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## SHPO Recognizes Preservation Achievement Statewide



Bristow Body Shop (left) and Washita Courthouse Dome (right). Photos: OK SHPO and GH2 Preservation Architects

The Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office annually presents its Citation of Merit to government agencies, organizations, firms, and individuals who have had positive impacts on the preservation of Oklahoma's significant historic properties. Accomplishments in archeological site preservation, research, publication, public programming, leadership, and restoration/rehabilitation work are recognized. The 2012 recipients were honored during the statewide preservation conference awards banquet in Tahlequah on June 7. Organized by city, they included the following:

### ALTUS

Southern Prairie Library System, Western Trail Historical Society, Museum of the Western Prairie, Main Street Altus, Shortgrass Arts and Humanities Council, and the Oklahoma Humanities Council for "A Tapestry Tour of Five Historic Sites in Southwest Oklahoma."

### ARDMORE

The Romo Company and Corner Greer & Assoc., Inc. for the Rawlins Furniture Company Building Rehabilitation Project.

### BRISTOW

Jack Longacre and Mike Kertok, Architect, for the Bristow Body Shop Rehabilitation Project.

### CORDELL

Washita County Commissioners and GH2 Architects LLC for

the Washita County Courthouse Dome Restoration Project.

### FORT SILL

John Bumgarner for his leadership and dedication while serving as Fort Sill's Environmental Support Branch Chief.

### GUYMON

Frank (Hal) Clark for the Clark Auto Ranch Facade Project.

Co-Sponsors of *Wide Open for Preservation: Oklahoma's 23rd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference*, held June 8-10, 2011, in Guymon, including the Oklahoma Sustainability Network; Main Street Guymon; City of Guymon Convention and Tourism; Guymon Chamber of Commerce; Pioneer Showcase; and Guymon Chapter, No Man's Land Historical Society, for their excellent support of the conference.

Jim and Ann Grocholski for preservation of their home at 418 North Academy, Guymon.

### MIAMI

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma for the Drake House Preservation Project.

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and The Small Group Architects for the Peoria Indian School Restoration Project.

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# Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Meeting and Luncheon

As part of Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Conference, Preservation Oklahoma held its annual meeting and awards luncheon. Guest speaker Dr. Bill Corbett, Chair of the Social Sciences Department at Northeastern State University and Vice President of the Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors, shared his experience and research on Oklahoma's World War II-era POW camps.

Preservation Oklahoma then recognized several individuals and organizations for their efforts in preservation outreach, advocacy, and education.

Beth Herrington was recognized for her dedication and service to the preservation of Tahlequah's many historic resources. Through her service on Tahlequah's historic preservation commission, and the city's cemetery board, as well as her involvement in numerous historic sites, Ms. Herrington is an invaluable part of Tahlequah's preservation efforts.

John Barton was recognized for his leadership on Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Historic Preservation Task Force. The Task Force developed a campaign to document and commemorate the university's many historic buildings, with the first being the Fine Arts Building, previously included on Preservation Oklahoma's Endangered Places list.

The City of Pryor and Pryor Area Chamber of Commerce were recognized for the rehabilitation of the Chamber of Commerce Building. Completed in 1900 to house a bank,

the Chamber Building is one of only two downtown buildings to survive the 1940 tornado. The City and the Chamber partnered to return the building to its historic appearance and to return Chamber of Commerce offices to the building.

Langston University was recognized for their efforts to rehabilitate the National Register-listed Cottage Row Historic District. The District was built by students in the 1930s to provide housing for faculty. Using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the buildings have been rehabilitated and returned to use as housing.

The luncheon concluded with the recognition of POK's Board of Directors and a review of the past year's activities.

For more information about Preservation Oklahoma's activities and awards programs, call 405/525-5325 or email [preservationok@preservationok.org](mailto:preservationok@preservationok.org).

James Trammel,  
Mayor of Pryor, and  
Melissa Daniels,  
Pryor Area Chamber  
of Commerce,  
accept their award.

*Photo: Lisa  
Melchior*



## POK and BancFirst Offer PlanFirst Grants

Do you have an upcoming preservation project? You need to Plan First!

Preservation Oklahoma and BancFirst continue to offer PlanFirst grants to assist with planning for a preservation project.

