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## Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties: An Update

As a joint effort of the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, and Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., a list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties has been determined since 1993 through citizen nomination. *Please consider nominating a property for consideration on the 2004 list; the form is on page 6 and the deadline is September 15, 2003.*

In recent years, through additional grants and support a traveling exhibit and lecture series has also been created to accompany this list and increase its effectiveness in education and awareness to encourage the preservation of historic properties statewide. The following is information concerning the current status of all past endangered property nominations.

Please note some nominations listed multiple properties, making the total list actually greater than the 150 number used; 51 properties were listed, and 99 properties nominated but not listed.

Significant improvements in the preservation outlook of several properties on the endangered list in 2002 include the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, Tulsa's Mayo Hotel, Pawhuska's Triangle Building, and the Pawnee Municipal bathhouse. Properties on the current 2003 list whose conditions have improved due to new ownership include the Citizens

State Bank Building "gold dome" in Oklahoma City and the Friends Church in Cherokee.

Additional past endangered properties that have been saved include the Washita Battlefield near Cheyenne, Tulsa's Ambassador Hotel, and the Chandler National Guard Armory, among other examples.

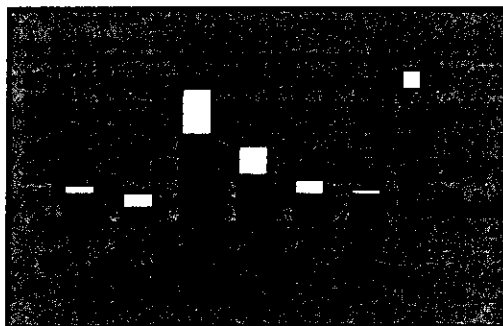
Past properties nominated to the endangered list now gone include the TN Law House and Steele, Court, & Braniff buildings in Tulsa; the Central YMCA Building and Belle Isle Power Plant in Oklahoma City; and the Calmez Hotel in Clinton, among other losses.

The Claremore Armory, currently on the 2003 list, faces a future worse than when it was initially listed – eventual demolition.

More than a third of all properties nominated have maintained a situation of largely "no change." Considering these properties were nominated as endangered, this itself is a significant accomplishment in that they still exist. Of the others, nearly double have current situations classified as "improved" or "saved" than those that are "worse" or "gone."

There are roughly 12 properties whose current situation we did not know or solicit substantial information on, "unknown," see page 2.

### POSITIVE RESULTS



*Gone* = resource no longer exists, demolished – (4 listed/12 nominated)

*Worse* = condition of property declined, threat increased, barely standing – (5/7)

*No change* = threat remains, property is abandoned, still standing – (21/37)

*Improved* = property has a feasible future, new owner, situation improved – (13/20)

*Saved* = property rehabilitated, in current use, or threat gone – (7/12)

*Unknown* = current status of property undetermined, varying reports – (1/11)

## No nominations from these counties:

- Beckham
- Choctaw
- Cimarron
- Coal
- Cotton
- Craig
- Grady
- Greer
- Harmon
- Harper
- Jefferson
- Kingfisher
- Love
- McClain
- Marshall
- Mayes
- Murray
- Okmulgee
- Pontotoc
- Pushmataha
- Texas
- Tillman
- Washington
- Washita

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## Endangered (cont. from page 1)

Since the endangered list is meant to represent properties statewide, we are encouraging nominations from counties we have not received nominations from before – nearly a third of all Oklahoma counties. These include the following listed on the side of this page.

You can also help us with information concerning the current status of “unknown” properties; contact information from the original nomination is no longer valid, please let us know at (405) 232 5747 or info@preservationoklahoma.org.

Most were either scheduled for demolition or currently for sale. If you know any updated information on their status please let us know.

