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POK Presents 2013 Preservation Awards



The Non-Profit Center, Enid. Photo: Kingini Arend

On June 7, Preservation Oklahoma held its Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Shady Lady Grill in Perry. Barrett Williamson, President of the Board of Directors, gave an overview of the organization's previous year. Andi Holland, Director of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid, presented on the history of the Cherokee Strip and how these events influenced the development of the region.

Following the presentation, Williamson presented the 2013 Preservation Awards to the following organizations:



Pauls Valley Arts & Cultural Center. Photo: Main Street Pauls Valley



The Tulsa Paper Company Building. Photo: GKFF

Rural Public Sector

Pauls Valley Arts & Cultural Center, Main Street Pauls Valley Office

Originally built as City Hall in 1905, this two-story brick and masonry building has served as the corner stone of Pauls Valley's historic downtown business and shopping district. After undergoing two phases of renovation, the structure is now home to the Pauls Valley Arts & Cultural Center and Main Street Pauls Valley.

Rural Private Sector

Community Development Support Association (CDSA), Enid

The Non-Profit Center in downtown Enid is an excellent example of preservation through adaptive reuse. CDSA saved a historic landmark, Newman's Department Store, of downtown Enid from becoming derelict through abandonment and neglect. Through programming and choice of use, the structure helped spur the revitalization efforts of the entire downtown as a whole.

Urban Private Sector

George Kaiser Family Foundation, Tulsa

The George Kaiser Family Foundation was instrumental in the redevelopment of Tulsa's historic Brady District. The Foundation's projects included the \$36 million historic renovation of the Tulsa Paper Company Building and the \$2.2 million historic renovation of the Robinson Packer Apartments.

Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places Announced



Governor Mary Fallin speaking at the unveiling of the 2013 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places.

On Wednesday, April 10, Preservation Oklahoma unveiled the 2013 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places. The official unveiling took place in the Blue Room of the Oklahoma State Capitol, which was included on the list. Governor Mary Fallin provided opening remarks and discussed her efforts to secure funding for repairs to the Capitol.

Following the unveiling, guests were invited to attend

POK President Barrett Williamson addresses the crowd at the Endangered Places reception in PhotoArt Studios.



a walking tour of Oklahoma City's Plaza District led by Kristen Vails, Executive Director of the Plaza District Association. Guests braved the wind and the cold to learn more about the recent development of the area and how preservation was critical to its success. After the tour, Preservation Oklahoma held a reception and silent auction at PhotoArt Studios.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the events and to Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism and PhotoArt Studios for their generous support.

Nominations for the 2014 list are due November 1, 2013. The form will be available in the October edition of *Preservation Oklahoma News*.

THANK YOU, HPI !

Preservation Oklahoma is pleased to announce that it received a generous \$20,000 grant from Historical Preservation, Inc. (HPI).

These funds will be used to assist with the maintenance of the Overholser Mansion and to purchase upgraded computer equipment and software for the POK offices.

We are extremely grateful for the support of Heritage Hills and are proud to be part of the neighborhood.



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Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places for 2013



Edwards Store. Photo: SHPO



Pocasset Gymnasium. Photo: Cynthia Savage

Broadway Tower, Enid

Completed in 1931, the Broadway Tower was built by McMillen & Shelton Construction Co. from a design by George E.V. Blumenauer, of Enid, and Layton, Hicks and Forsythe, of Oklahoma City. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. The Broadway Tower provides the best example of Art Deco architecture as applied to tall commercial buildings still intact in Enid and is the only one remaining which has not been significantly altered. The Broadway Tower served as the Garfield County Courthouse from 1932 to 1936 as the result of a fire which totally destroyed the Courthouse. (NRHP Nomination, 1985).

Edwards Store, Latimer County

Constructed in 1858, the Edwards Store became an unofficial stop on the Butterfield Overland mail route, and today it is the only extant resource associated with the route in Oklahoma. All other "stops" have historic markers but no buildings remain. Its significance is identified not only in its association with the Butterfield Overland Route but also as a rare log structure.