PlanFirst grants are for a maximum of \$1,500 in matching funds, and assist with preparatory work such as feasibility studies, Historic Structures Reports, architect's drawings, etc. – all the "homework" that needs to be done before any good preservation project is undertaken!

To learn more or to request an application, contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or at [preservationok@preservationok.org](mailto:preservationok@preservationok.org).

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# Developing a Tribal Historic Preservation Plan

By Rebecca A. Hawkins and Timothy G. Baugh



Workshop participants, including: Paul Barton, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe; Jason WhiteEagle, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe; Steven Daugherty, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Gordon Adams, Pawnee Nation; Robin Dushane, Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Leroy Ellis, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Jean Anne Lambert, Quapaw Tribe; George Strack, Miami Tribe; Henryetta Ellis, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Sherri Clemons, Wyandotte Nation; Lamont Laird; Timothy Baugh. *Photo: Rebecca Hawkins*

In 1992, in recognition of the need for the indigenous peoples of the United States to have a say in the protection of historic properties on their reservations and tribal lands, Congress amended the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to include the establishment of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs). Currently, 12 Oklahoma tribes have THPO status and two more have applications pending. The Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma was the first Oklahoma tribe to receive THPO status in 2002, closely followed by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Nationwide, 133 tribes have THPO status; that status is conferred via Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

To obtain THPO status, Tribes submit an application to the National Park Service (NPS) for review and approval. Upon official designation of THPO status, a tribe is required, among other activities, to submit an historic preservation plan (HPP) to the NPS for the Federal Trust lands under its jurisdiction. The heart of an HPP is the establishment of goals and objectives for a five-year period. Some tribes, however, have limited experience in the development of such plans and several people requested assistance to develop a document that will meet their needs and the requirements of NPS.

Recognizing the necessity to create their own HPPs, several Oklahoma tribes – including the Wyandotte Nation, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Miami Tribe, Quapaw Tribe, Pawnee Nation, and Seneca-Cayuga Tribe – requested assistance from the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Algonquin Consultants, an historic preservation consulting firm located in Miami, Oklahoma.

Together, Oklahoma SHPO and Algonquin staff provided a two-day workshop in April 2012 about the tribal historic preservation planning process. Dr. Timothy Baugh, Historical Archaeologist and Section 106 Program Coordinator for the Oklahoma SHPO, and Ms. Rebecca Hawkins, archaeologist with Algonquin Consultants, were the presenters. The workshop was hosted by the

Wyandotte Nation THPO, Ms. Sherri Clemons. Participation in the workshop addressed one of the goals in the State of Oklahoma's own Historic Preservation Plan, to "develop cooperative working relationships with Native Americans and other minority groups." The workshop also provided an opportunity for the participant tribes to welcome the Oklahoma SHPO as one of their partners in preservation.

Workshop attendees learned about the functions of the State Historic Preservation Office, including those activities that a tribe, with approved THPO status, may assume. Attendees also discussed how the process of planning can be just as important as the production of the HPP itself. Workshop presenters provided examples and hands-on planning exercises designed to illustrate how the planning process needs to maintain its focus, without losing its flexibility. Presenters also demonstrated how the planning process is a valuable tool that integrates historic preservation across tribal communities.

Because a resulting planning document is intended to guide decision-making for the long term, presenters explained the five characteristics of an effective tribal HPP. An operative tribal HPP is one that: 1) achieves mutuality and balance in the planning process; 2) is complete and appropriate for the tribe's needs; 3) is accurate and realistic; 4) is action-oriented; and 5) is usable. Presenters also emphasized the need for ongoing evaluation to ascertain that the plan stays current with the needs of the tribe, is serving its primary purpose, and is on the right path for success.

Ideas exchanged at the workshop revealed how, through acts to preserve our historic properties, we all "re-member" ourselves within the context of our shared past. In other words, as a people, we keep it current in our thinking – we "remember" as we reminisce about our history. By so doing, not only do we honor our past, we make ourselves part of the whole – we renew ourselves as members, we "re-member" ourselves as part of our continuing communities.