- **Adair Territory House**, 7 mi. east of Highway 59/100 junction along 100, ¾ miles on dirt road, Adair County
- **Cache Creek Mission**, 5 mi. west and 2 mi. south of Apache, Caddo County

- **Galt-Franklin Home**, Country Club Rd. near Golf course, Ardmore, Carter County
- **Shirley/Hussman Hotel**, downtown Seiling, Dewey County
- **First State Bank**, downtown Shattuck, 239 S. Main, Ellis County
- **William M. Jenkins house**, just west and north of Kaw City on Bear Creek Rd., Kay County
- **James Lane Trading Post**, Old Main & Ave. C, Beaver, Beaver County
- **Piedmont Methodist Church**, 4th & Jackson, Piedmont, Canadian County
- **Gene Autry Ranch**, 4.5 mi. east of I-35 and ¾ mi. south off 53, near Gene Autry, Carter County
- **Hughes County Historical Museum**, 112 N. Creek, Holdenville, Hughes County
- **Sallisaw State Bank Building**, downtown Sallisaw, Sequoyah County
- **Jackson Brown House**, 201 E. 11, Wewoka, Seminole County



*The demolition of the Claremore Armory appears certain.*



*City Manager Annetta Franks and City Mayor Elzie Smith at recent reopening of the Pawnee Bathhouse.*

# Teaching with Historic Places

Previous information on “Teaching with Historic Places” (TwHP) was shared at the statewide preservation conference in Enid in 2001. This past June 2-6, 2003, TwHP was a component of the “Teaching with American History Grant Initiative” teacher colloquium sponsored by the National Council for History Education (NCHE), held in Durant.

This was a combined effort of the NCHE, Southeast Oklahoma State University, and Coalgate Public Schools.

Each year the TwHP staff conducts workshops, gives presentations, and exhibits materials on how places can teach American history to people of all ages. This is the second-year workshop of a three-year grant made possible by the United States Department of Education to encourage the professional development of teachers in utilizing history, heritage, historic places, and its methodology and research in the classroom.

“Teaching with Historic Places” uses properties listed in and is a program of the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places to enliven history, social studies, geography, civics,

and other subjects.

TwHP has created a variety of products and activities that help teachers bring historic places into the classroom. TwHP has developed a series of lesson plans; guidance on using places to teach; information encouraging educators, historians, preservationists, site interpreters, and others to work together effectively; and professional development publications and training courses.

Initially created in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, TwHP grew out of a desire by both organizations to expand educational outreach. Coinciding with a widespread review of American education in the late 1980s, this interest led to consultation with a wide range of educators, resulting in the launch of the “Teaching with Historic Places” program in 1991.

For more information on this program please consult:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/NR/twhp/index.htm>,  
<http://www.history.org/nche/>, and  
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OIE/portfolio/historyresources/>

# Shawnee Selected for Next Preservation Conference

Shawnee will be prepared to exhibit several examples of successful preservation projects for Oklahoma's 16th Annual Statewide Preservation conference May 19-21, 2004.

The Aldridge Hotel, built in 1929, has faced the possibility of demolition in the past. Recently, due to the outstanding efforts of Shawnee BancFirst, ERC Development, and the Central Oklahoma Community Action Agency the Aldridge has received a new lease on life. The last piece of funding required to get the project off the ground has been approved and plans for renovating the hotel for a mixed-use, 62-unit, senior housing facility are now underway.

The Aldridge Hotel Project marks a pivotal moment in the effort of Downtown Shawnee, Inc. for continued success. The momentum gained from the Aldridge and Bell Street Streetscape projects in this NR listed historic district, will prove to be the catalyst for revitalization that this Oklahoma Main Street program and the concerned citizens of Shawnee have long awaited.

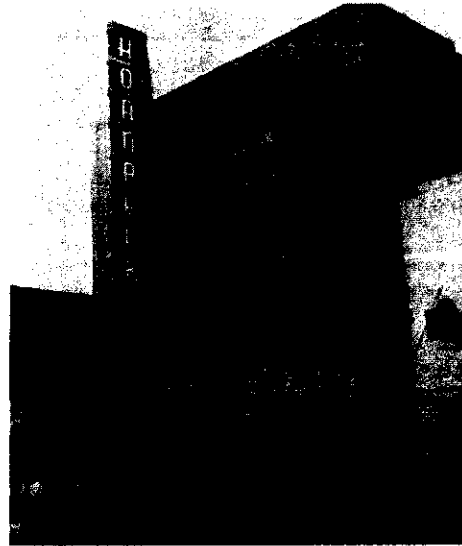
There has been an increased effort on the local NR listed Masonic Building as well. Historic preservation tax incentives are being considered with this and other projects.