Oklahoma State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City

Few structures represent Oklahoma more than its Capitol. It houses representatives of all seventy-seven counties and contains the stories of how our state developed from the laws that were passed to the inauguration of governors. The actions that occur within its walls affect the citizenry of the entire state and beyond. Designed by Solomon Andrew Layton, the Oklahoma State Capitol was completed in 1917 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

Mummers Theatre (Stage Center), Oklahoma City

Designed by John M. Johansen, one of the famed "Harvard Five," the structure received the American Institute of Architects highest award in 1972. The theater is described as a "modern sculptural building...like a working circuit board where all the elements work together to create the desired result – a theater complex. All that

is needed are the theater-goers to provide the flow, or power, that completes the communication and lively connection among the building elements of the Mummers Theater and the actors on stage." (Ambler, NRHP Nomination, 2012). An official Determination of Eligibility for the National Register was signed by the Secretary of the Interior in March 2013.

Pocasset Gymnasium, Pocasset

Designed by architect Walter T. Vahlberg, the Pocasset Gymnasium was constructed from local materials and completed in 1941. The gymnasium soon became a critical part of the community but the construction of the building itself brought the citizens of the area together. Constructed as part of the Works Progress Administration, the project provided relief to the people of Grady County dealing with the financial effects of the Great Depression. The structure served as an important part of the community until years of decay and neglect forced the doors closed in 1989.

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Broadway Tower, Enid.
Photo: Kingkini Arend

SHPO SEEKS YOUR INPUT FOR FY 2014 PROGRAM

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30am on Friday, September 6, 2013, 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 2014 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 affect 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 conduct public outreach activities.

Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (2010) (available from the SHPO or at 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 underrepresented 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 2014.

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 6, 2013. Just call the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or send an e-mail message to Betty Harris at bharris@okhistory.org to have the form sent to you. You may also obtain it at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

UPDATING OKLAHOMA'S STATEWIDE PRESERVATION PLAN

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Oklahoma Historical Society, is updating the statewide preservation plan, and your input is vital to our understanding of historic preservation issues across Oklahoma. By working together, citizens; federal, tribal, state, and local governments; preservation professionals; nonprofit organizations; and the business and development community can set attainable goals to preserve Oklahoma's important historic properties and the unique character of each community while enhancing their economic vitality and quality of life. The updated plan will be in effect from January 2015 through December 2019. We invite you to join the effort and to begin by reviewing the current plan at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm>. Then, we encourage you to share your ideas and concerns throughout the process over the next eighteen months.

First, you can complete Survey for Updating Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan. You may complete it online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm>. Or you can obtain the survey form at this site and return it by regular mail to the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-7917 or by e-mail to mheisch@okhistory.org. All responses received by August 15, 2013, will be considered.

Second, you can attend the SHPO's public discussion about the State Plan and its update at 1:30pm on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in the Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City (immediately northeast of the Oklahoma State Capitol). The SHPO staff will discuss how the State Plan is developed, how it is used in the SHPO's programs, and how others participate in its implementation. The public is invited to attend and share their views about the historic preservation issues that should be addressed in the 2015 edition of the plan.

Finally, your comments on the draft new plan will be extremely valuable. Two drafts will be made available on the SHPO's website and in hard copy upon request. The preliminary draft will be available in January 2014 with comments due in April 2014, and the second draft will be available in May 2014 with comments due in August 2014.

Thank you in advance for your input which will help the SHPO ensure that the new plan identifies and addresses the issues raised by Oklahomans from across the state. If you may have any questions, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

State Historic Preservation Office Calendar of Events 2013/2014

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to present its 2013/2014 series of special events. The location of each event or series is given below, and 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 2013

- 6** Public Meeting for the SHPO's FY 2014 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30am)
 - 12** Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: A Public Discussion (1:30pm)
- Location:** Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City

DECEMBER 2013

- 4** Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (10:30am - 12:30pm)
- 4** The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30pm - 4:30pm)

- 5** The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants (10:30am - 4:30pm)
- 6** Working with the National Register of Historic Places (10:30am - 4:30pm)

Location: Oklahoma History Center Classroom

MAY 2014

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

Location: Guymon Public Library Conference Room, 1718 N. Oklahoma, Guymon. Proceeding north on Main Street (Hwy 64), turn left onto 24th (Tiger Blvd) and continue to Oklahoma; turn left onto Oklahoma and proceed 0.2 mile to the library (on your right).