Sherri Clemons, Wyandotte Nation THPO. *Photo: Rebecca Hawkins*



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## SHPO Seeks Your Input for FY 2013 Program

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30am on Friday, September 7, 2012, in the Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (just northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City, to provide information about the statewide preservation program and to receive public input for development of the Fiscal Year 2013 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application to the U. S. Department of the Interior. The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$830,000 from the HPF to carry out its programs and operations. Ten percent of the award is reserved for pass-through grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

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 include identification of properties important in history, architecture, culture, and archeology; nomination of eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places; review of federal undertakings that may effect significant archeological and historic properties; development and implementation of the statewide historic preservation plan; administration of the CLG program; making recommendations about certified rehabilitation projects utilizing

federal and state tax credits; and conducting public outreach activities.

*Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (2010)* [available from the SHPO or at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm)] sets forth the statewide preservation community's goals and objectives. The SHPO's priorities for addressing the *State Plan's* goals are continuation of the archeological and historic/architectural resources survey program to document property types under-represented in the state's inventory, with special emphasis on those associated with underrepresented peoples, and to extend survey coverage to previously unstudied areas; preparation of nominations for the National Register of Historic Places; and continuation of public outreach and technical assistance programs. Your comments will help the SHPO determine its specific efforts for addressing these priorities in FY 2013.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments and suggestions are welcome. You may complete the SHPO's "Project Suggestion Form" and return it by 5:00pm, Friday, September 7, 2012. Just call the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or send an e-mail message to Betty Harris at [bharris@okhistory.org](mailto:bharris@okhistory.org) to have the form sent to you. You may also obtain it at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

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## State Historic Preservation Office Calendar of Events 2012/2013

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to present its 2012/2013 series of special events. There are no registration fees unless noted. If you have questions, call 405/521-6249. *Note: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, please call 405/522-4484 at least two (2) days before the event.*

**NOTE TO ARCHITECTS:** Registered architects will earn American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) Learning Unit Hours (LU Hours) for attending these programs. **Self report your attendance at <http://www.aia.org/education/index.htm>.** The SHPO will provide written learning objectives and a certificate of attendance.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- 7** Public Meeting for the SHPO's FY 2013 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30am)

**Location:** Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City.

### DECEMBER 2012

- 5** Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (10:30am - 12:30pm)
- 5** The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30pm - 4:30pm)
- 6** The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants (10:30am - 4:30pm)

- 7** Working with the National Register of Historic Places (10:30am - 4:30pm)

**Location:** Oklahoma History Center Classroom.

### MAY 2013

- 1** The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview (9:30am - 12:00pm)
- 1** Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30pm - 4:30pm)
- 2** Working with the National Register of Historic Places (9:30am - 4:30pm)
- 3** Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (9:30am - 12:00pm)
- 3** The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30pm - 4:30pm)

**Location:** Washita Battlefield National Historic Site Conference Room, 18555 Highway 47A, Suite A, Cheyenne, OK.

### JUNE 2013

- 5-7** Oklahoma's 25th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Perry

*Details available late April /Registration Fee*

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## High School Students Work to Maintain Historic Cemetery

The Jack Brown Cemetery has been receiving extra care and attention from a special group of supporters. In 2010, the cemetery was highlighted as part of a categorical listing of historic cemeteries in Preservation Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places "Watch List." The cemetery, located near Cole, Oklahoma, is named for a Chickasaw Freedman sharecropper. It contains four marked graves and several unmarked graves. Like many historic cemeteries, it rapidly was being lost to deterioration and overgrowth.

After the listing, McClain County Commissioner Wilson Lyles took an interest in the cemetery. He contacted the Washington High School Honor Society and enlisted the students' support. For the past three years, the Washington High School Honor Society has adopted the cemetery, sending students to clean and maintain the grounds. As one class graduates, they pass the responsibility on to incoming students.

The efforts of the Washington High School students undoubtedly have extended the life of this historic site and have raised local awareness of the value and importance of historic preservation. The students' work "is a fabulous, tangible benefit to [Preservation Oklahoma's] Watch List program," said cemetery supporter Annie Hart.

It is truly impressive that this group of students has shown such dedication to the care of the Jack Brown Cemetery.



Graves at the Jack Brown Cemetery.  
*Photo: Preservation Oklahoma*

Their efforts serve as a wonderful example of what can be accomplished with hard work, time, and passion.