Shawnee has also passed "smart codes" which have allowed for increased redevelopment in the downtown area and made the future potential for downtown more economically viable and

attractive.

The Hornbeck continues to be a working downtown historic theatre and increased use and awareness of the Ritz Theatre assists in its future preservation efforts.

So plan ahead to join us for next year's conference and view preservation at work in Shawnee.



*The Hornbeck Theatre in Shawnee, OK.*

## New Markets Allocations

The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced in March that 66 organizations have been selected to receive the first \$2.5 billion in tax credit allocations under the New Markets Tax Credit Program aimed at stimulating economic opportunity and job creation in low-income communities.

This includes a majority of counties in Oklahoma. REI New Markets Investment, LLC, based in Durant received an allocation amount of \$80 million to be used statewide. Metafund Corp. in Oklahoma City received an allocation amount of

\$54 million also to be used statewide. Finally, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Community Investment Corporation received \$127 million to be used nationwide.

Many of these allocations have the potential to be utilized for the rehabilitation of historic properties.

If interested, please consult for more information at:  
[www.cdfifund.gov/programs/nmtc/index.asp](http://www.cdfifund.gov/programs/nmtc/index.asp)  
[www.ruralenterprises.com](http://www.ruralenterprises.com) [www.metafund.org](http://www.metafund.org)  
[www.nthp.org/community\\_partners/cpnmtc.html](http://www.nthp.org/community_partners/cpnmtc.html)

## 10% Tax Credit Saved! Examples Needed!

In late May, House and Senate conferees came to agreement on an economic stimulus tax package, HR 2, that the President signed totaling \$350 billion which excluded all "revenue-raiser" amendments, including one that would have eliminated the 10% non-historic rehabilitation tax credit.

The conference agreement also included a reduction in the top rate of taxation on both dividends and capital gains to 15%, which is a good development for historic preservation because it doesn't force corporations to choose between paying dividends and investing in historic rehabilitation and low-income housing tax

projects.

We thank all advocates that responded to this unexpected attack on this important incentive for community revitalization. However, continue to forward your success stories about the use of the 10% tax credit so we can further document its benefit. This is especially important because once the credit has been identified as a potential "revenue-raiser," it could still be a target for future tax cut plans. Please forward your success stories about the 10% credit use in Oklahoma to [Carl\\_Wolf@nthp.org](mailto:Carl_Wolf@nthp.org) and [info@preservationoklahoma.org](mailto:info@preservationoklahoma.org).

## HELP US UPDATE THE STATEWIDE PRESERVATION PLAN

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will present *Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: A Public Forum* on Friday, September 5, 2003, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Shepherd Mall Activity Center, Shepherd Mall, Suite 65, N.W. 23rd and Villa, Oklahoma City.

If you cannot attend this meeting your written comments are welcome. Contact information and address are found at the end of page 8 article. The current edition of the State Plan is available from the SHPO at this address or online at [www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/shpo/shpom.htm](http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/shpo/shpom.htm) <<http://www.ok-history.mus.ok.us/shpo/shpom.htm>> (click on Preservation Planning).

Concerned citizens, preservation professionals, and government agency representatives are invited to participate. As we begin the process to update the State Plan for the period 2005 through 2009, we need the broadest possible public participation to insure that the new State Plan is meaningful and useful. Discussion topics for the September 5 meeting will include:

- Recent preservation successes and failures in Oklahoma.
- New threats/old threats to Oklahoma's archeological and historic properties.
- Goals and objectives for the next five years.
- Priorities for the SHPO and other public sector preservation partners.
- Priorities for Oklahoma's private sector preservation partners.
- Your vision for success in the statewide preservation program over the next five years.

