the statewide preservation program and receive comments for development of the Fiscal Year 1999 Historic Preservation Fund application.

The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$525,000 from the US Department of the Interior's FY1999 Historic Preservation Fund. Ten percent of the amount is reserved for pass-through grants to Oklahoma's Certified Local Governments. Over half the total HPF grant award will be used for subgrants to carry out historic and archaeological resource survey projects, to prepare National Register of Historic Places nomination forms, to develop historic contexts, and to assist Certified Local Governments. Your input can help to shape the future of Oklahoma's past. Accordingly, the SHPO would greatly appreciate hearing your ideas and suggestions on what its preservation program priorities are for the coming federal fiscal year.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the SHPO has responsibility for administration of the federal historic preservation program in Oklahoma. In brief, the purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state's archaeological and historic resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Specific activities to

meet this goal include identification of properties important in history, architecture, culture, and archaeology; evaluation and registration of such properties; formal review of federal and federally assisted projects that could affect archaeological and historic resources; development and implementation of the historic preservation plan; administration of the CLG program; administration of the federal investment tax credits program for certified historic structures; and public outreach activities.

*Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan*, available from the SHPO at (405) 521-6249, sets forth the goals and objectives for historic preservation in Oklahoma. The SHPO will base its FY1999 work program on the State Plan's goals and objectives. The SHPO's specific priorities include continuation of the archaeological and historic resources survey program to document property types under-represented in the state's inventory and to extend survey coverage to previously unstudied areas, preparation of nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, and provision of public outreach and technical assistance programs.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments and suggestions are welcome. You may request, complete, and return a Project Suggestion Form to the SHPO by 5:00 p.m., September 11, 1998.



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