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## 20 Years of Preservation Oklahoma

2012 marks the twentieth anniversary of the creation of Preservation Oklahoma. In each newsletter this year we will feature a different article on Preservation Oklahoma's history as an organization. This month we will look at one of Preservation Oklahoma's more recent programs, "This Place Matters" events.



Participants on a This Place Matters Tour, Durant.  
*Photo: Preservation Oklahoma*

Starting in 2009, Preservation Oklahoma began partnering with communities across the state to host "This Place Matters" tours. The tours seek to raise awareness about the historic resources significant to a local community and the surrounding area. Tours also emphasize the importance of preserving and revitalizing these places, often including recently-rehabilitated buildings or even preservation projects-in-progress. Preservation Oklahoma works closely with a local partner to select sites for the tour, to research and document the sites' history for a tour booklet, and to promote the event locally and statewide.

In 2010, Preservation Oklahoma co-branded the program with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" campaign. This is a nationwide effort to recognize the importance of the places and stories that matter to individuals and communities at a local level.

To date, tours have been held in communities including Muskogee, Alva, Freedom, Hobart, Durant, Sulfur, Cherokee, Boley, and most recently, Guymon.

To bring a "This Place Matters" tour to your community, contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or at [preservationok@preservationok.org](mailto:preservationok@preservationok.org).

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## MUSKOGEE

Bass Reeves Legacy Trail Walking Tour for increasing public awareness of Muskogee's heritage.

Garrison Companies and Sikes Abernathie Architects for the Manhattan Building Rehabilitation Project.

Samuel Sadler Arts Academy, Muskogee Public Schools, for preserving and honoring the legacy of its namesake, Samuel L. Sadler, a much-loved principal at Manual Training High School, the school for African-American students before desegregation.

Three Rivers Museum of Muskogee, Inc. for the Thomas-Foreman Home Rehabilitation Project.

Whittier Elementary School, Muskogee Public Schools, for its centennial celebration project.

## NORMAN

The University of Oklahoma and Bockus Payne Associates Architects for the Gould Hall Rehabilitation Project.

## OKLAHOMA CITY

914 North Broadway Association, TAP Architecture, and HSE Architects for the Greenlease Moore Cadillac Rehabilitation project.

Earl Bourne for the 2229 North Gatewood Rehabilitation Project.

City of Oklahoma City for Historic Preservation EXPO: *Supporting Sustainable, Livable Communities*.

City of Oklahoma City and Mehlburger Brawley Inc. for the Lake Overholser Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Rita Jo Geer for The Orleans Rehabilitation.

Kerry Kelly for the Kelly House, The Greens Neighborhood rehabilitation project.

Paul and Rosemary Lewis for the Lewis House Rehabilitation Project.

Mid-Town Renaissance and Krittenbrink Architecture for the Hadden Hall Hotel Rehabilitation Project.

Mid-Town Renaissance for the Plaza Court Shopping Center Rehabilitation Project.

Oklahoma Humanities Council for Oklahoma Humanities Magazine which regularly features articles about the value of historic preservation.

*Positively Paseo!* for Neighborhood Redevelopment efforts.

## PERRY

North-West Corner, LLC and HSE Architects for the 1910 Building Rehabilitation Project.

## SAPULPA

MetroPlains Development LLC, Sapulpa Main Street, and Sikes Abernathie Architects for the Wells Building Rehabilitation Project.

## TAHLEQUAH

Cherokee Nation and Sikes Abernathie Architects for the Cherokee National Prison Restoration Project.

City of Tahlequah Historic Preservation Board for sponsoring National Register nominations for five historic houses in the community, publishing a tour brochure for Tahlequah historic homes, and initiating a preservation project for the 1877 Tahlequah City Cemetery.

Friends of the Thompson House for preservation of the Thompson House, (picture below, OK SHPO), listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



INTV Program "Historical Tahlequah," which featured the architecture and history of landmark houses in Tahlequah and interviews with families living in them today.

## TULSA

George Kaiser Family Foundation and Sikes Abernathie Architects for the Robinson Packer Lofts Project.

Group M Investment, Inc. for the Campbell Hotel Rehabilitation Project.