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# Recent Donations

## Senior/Student

Barbra Pool, *Claremore*  
J.T. Stites, *Sallisaw*  
Marilyn Duff, *Cushing*  
Anna Randall, *Perry*  
Carol King, *Waynoka*  
Nella Martin, *Tulsa*

## Individual/Family

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Sandra Benischek, *OKC*  
Jeanette Sias, *Edmond*  
Juanitta and Robert Goins, *Norman*  
Steve and Lynn Garman, *OKC*  
John and Judith Thompson, *El Reno*  
Maria Lyda, *Tulsa*  
John Cary, *Claremore*  
Terri Bailey, *Fort Worth, TX*  
Jerry Conrad, *Tulsa*  
Peter White, *Tulsa*  
Blanche Hudson, *Asher*  
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Michelle Wagner, *Rosemead, CA*  
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Sandra Benischek, *OKC* - \$25  
Peter White, *Tulsa* - \$25  
Blanche Hudson, *Asher* - \$25  
CLS Associates, *OKC* - \$25  
Kathleen Page, *Tulsa* - \$250  
Nella Martin, *Tulsa* - \$10

# State Historic Preservation Office 2003 Citation of Merit Awards

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) annually recognizes the contributions of individuals, agencies, and organizations across Oklahoma for their efforts to preserve our State's heritage through presentation of the Citations of Merit.

The activities recognized on May 9, 2003, at the Coleman Theatre in Miami demonstrate the many achievements in advancing the statewide preservation effort. Here is a list of the award winners and summary of their accomplishments.

• **Robby Robson and Barrett Williamson**, owner and architect, are recognized for the sensitive rehabilitation of Ada's National Register of Historic Places (NR) listed Sugg Clinic, the Art Moderne building project used the federal investment tax credit program.

• **The Colston Corp.**, located in Ardmore's downtown historic district, is recognized for its certified rehabilitation of the Colston Building, which houses a bank, eatery, and offices, vastly improving the building's appearance by removal of all window air conditioning units.

• **Gwen Russ and Camelia Kliever** completed an exemplary rehabilitation of the Kliever/Russ Building in Cordell's NR listed downtown historic district, housing a coffee shop, retail, and second-floor apartments.

• **Oklahoma's 14th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference Co-sponsors, including Oklahoma Main Street Center, Department of Commerce; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; Durant Main Street; City of Durant; Choctaw Nation; Durant Historical Society, and Southeastern Oklahoma State University** in recognition of their invaluable partnership, a record 258 people participated in the May 2002 conference.

• **City of Guthrie, Mike Kertok, and On-Site Construction.** With a planning grant from the SHPO, the City of Guthrie retained Mike Kertok, Architect, to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Guthrie Firehouse Tower that the city executed with the services of On-Site Construction. The once endangered structure is the only one known to remain in Oklahoma.

• **Hominy Heritage Association** has worked diligently to promote the historic significance of this Osage County town, most recently they rehabilitated the 1922 NR listed Marland filling station in downtown Hominy which now houses associated displays.

• **Friends of the Coleman** is a volunteer organization formed to aid the Miami Area Downtown Authority with the rehabilitation of the NR listed Coleman Theatre. Some of their accomplishments to date include refurbishment of the mezzanine chandeliers, work in progress on the auditorium's grand chandelier, and restoration of the three marquees that grace the theatre's exterior.

• **Larry Roberts.** The SHPO was pleased to recognize the efforts of State Representative Larry Roberts of Miami who is not only a member of Miami Main Street's board, but also chairman of

its Membership Committee and a member of its Design Committee. Rep. Roberts has adapted an historic church for his residence and rehabilitated a nearby home.

• **Cassandra Gaines** has promoted heritage tourism in Oklahoma for the past 20 years. She has organized the Oklahoma Landmark conference, held workshops on black history in Oklahoma, and organized all-black town tours that encourage interest and preservation efforts in these communities.

• **New Nashville Preservation and Historical Association.** When the City of Nashville's demolition of the Bank of Nashville seemed certain, Harvey Crabtree requested that Preservation Oklahoma assist through a public forum. This action alone delayed demolition. Citizens then worked on improving the appearance of the building and securing a new roof, in addition to utilizing a SHPO grant to prepare the National Register nomination for the building.