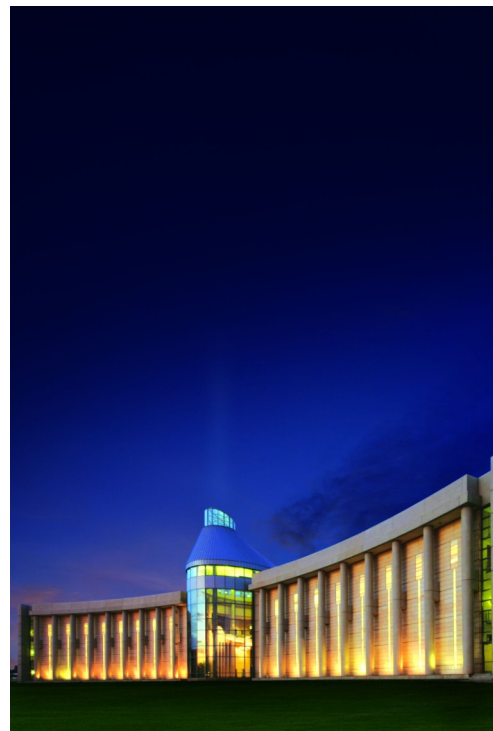
JUNE 2014

- 4-6** Oklahoma's 26th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Norman. *Details available late April / Registration Fee*

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Oklahoma History Center. Photo: OHS



SHPO RECOGNIZES PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS STATEWIDE



Old Peet's Station, Hobart. Photo: SHPO

The Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) presented its 2013 Citations of Merit during a special banquet in Perry on Thursday, June 6. Government agencies, organizations, firms, and individuals who have had positive impacts on the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage were honored during this featured event of the 25th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference.

Accomplishments in archeological site preservation, research, publication, public programming, leadership, and restoration/rehabilitation work were recognized. The award recipients include:

Anadarko:

Kathleen Lacey, for rehabilitation of the DeVaughn Drug Building, located in the Anadarko Downtown Historic District.

Claremore:

Oklahoma Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, for identification and documentation of historic properties associated with the Trail of Tears.

Rogers County Historical Society, for establishment of the Claremore Museum of History in the historic Will Rogers Library Building.

Fort Sill/Lawton:

Russ Bennett, for his role in the development of Fort Sill's cultural resource management program, while serving as Fort Sill's Environmental Law Attorney with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Guymon:

Southern Office Supply, Phyllis Claycomb, Sara Richter, Jim and Ann Grocholski, Dean and Joan Kear, Judy Ortiz, Mike and

Susan Byers, Craig and Jamie Barnes, and Sharon Morgan for their planning, development, and presentation of Guymon's "This Place Matters" tour.

Hobart:

General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum, for the adaptive reuse of the Old Peet's Station building as part of the organization's facilities.

Langston:

Langston University and its architects, Anishinabe Design, Inc. of Norman, for the Langston University Cottage Row Historic District rehabilitation project.

Moore:

Charles Thompson, for development of *If These Walls Could Talk: The History of Moore's Old School*.

Muskogee:

Severs Centennial Gala, for the celebration of the people and places that give Muskogee its unique character.

Norman:

City of Norman and their consultants, Swearingen Communications of Tulsa, for production of the video *Historic Downtown Norman*.

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Cottage Row, Langston University. Photos: SHPO

SHPO RECOGNIZES PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS STATEWIDE

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Oklahoma City:

Beverly Frantz, for preservation of her "storybook ranch house" located in the Rollingwood Neighborhood of Oklahoma City and for raising the awareness of her neighbors about the importance of these 1960s houses.

The Donnell Family, for exemplary service to and rehabilitation projects in the Paseo Historic District, Oklahoma City.

ImageNet Consulting, for the Vesper Building rehabilitation project in Oklahoma City's Automobile Alley Historic District.