SJS Hospitality and GH2 Architects LLC for the Courtyard by Marriot Downtown - Atlas Building Rehabilitation Project.

Wiggin Properties LLC and Kinslow, Keith, & Todd, Inc. for the Mayo 420 Lofts Rehabilitation Project.

Will Rogers High School – Tulsa Public Schools, Fritz Baily, P.C., and Trigon Construction for rehabilitation work at Will Rogers High School.



## Billboard Near Arcadia's Round Barn Comes Down



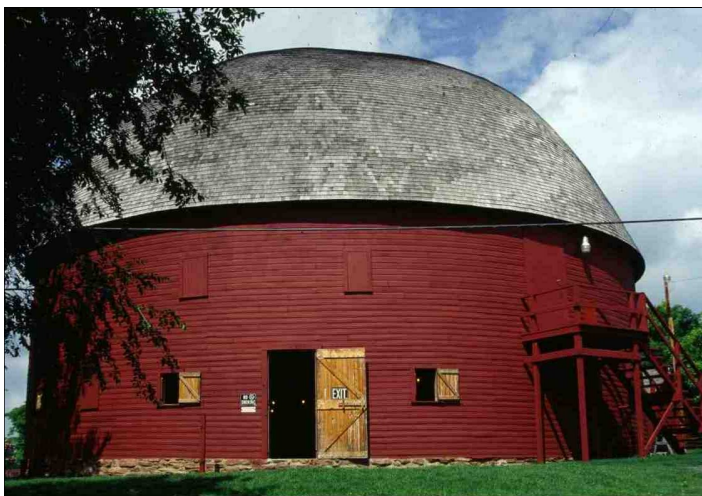
Mr. Sam Gillaspy in front of the billboard frame, Fall 2010. *Photo: Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society*

Since Fall 2010, Oklahoma preservationists have been concerned about the impact of a large billboard erected just to the east of Arcadia's historic Round Barn.

Located along Route 66, the Round Barn was constructed in 1898 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Round Barn is a prominent landmark and popular destination along Route 66.

Earlier this year, an agreement was reached with the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society, owner and operator of the Round Barn, and the owner of the billboard. Though the details of the agreement are confidential, it has been made public that the billboard owner made a donation to the Arcadia Historical and Preservation Society, with which they then bought the sign.

In May of this year, the sign was removed, coinciding with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Round Barn's restoration.



The Arcadia Round Barn. *Photo: OK SHPO*

In October 2010, The billboard went up on a small piece of land under separate ownership from the barn. Barn supporters objected, appearing at town hall meetings, and sought ways to have the sign removed. Questions were raised over whether the proper permits were issued for the sign, and whether it complied with Arcadia's ordinances requiring setbacks from the highway.

## Preservation Oklahoma to Commemorate 20th Anniversary

In 1988, preservationists from across the state began to gather and discuss the need for a statewide preservation organization, and began to form what would become Preservation Oklahoma. In 1989, the first annual Statewide Preservation Conference was held in Guthrie, with the goal of using the conference as a basis for forming a statewide organization. In 1992 the State of Oklahoma officially recognized the incorporation of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.

The organization continued to grow, becoming a statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. A wide range of programming and partnerships were developed to meet the needs of Oklahoma communities. A quarterly newsletter, produced in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, reaches a statewide audience. Oklahoma's Most Endangered Places List raises awareness about threatened buildings and has resulted in numerous properties being saved over the past two decades. Lecture series and workshops spread knowledge of preservation issues and information to communities around the state, and a grant program in partnership with BancFirst has allowed projects in many communities to "Plan First" for their preservation efforts. Through a partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Oklahoma manages and is in the process of restoring the historic Overholser Mansion.

In addition to programming, Preservation Oklahoma has become a voice for historic preservation at the local, state,

and federal level, regularly taking part in public meetings, review processes, and advocacy campaigns for specific sites and for preservation policy.

This fall, with generous support from the Kirkpatrick Foundation, Preservation Oklahoma plans to commemorate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with several events. A gala will celebrate all that's been accomplished, and a symposium will debate what is to be accomplished in the future. Watch your mail, email, [www.preservationok.org](http://www.preservationok.org), and October's Preservation Oklahoma News for further details.