• **Karen Dye** for her leadership role in many preservation efforts in Newkirk, including the "SOB," Save Our Buildings, campaign to save the town's NR listed historic commercial district. Her enthusiastic efforts continue as Main Street Program Manager and president of the Newkirk Historical Society.

• **Amy Brooks.** The SHPO recognizes Brooks for her leadership while serving on the City Council of Oklahoma City in the recent review and revision of the city's historic preservation program, proposing guidelines to update the nearly 30-year-old ordinance.

• **Kirk Humphreys.** The SHPO was pleased to recognize Oklahoma City's mayor for his leadership in efforts to save the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City's only landmark hotel. This NR listed property closed in 1989 and sat vacant and deteriorating as a succession of owners and ill-conceived redevelopment schemes failed. In July 2002 the City of Oklahoma City successfully negotiated purchase of the Skirvin using federal funds and is currently selecting an appropriate redeveloper for the property.

• **Citizens for the Golden Dome** was the leading advocate for saving the landmark Citizens Bank Building at NW 23rd and Classen in Oklahoma City when a developer filed an application to demolish the futuristic 1958 building, which is eligible for the National Register. The group successfully raised public awareness of the dome's architectural significance and importance through a series of weekly protests at the building, local television and newspaper coverage, billboards, Web site, petition drive, bumper stickers, and buttons.

• **Chip Fudge and Lisa Chronister**, building owner and project architect, for rehabilitation of the Packard Oklahoma Motor Company Building in Oklahoma City which qualifies for the federal rehabilitation tax credit, originally an auto showroom now an art gallery.

• **Don Boyington and William F. Fearnow** for the rehabilitation of the Boyington Lofts in Oklahoma City. The introduction of loft apart-



ments in the NR listed Automobile Alley Historic District is a contribution toward downtown revitalization and demonstrates how the federal rehabilitation tax credit fosters such successes.

• **Charles R. Ainsworth and Elliott and Associates Architects** for the certified rehabilitation of the NR listed Kingman Building, located in Oklahoma City's Bricktown. The rehabilitated basement and ground floor now house restaurant functions, and the upper floors serve as apartments and office space, earning the *International Design Magazine's* Design Review Award 2002 and the 2001 Regional American Institute of Architects People's Choice Award.

• **The Nature Conservancy** for preservation of historic buildings at their Tall Grass Prairie Preserve. This vast site and its unique ecosystem are free and open to the public, with displays housed in the NR listed Chapman-Barnard Ranch Headquarters.

• **Preserve Pawhuska, Inc.**, for their efforts to save the Triangle Building, a focal point of Pawhuska's NR listed downtown commercial district. The City of Pawhuska acquired it and then sold it to Preserve Pawhuska. With a PSF grant from the National Trust, an economic feasibility study was conducted which will provide an important tool in the efforts to save the building.

• **City of Pawnee** has taken significant steps to rehabilitate the historic Pawnee Municipal Bath House. After successfully advocating inclusion of the building in Oklahoma's Most Endangered Properties List the City worked with the SHPO to nominate it to the National Register. Improvements to the property insure its future use as a great recreational center again for this new Oklahoma Main Street town.

• **Picher Mining Field Museum** sponsored the NR nomination for the Tri-State Lead and Zinc Ore Producers Association Office through a SHPO grant, currently the organization's museum which works to present the history of this little-understood but significant industry and its role in Oklahoma's development.

• **Verona Mair** has worked diligently and with deep commitment for local preservation, with her introduction of the Main Street program to Ponca City and service on its board for two terms,

membership on the Ponca City Historic Preservation Advisory Panel for two terms, and serving in a leadership position in the Ponca City Landmark Conservancy. She has continued the same personal commitment to preservation by rehabilitating a historic home and a historic building, both designed by Solomon Andrew Layton.

• **Dawn Welch**, owner of the NR listed Rock Cafe on Historic Route 66, for her efforts to rehabilitate this landmark on the historic highway. With a special matching grant from the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program through the SHPO, she has carried out this successful rehabilitation project which clearly demonstrates historic preservation's positive economic impacts.