Pawhuska:

Betty White Smith (posthumously), for her life-long efforts to collect the documents and artifacts that tell the stories of Pawhuska and Osage County.

Pocasset:

Cynthia Savage, for her research, publication, and public presentations about Oklahoma's significant historic properties.

Ponca City:

City of Ponca City and their consultant, historian Mary Jane Warde of Stillwater, for the documentation of Ponca City's historic churches.

Shawnee:

Armstrong Trust, for the facade rehabilitation of 101-113 North



Jack Brown Cemetery. Photo: Preservation Oklahoma



Pleasant Porter School, Tulsa. Photo: SHPO

Bell, a significant historic building in downtown Shawnee.

Ada Hunter and Simon Ott, for the facade rehabilitation of 419-421 East Main Street, a significant historic building in downtown Shawnee.

City of Shawnee, Shawnee Economic Development Foundation, and Shawnee Industrial Authority, for establishment of the Downtown Shawnee Facade Grant Program.

Tahlequah:

Tahlequah Main Street Association, Cherokee Nation Tourism, City of Tahlequah, Friends of the Thompson House, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce, Tahlequah City Historic Preservation Advisory Board, Tahlequah Tourism, and the United Keetoowah Band, for sponsorship of "Go with the Flow of Preservation: Oklahoma's 24th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference" held in June 2012.

Tulsa:

Cathy Ambler, for her career devoted to research, publication, and advocacy for preservation of historic places.

Tulsa Public Schools and their design consultants, GH2 Architects, LLC, and contractor, Manhattan Construction Company, Inc., for rehabilitation of Tulsa's historic Pleasant Porter School.

Washington:

Washington High School Honor Society and McClain County Board of Commissioners, for the Jack Brown Cemetery maintenance project.

For more information about the SHPO and its programs, visit <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm> or call 405/521-6249.

The Overholser Mansion's 6th Annual Concert on the Lawn

Please join Preservation Oklahoma at the Overholser Mansion on the evening of Friday, September 6, for the 6th Annual Concert on the Lawn. Bring the family and a lawn chair or blanket to 405 NW 15th in Oklahoma City and enjoy music, food, and fun!

The Concert on the Lawn brings friends and neighbors together to enjoy a memorable evening and show their support for this important historic site. Guests enjoy performances by talented local musicians and food and drinks are provided by local restaurants and caterers.

The mansion was built in 1903 by Henry Overholser, considered by many to be the "Father of Oklahoma City." Today it is open to the public for tours and managed by Preservation Oklahoma on behalf of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

All proceeds from the event will support the management and preservation of the historic mansion.



2011 Concert on the Lawn. Photo: Preservation Oklahoma

We hope to see everyone there! For more information, call 405/525-5325.

The Gateway to Oklahoma History Reaches 600,000 Pages

The Gateway to Oklahoma History now includes more than 600,000 pages of historic Oklahoma newspapers available online. The Oklahoma Historical Society's Gateway project is an ongoing effort to digitize all of the newspapers published in the Twin Territories and the State of Oklahoma from 1844 to 1923.

"At no cost, anyone with access to the internet is able to enter a name, place, or topic prior to 1923 and get immediate results," said Dr. Bob Blackburn, executive director of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The project began with a \$300,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, created by Edith Kinney Gaylord. "Our original grant to the Historical Society was just to digitize the 5 million pages of newspapers prior to 1923," said Bob Ross, president of the foundation. "They found a way to leverage that effort to add the search ability through optical character recognition. This makes the database much more effective as a tool for research and investigative reporting."

The Oklahoma Historical Society was organized in 1893 to collect newspapers and other material related to the history of the state. Because of that early start, the Oklahoma Historical Society has more than 95 percent of all daily issues printed in the state, and more than 33 million pages in the collection. Even today, the Oklahoma Historical Society receives and microfilms more than 200 newspapers every day. The earliest issues in the collection date to 1844 when the Cherokees published a newspaper with one column in English and one column using Sequoyah's alphabet.