POK's Offices in the Overholser Mansion Carriage House, under restoration. *Photo: Preservation Oklahoma*

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## The Overholser Mansion's 5th Annual Concert on the Lawn

Please join Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. and the Overholser Mansion on the evening of Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for the 5th annual Concert on the Lawn. Bring the family and a lawn chair or picnic blanket to 405 NW 15<sup>th</sup> in Oklahoma City and enjoy music, food, and fun!

The Overholser Mansion was built in 1903 by one of Oklahoma City's most prominent early citizens. Today it is open to the public for tours, managed by Preservation Oklahoma on behalf of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and is undergoing much-needed restoration. The Concert on the Lawn brings friends and neighbors together to enjoy a memorable evening and support this important historic site.

Enjoy performances by talented local musicians, with food and drinks provided by local restaurants and caterers. All proceeds will support the management and preservation of the historic Overholser Mansion. We hope to see everyone there! For more information, call 405/525-5325.



2011 Concert on the Lawn. Photo: Preservation Oklahoma

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## Economic Impacts of Route 66 Studied

A recently completed economic impact study shows that \$132 million per year is spent in communities along historic Route 66. This information sheds new light on the importance of heritage tourism and historic preservation along Route 66 as a contributor to local, state, and national economies. Route 66, which runs from Chicago to Santa Monica and is known as the Mother Road, is America's most celebrated automobile highway, and a symbol of twentieth-century American culture and history. The study was directed by professor David Listokin of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and was carried out between 2008 and 2011 in collaboration with the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program and World Monuments Fund, with the support of American Express.

The study demonstrates the tremendous influence tourists have on the economies of towns and cities along the route:

- More than 85% of Route 66 travelers visit historic places and museums, and these tourists spend \$38 million dollars a year in these communities.
- Heritage preservation, through Main Street revitalization programs and museums, add another \$94 million in annual investments.
- The national impact is an annual gain of 2,400 jobs, \$90 million in income, \$262 million in overall output, \$127 million in gross domestic product and \$37 million in tax revenues.
- At the local level, the restored Route 66-themed motel, restaurant, and gift shop anchor the downtown in many small communities and bring new life and revenue to towns once bypassed by the Interstate Highway System.

In other words, preserving Route 66 is a good investment with significant community and economic benefits.

"This study shows that preserving historic places is important to travelers on Route 66, and brings enormous pride as well as social and economic benefits to those living along the route," said National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Manager Kaisa Barthuli. "We will continue to work with communities and other partners to preserve the special places that tell this vibrant part of American history, which in turn creates valuable economic opportunities."

"The 2008 World Monuments Watch brought attention to the cultural value of America's Mother Road," said World Monuments Fund President Bonnie Burnham. "The Watch was the catalyst for developing this study, which now demonstrates the tremendous economic value tied to those traveling this historic route and argues for investment in preservation."

The study draws on a wide array of empirical information on Route 66 from the national decennial census, a first-ever comprehensive survey of Route 66 travelers, a Route 66 museum survey, Route 66 case studies, and other sources. The result is a better understanding of the mosaic and dynamics of America's Main Street, and the identification of opportunities to improve preservation of this resource and to enhance its already significant heritage tourism and economic contribution. The organizations behind the study are currently working to raise awareness of the significant findings among both the private and public sectors. A follow-up event, including industry, government, and others, is being planned for 2012, with a goal of leveraging the new knowledge provided by the Economic Impact Study toward improved investment and innovative partnerships in heritage tourism and historic preservation.

A Synthesis of Findings of the Route 66 Economic Impact Study, along with a two-volume Technical Report, are available at: <http://www.wmf.org/dig-deeper/publication/route-66-economic-impact-study-synthesis-findings>.



# New Oklahoma National Register Listings

The National Register of Historic Places is a catalogue of the buildings, sites, structures, districts, and objects whose hallowed ground and sturdy walls provide a glimpse into our past. These sites also may be selected for architectural and archeological interests.