• **Arbuckle Historical Society of Murray County** for its preservation of this important local landmark within the NR listed Sulphur historic district and their educational programs. When city offices moved from this 1917 building, Society volunteers began scraping walls, repairing plaster, then painting, and finally organizing artifacts for display which has resulted in increased visitation.

• **Johnston County Historical and Genealogical Society** has dedicated its 33 years of existence to the preservation of the NR listed Robert Maxwell Harris Building, Main and Capital St., in Tishomingo. An elegant, two-story building built in 1902 from locally quarried stone, the Society has clearly demonstrated the critical role of local community preservation efforts.

• **Land Legacy** (formerly the Trust for Public Land) has acquired a conservation easement on the Kuhlman Farm in Norman to insure its preservation, which allows continued farming but prohibits commercial or residential development. The City of Norman provided the matching funds for the purchase of the easement, a landmark project for agricultural land and open space protection in Oklahoma.

• **Nancy Orr and Linda Smithton** for their leadership and vision in completion of Woodward's most impressive preservation project. Nearly 10 years after they began, the 1918 Stine House has been restored to its former glory with great accuracy. Public and private grants, donations, solicitations and fund raisers were all used in this success.

## Preservation Oklahoma Announces New Board Members

In accordance with Preservation Oklahoma's bylaws, new board members were selected at the organization's annual meeting on May 9 in Miami.

We wish to recognize the leadership and service of Dave Huey, Phil Kiewer, and Dan McMahan whose terms as board members expired.

Our new board members include **Cathy Ambler, Ph.D.**, the former Kansas Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer who now resides in Tulsa and is a preservation consultant; **Stephen Boyd** is the Main Street Manager for Hobart Main

Street, Inc., and in addition to other duties is working on the National Register nomination for Hobart's downtown commercial district; and **Cassandra Gaines**, Muskogee Convention and Tourism's Multi-cultural Coordinator and is involved in several historic preservation education and awareness projects including tours of Oklahoma's all-black towns.

They look forward to working with the rest of POK's board and Oklahoma's preservation community to increase public awareness about the importance of saving our state's rich heritage.

## Become a Member of the Statewide Preservation Network ...

Preservation Oklahoma's mission is to encourage the preservation of Oklahoma's historic places. Our strength lies in the working partnerships we have forged with people throughout Oklahoma. We welcome all people and organizations who care about the preservation of our historic and cultural resources. To join, complete the form below and send with payment to Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 120 N. Robinson, Ste. 1408, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization. Membership contributions are tax deductible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- Heritage Club - \$1,000
- Sustaining - \$500
- Patron - \$250
- Sponsor - \$100
- Organization - \$50
- Individual/Family - \$25
- Senior/Student - \$15

I would like to make an additional contribution to the Endowment \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form, clip it out and mail it to Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 120 N. Robinson, Okla. City, OK 73102.

## Join Preservation Oklahoma now!

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# Upcoming ...

• **July 17 noon**, *Oklahoma City, Ralph Ellison Library, 2000 NE 23*; Cynthia Savage will speak on the "Rosenwald Fund in Oklahoma." Eastside Capitol Gateway Main Street co-sponsor.

• **August 11 7:00 pm**, *Blackwell Chamber of Commerce, 120 S. Main*; Dr. Bill Corbett will present "Stalag Sooner: WWII POW Camps in Oklahoma." Blackwell Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor.

• **September 5** SHPO FY 2004 Public Input Program State Plan Update. (see pages 3 and 8)

• **September 15 7:00 pm**, *Duncan, Butterfields, 805 W. Main*; Megan Brown will speak on "Communities and Historic Preservation." Main Street Duncan, Inc., co-sponsor.

• **September 30-October 5** *National Preservation Conference, Denver, (800) 944-6847, www.nihpconference.org* This will be the closest this premiere conference is to Oklahoma in several years, please seek more information now if you plan on attending!

• **October 16 7:00 pm**, *Cherokee Senior Citizens Building, Grand & 2nd*; Arn Henderson will present on "Rural Preservation." Cherokee Main Street co-sponsor.

• **November 17 7:00 pm**, *Clinton, Route 66 Museum, 2229 West Gary Blvd.*; Dr. Michael Cassity will present on "Route 66 in Western Oklahoma." Route 66 Museum co-sponsor.