The entire newspaper collection is currently accessible on microfilm at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

<http://gateway.okhistory.org/>

Who to Contact at the State Historic Preservation Office

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society, a state agency, and is responsible for carrying out the National Register Programs in Oklahoma. These programs were established under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and are conducted in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS). With these programs as the tools, the SHPO works with federal agencies, other state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and concerned citizens to ensure that Oklahoma's significant archeological and historic resources are protected.

For information about these programs, visit or contact the SHPO, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-7917 or call 405/521-6249. Also, you can visit the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm>, join our listserve (okshpo@lists.onenet.net), or follow us on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/okshpo>), or Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/okshpo>).

Following is the list of current SHPO staff members with primary program responsibilities and their direct contact information.

Allison Archambo, Historian/Survey Coordinator, 405/522-2713, aarchambo@okhistory.org

Designs and oversees the SHPO's architectural/historic resources survey program, conducts field surveys, and monitors updates and error corrections to the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory online database.

Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, 405/522-4484, mheisch@okhistory.org

Overall administrative responsibility for the SHPO's programs, designs the annual statewide preservation conference and other public outreach activities, and coordinates development and implementation of the statewide preservation plan.

Lynda S. Ozan, Architectural Historian/National Register Program Coordinator, 405/522-4478, lozan@okhistory.org

Works with preservation professionals and citizens to

evaluate the National Register of Historic Places eligibility of architectural/historic resources, reviews and writes National Register nominations, formulates the SHPO's opinions on National Register eligibility of architectural/historic resources under Section 106 of the NHPA, and administers the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory online database.

Glen Roberson, Certified Local Governments Program Coordinator, 405/521-6387, groberson@okhistory.org

Assists local governments applying for Certified Local Governments (CLG) status, provides general guidance to CLGs about their local preservation programs and the use of CLG pass-through grants from the SHPO, assists communities applying for *Preserve America* Community status, and administers the Oklahoma Centennial Farm and Ranch Program.

Harry Simms, Historic Preservation Architect, 405/522-4479, hsimms@okhistory.org

Carries out the SHPO's role in the review of rehabilitation projects for federal and state tax credits, formulates opinions of effect of federal undertakings on historic properties under Section 106 of the NHPA, and provides guidance to public and private property owners about the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Catharine Wood, Historical Archeologist/Section 106 Program Coordinator, 405/521-6381, cwood@okhistory.org

Coordinates the SHPO's participation in the review of federal undertakings in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, evaluates historic archeological resources for National Register eligibility, writes National Register nominations for archeological resources, and coordinates the archeological resources survey program.



POK and Partners Host Workshops



Deputy SHPO Melvena Heisch speaking in Blackwell

April was a busy month as Preservation Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, partnered to host two community workshops. The first workshop took place in El Reno and focused on preserving historic resources along Route 66. Assistance was generously provided by El Reno Main Street and the El Reno Chamber of Commerce. The second workshop occurred at the Top of Oklahoma Historical Society Museum in Blackwell. This workshop discussed the basics of historic preservation, the importance of community involvement, and resources available to assist communities. The Blackwell Chamber of Commerce provided generous assistance.

Participants in both workshops included Main Street managers, city officials, and members of the general public interested in preserving and revitalizing their communities.

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.

This May, Preservation Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, and the Saline Preservation Association partnered for a time to host a tombstone conservation workshop. Participants came from all over Oklahoma 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.

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



El Reno Main Street Manager Debbie Harrison welcomes attendees to El Reno.



Jonathan Appell addresses the crowd, Tahlequah Cemetery



Appell demonstrates how to repair a broken headstone, Tahlequah Cemetery

Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places (continued)



Quanah Parker Star House. Photo: David Pettyjohn

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Union Community Center of Stella, Newalla

In the early part of the 20th century, there were few public structures available for the education of African-American citizens. The Julius Rosenwald Fund was established in 1917 to provide funding for the construction of African-American schools. The Union Community Center of Stella is one of the few remaining Rosenwald Schools in Oklahoma and was the only school constructed in Cleveland County. The Union Separate District 1 ½ School was constructed in 1927-28.