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that the following seventeen properties were recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

## **Cleveland County:**

Downtown Norman Historic District (boundary increase), Bounded by Webster, Gray, Porter, Eufala, James Garner and Comanche Avenues, Norman

## **Craig County:**

Carselowey House, 403 North Gunter, Vinita

## **Custer County:**

Heerwald Site, Clinton Vicinity



Heerwald Site, Clinton Vicinity.  
*Photo: OK SHPO*

## **Grady County:**

Knipplemier Farmstead, 672 State Highway 152, Minco Vicinity

## **Kay County:**

Sheets House, 1350 West Peckham, Newkirk

Santa Fe Depot, near junction of South 1st and West Oklahoma, Ponca City

## **Kiowa County:**

Joyce House, County Road 1620 EW, 2.5 miles west of US 183, Snyder Vicinity

## **Lincoln County:**

Chandler Baseball Camp, 2000 West Park Road, Chandler

Phillips 66 Station No. 1423, 701 South Manvel, Chandler



Phillips 66 Station, Chandler. *Photo: OK SHPO*

## **Tulsa County**

Blue Dome Historic District, Roughly between South Kenosha & South Detroit Avenues, Frisco Railroad tracks, & East 8th Street, Tulsa

Sophian Plaza, 1500 South Frisco Avenue West, Tulsa

Tulsa Civic Center Historic District, Between West 3rd & 6th Streets & South Houston & Denver Avenues, Tulsa



Joyce House, Snyder Vicinity.  
*Photo: OK SHPO*

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 Lynda Ozan at 405/522-4478 or email [lozan@okhistory.org](mailto:lozan@okhistory.org).

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## POK and Partners Host Workshops

This May, Preservation Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, and the Saline Preservation Association partnered for a second time to host a tombstone conservation workshop. Nearly 30 participants came from all over Oklahoma as well as several other states to attend the two-day training. Participants worked with instructor Jonathan Appell to re-set fallen monuments, level tipping bases, repair broken stones, and clean weathered and dirty markers in the Tahlequah Cemetery. In all, at least 14 monuments were repaired, including some of the cemetery's most historic markers.



Participants level a fallen monument.  
*Photo: Preservation Oklahoma*

In June, Preservation Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, partnered to host a preservation workshop in McAlester, with assistance from Main Street McAlester and Pride in McAlester, Inc.

This was the fourth in a recent series of workshops hosted by the two organizations around the state, and addressed topics ranging from understanding the National Register of Historic Places to working with a preservation architect. Participants included Main Street managers, city officials, and members of the general public interested in preserving and revitalizing their communities. Previous workshops have been held in Clinton, Chandler, and Bethany.

If your community is interested in some aspect of historic preservation, Preservation Oklahoma and the State Historic Preservation Office would like to help. Workshop content can be tailored to meet the needs and address the issues present in a community, and new locations are always needed.

For more information about bringing a workshop to your community, please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or at [preservationok@preservationok.org](mailto:preservationok@preservationok.org).

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## National Trust for Historic Preservation Reports on Environmental Value of Building Reuse

Earlier this year, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Green Lab released a comprehensive study of the environmental impacts of building reuse compared to new construction. The Preservation Green Lab's release of *The Greenest Building: Quantifying the Environmental Value of Building Reuse* provides the most comprehensive research to date showing preservation is good for the environment.

Each year, approximately 1 billion square feet of buildings are demolished. *The Greenest Building* explores the environmental impacts associated with the decision to demolish and replace existing buildings – and especially the carbon dioxide savings that might be offered by reusing and retrofitting these places instead of demolishing them. With generous funding from The Summit Foundation, this effort brought together a team of leading thinkers with unparalleled expertise in building and life cycle science. The study team included Cascadia Green Building Council, Green Building Services, Quantis, and Skanska.

Using life cycle assessment, an internationally recognized approach to evaluating the potential environmental and human health impacts associated with products and services throughout their respective life cycles, this study compares the reuse of existing buildings to demolition and new construction. Six different building types are examined: single family; multifamily; commercial office; mixed-use (main street style); elementary school, and warehouses converted to multifamily and commercial buildings.

Notable study findings include:

*Building reuse typically yields fewer environmental impacts than new construction when comparing buildings of similar size, functionality and energy efficiency.* This result was found to be true irrespective of climate – though differences in climate can affect the *extent* of savings.