• **December 15 7:00 pm**, *Broken Bow, Public Library, 404 N. Broadway*; Dr. Cathy Ambler will present on "Community History and Identity." Main Street Broken Bow co-sponsor.

• **January 22, 2004 7:00 pm**, *Norman, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History*; Dr. Robert Brooks will present on "Oklahoma's Endangered Archeological Treasures." Details to be determined.

• **February, 2004** *Tulsa*; "Historic Properties of Tulsa's Petroleum Heritage" to be presented by Dr. Glen Vaugh-Roberson. Details to be determined.

## Five Oklahoma Properties Added to National Register

by Jim Gabbert, SHPO, Architectural Historian

**N**ortheastern Oklahoma dominated the recent actions by the Keeper of the National Register. Five resources from Oklahoma were recently added to the nation's list of significant places. The five new listings are:

**First Presbyterian Church of Coweta**; the **Circle Theater** in Tulsa; the **Tri-State Zinc & Lead Ore Producers Association office** in Picher; **Broken Arrow Elementary/Junior High School**; and the **First Presbyterian Church** in Sallisaw.

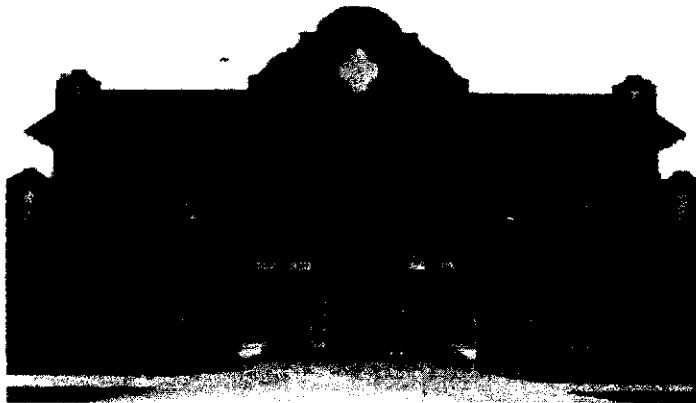
Each of these resources represents a slice of Oklahoma history and through their physical presence, tell the story of their communities' development.

The First Presbyterian Church of Coweta is a Late Gothic Revival-style building constructed in 1907. Structural damage resulted in a virtual reconstruction in 1913 that added the distinctive Craftsman style touches to the brick church. It is listed in the National Register as the best example of early statehood architecture in the city of Coweta. The building currently houses the Mission Bell Museum.

The Circle Theater in Tulsa was built in 1929 by entrepreneur W.R. Chilton. Chilton chose to construct a commercial building that featured a theater and apartments in Whittier Square, Tulsa's first suburban commercial development. His speculative venture turned out to be the first movie theater built outside of downtown Tulsa and remains as the oldest theater still standing in the city. It is currently being rehabilitated utilizing the Investment Tax Credit available for historic buildings.

The Tri-State Zinc & Lead Ore Producers Association office is located in Picher, OK. Picher was the center for the largest zinc and lead mining area in the United States. The office was the headquarters for the association that both promoted the industry and worked to create a safe environment for its workers. The office was constructed in 1923 and currently serves as the Picher Field Mining Museum.

The Broken Arrow Elementary/Junior High School was



*Broken Arrow school*

constructed over a period of years to accommodate the rapid growth of the city. Its design by Albert Love reflects the Spanish Mission Revival style that was popular during the 1920s. The school played a central role in the educational development of Broken Arrow and has long been the centerpiece of the city's school system.

The First Presbyterian Church of Sallisaw is an impressive, domed Classical Revival-style building constructed in 1918. The design for the church was borrowed from another Presbyterian Church in Van Buren, AR. The First Presbyterian Church in Sallisaw is the finest Classical Revival-style building in Sequoyah County and features exquisite decorative stained glass in the windows and skylight.

We congratulate the represented communities for their stewardship and acknowledgement of their historic resources.