The Tulsa Club, Tulsa

This iconic art-deco building, designed by renowned Oklahoma architect Bruce Goff, was built in 1927. It was a joint effort of the Tulsa Club and the Chamber of Commerce, with the lower floor offices housing Chamber employees, and the upper floors and rooftop garden being occupied by the Tulsa Club. Since closing in 1994, the building has sat empty and suffered from vandalism and numerous fires. *Update: The building was purchased in May 2013 and the owner has stated a desire to rehabilitate the structure.*

Route 66 Bridges, Statewide

Historic bridges along "The Mother Road" face an especially dangerous predicament. Originally constructed for 1920s and 1930s traffic, these bridges suffer great damage from modern, large-scale traffic and help paint an idyllic picture of the iconic highway.

Mid-century Neighborhoods, Statewide

After World War II, many neighborhoods were developed in Oklahoma's metropolitan centers, many of them designed to attract those seeking to live the "modern life." Unfortunately, some of these neighborhoods are dealing with renovations that impact the historical integrity of these areas. Issues include the painting of original masonry, stuccoing over original brick, and infilling.

Quanah Parker Star House, Cache

Built around 1890, the Star House was built for renowned Comanche warrior, leader, and statesman Quanah Parker. When Quanah died in 1911, fearing the property would be sold off and belongings divided among multiple wives, Quanah's daughter Mrs. Birdsong bought the house with the help of a banker in Cache, OK. In 1956 the Star House faced a dire fate, when Ft. Sill almost destroyed it. Mrs. Birdsong, who still lived in the house, worked with Herbert Woesner, Jr. to relocate the house to Eagle Park. Although Eagle Park is now closed, the Star House is still host to Comanche events and Parker family activities

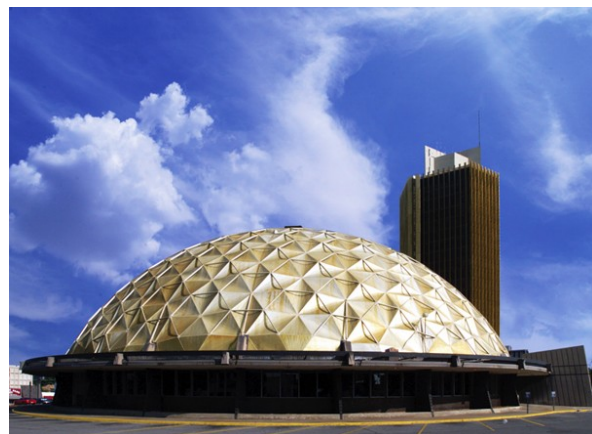
Archeological Sites , Statewide

Oklahoma boasts thousands of prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. One example is the Burnham Site, potentially one of the oldest sites in North America and believed to be nearly 30,000 years old. Another is Spiro Mounds, the only Native American archaeological site open to the public in Oklahoma; this is a priceless resource for cultural examination of the Mississippian Period, lasting roughly from 800 A.D. to 1450 A.D. Today, these resources are threatened by looting, vandalism, and the increasing expansion of our current civilization.

Citizens State Bank (Gold Dome), Oklahoma City

Constructed in 1958 and billed as the "Bank of Tomorrow," the Citizens State Bank is one of the most recognized structures in Oklahoma City. Featuring one of the earliest examples of a geodesic dome patterned after the design of Buckminster Fuller, the structure faced demolition in 2001. Thanks to the efforts of concerned citizens and a local businesswoman, the building was spared and the structure was added to the National Register in 2003. The building was sold at auction in 2012 and the current owner requested a demolition permit in March 2013. *Update: The Gold Dome was purchased by TEEMCO, an environmental engineering firm, in June 2013. The company plans to use the structure as their headquarters and will house 65 employees.*

Watch List: Villa Teresa, Oklahoma City



Citizens State Bank. Photo: NTHP



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Overholser Mansion's 6th Annual
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Oklahoma City

September 12, 2013
Public Meeting for Statewide Preservation Plan
Oklahoma City

October 30-November 2, 2013
National Preservation Conference
Indianapolis, IN

November 2-3, 2013
Heritage Hills Historic Homes and Garden Tour
Oklahoma City

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