*The absolute carbon-related impact reductions can be substantial when these results are scaled across the building stock of a city.*

*It can take 10 to 80 years for a new energy efficient building to compensate, through efficient operations, for the climate change impacts created by its construction.* The study finds that the majority of building types in different climates will take between 20-30 years to overcome the initial carbon impacts from construction.

*Those buildings that tend to use the fewest materials will have the most significant environmental savings – and in fact renovation projects that require many new materials can reduce or even negate the benefits of reuse.*

For more information on *The Greenest Building*, download the full report at [http://www.preservationnation.org/information-center/sustainable-communities/sustainability/green-lab/lca/The\\_Greenest\\_Building\\_lowres.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/information-center/sustainable-communities/sustainability/green-lab/lca/The_Greenest_Building_lowres.pdf).



# Rehab Tax Credits Safe; Deferral to Expire

In 2011, HB1285 created the Task Force for the Study of Tax Credits and Economic Incentives. This task force was established to investigate several tax credit programs throughout the state to determine "which ones are serving a purpose for taxpayers and which ones are just giveaways," said Representative David Dank (R- Oklahoma City), task force co-chairman. One of the first tax credit programs to be examined was the historic building rehabilitation tax credit.



The Sieber Hotel, a Tax Credit Project in Oklahoma City.  
*Photo: Preservation Oklahoma*

Introduced in 2005, the Credit for Qualified Rehabilitation Expenditures allows property owners who rehabilitate National Register of Historic Places-eligible properties for use as public, for-profit entities to recoup a portion of their initial investment through tax incentives. It parallels a federal tax credit, therefore allowing up to a 20% state tax credit along with a 20% federal tax credit for a total of 40%.



The Mayo Hotel, a Tax Credit Project in Tulsa. *Photo: City of Tulsa*

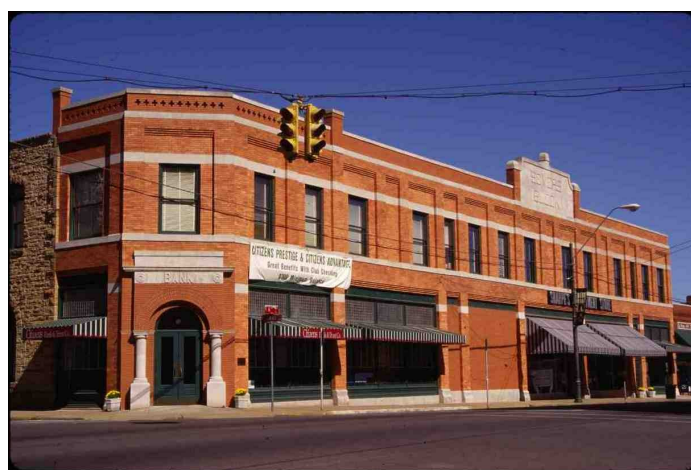
There are very specific guidelines about the procedures of rehabilitation, and project proponents must stay within these guidelines to be eligible for the credit. Since its inception, over 20 properties across the state have been successfully rehabilitated utilizing the tax credit aid, including such well known spots as the Mayo and Ambassador Hotels in Tulsa, the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, and the Wells Building in Sapulpa. Investors in these and many other tax credit projects have said that these would not have been possible without the tax incentives.

As the Task Force continued its work, and as the Legislature began to propose and review bills, support remained strong for the rehab tax credit. Preservationists from across the state worked to educate their legislators about the impact the credit has had, and can continue to have, on communities large and small. Business leaders and organizations also voiced their support for the rehab tax credit, citing the commercial and economic successes across the state spurred by tax credit projects.



The Wells Building, a Tax Credit Project in Sapulpa.  
*Photo: Sikes Abernathie Architects*

Several bills that would have impacted or phased out the tax credit did not pass, and at the close of session, budget deals reached by the legislature left the rehab tax credit intact. Since the Legislature did not extend its 2010 two-year deferral of the tax credits, it expired on July 1 of this year.



Severs Block, a Tax Credit Project in Okmulgee. *Photo: OK SHPO*

To find out more about state tax incentives for rehabilitation, and how you can get involved, contact Preservation Oklahoma at [preservationok@preservationok.org](mailto:preservationok@preservationok.org).



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