For further information on these or any other National Register properties, please contact Jim Gabbert at the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, (405) 522-4478 or e-mail at [jgabbert@ok-history.mus.ok.us](mailto:jgabbert@ok-history.mus.ok.us)



*Sallisaw church*

# 2004 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties List

# NOMINATION FORM

**Deadline is September 15, 2003**

**Only complete nominations will be considered.**

In 1993, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., launched a campaign to raise public awareness of the plight of threatened historic resources by publicizing an annual list of representative properties and working with groups trying to save them from destruction. A joint project with the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties has been successful at focusing public attention, helping the advocates for selected properties, and, in some cases, stopping complete destruction of the resource.

The response from Oklahoma's historic preservation community and the statewide and national media has consistently been positive and encouraging.

We are eager to compile our 2004 Most Endangered List and would like to solicit your help in identifying good candidates to help represent the broad range of threatened significant resources we have in Oklahoma.

**Please return this completed nomination form by September 15.** If you have any questions please contact Preservation Oklahoma at (405) 232-5747 or e-mail: [info@preservationoklahoma.org](mailto:info@preservationoklahoma.org). The new list will be announced in January, 2004. Please promptly return this form. Thank you for your participation.

*\*Please note:* If you have nominated a property in the past, please consider re-nominating it with this form.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone #, E-Mail or Local Preservation Group \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Endangered Property, National Register Status (If unsure of National Register eligibility, please contact SHPO at (405) 522-4478 to request determination.) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info on Current Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Threat to Property, Current Condition (good, poor, ruins, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Location (Address/City/County) and Brief Description of Property and Historic Importance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Use of Site; Is There Existing Zoning or Proactive Regulations? \_\_\_\_\_

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**AT LEAST TWO COLOR PHOTOS OF CURRENT CONDITION OF PROPERTY REQUIRED.  
HISTORIC PHOTOS, INTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND SLIDES ALSO APPRECIATED.**

*Please return this completed nomination form to:*  
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## SHPO Seeks Public Input for FY 2004 Program

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) public meeting at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 5, in the Shepherd Mall Activity Center, Shepherd Mall, Suite 65, NW 23 and Villa, Oklahoma City, to provide information about the statewide preservation program and to receive public input for the development of the Fiscal Year 2004 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application. Many may wonder how the HPF is used; please read on.

The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$600,000 from the United States Department of the Interior's FY 2004 Historic Preservation Fund to carry out Oklahoma's statewide preservation program. Ten percent of the amount is reserved for pass-through grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Over half of Oklahoma's total HPF allocation will be used for subgrants to complete archeological and historic/architectural resource survey projects; to prepare National Register of Historic Places nominations; and to continue public outreach and education programs, such as the annual statewide preservation conference. Your citizen input will help shape the future of Oklahoma's past. Accordingly, the SHPO will appreciate your ideas and suggestions about what its FY 2004 program priorities will be.

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 archeological and historic resources for everyone's benefit. Specific activities directed toward this goal include identification of properties important in history, architecture, culture, and archeology (survey and inventory); evaluation and registration of significant properties (determination of National Register eligibility and nomination); formal review of federal and federally assisted projects that could affect archeological and historic resources (Section 106 review process); development and implementation of the statewide historic preservation plan; administration of the CLG program; administration of the federal investment tax credit program for rehabilitation of certified historic structures; and public outreach activities.

*Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (2000)* sets forth the goals and objectives for historic preservation in the state. This document is available to anyone interested and can be obtained by contacting the SHPO. The SHPO will base its FY 2004 program on the State Plan's goals and objectives. The SHPO's specific priorities include continuation of the archeological and historic/architectural 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 National Register of Historic Places nominations, and provision of public outreach and technical assistance programs.

So please come and share your thoughts regarding the statewide historic preservation program. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments and suggestions are welcome. You may complete a "Project Suggestion Form" available from the SHPO, and return it to the SHPO by September 5th at: State Historic Preservation Office, 2704 Villa Prom, Shepherd Mall, Oklahoma City, OK 73107-2441 or by fax at (405) 947-2918. Contact [mheisch@ok-history.mus.ok.us](mailto:mheisch@ok-history.mus.ok.us) or (405) 522-4484.



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