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Overholser Mansion Events

Urban Campout **RESCHEDULED**

Join us for a fun evening under the stars on the grounds of the Overholser Mansion for the return of the Urban Campout, September 20-21! The evening will feature outdoor activities, a tour of the mansion, and sleeping under the beautiful Oklahoma sky! On-site security is provided. The cost is \$100 per campsite, which includes space for up to six people or a six-person tent (or smaller). We'll have all the fixings for your favorite campfire foods including hot dogs and s'mores, along with juice and donuts for the morning.

Mysteries of the Mansion

Mysteries of the Mansion tours have begun at the Overholser Mansion, 7pm every third Thursday through September. Mysteries of the Mansion is a unique and special tour that explores some of the behind-the-scenes history and spaces not typically on a regular Overholser Mansion tour. Overholser Museum Coordinator Lisa Escalon will be leading this tour and will share interesting stories of the mansion and the Overholser family history. These events are offered for \$20, with a special discount for Preservation Oklahoma members.

For more information on events at the Overholser Mansion, visit <https://www.overholsermansion.org/> or contact Preservation Oklahoma Executive Director, Cayla Lewis, director@preservationok.org.

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Preservation Oklahoma's Community Toolkit Available for Download

Preservation Oklahoma's Community Toolkit was designed to guide local advocates within Oklahoma's community in recognizing, appreciating, and utilizing their passion to preserve historic Oklahoma structures. The kit includes items such as social media tips, a press release and media alert template, design collateral, a guide to requesting donated Public Service Announcements (PSA) from local media, and much more!

To download the toolkit, visit <https://www.preservationok.org/community-toolkit>.



Rally for Brockway Center in Oklahoma City, attendees utilizing Community Toolkit materials,
Photo: POK

A Pathway to Continued Greatness: The Rehabilitation of School Buildings Using the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program



Dunbar School, Before and After, Photo: SHPO

In March 2019, the Oklahoma City Public Schools announced the final list of Oklahoma City elementary, middle, and high schools to be closed or repurposed as part of “Pathways to Greatness,” an improvement plan aimed at serving students equitably. As part of the plan, 14 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school throughout the city will either close or be repurposed. The majority of these schools, such as Edgemere, Gatewood, Linwood, and Putnam Heights, are historic neighborhood elementary schools, and some have served their areas for over a century. As a result of these closures, the State Historic Preservation Office is showcasing five school buildings throughout the state that have used the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program to rehabilitate historic, vacant schools for various uses, though the most common use has been for much-needed affordable and market-rate housing to meet increased housing demands in the schools’ respective cities and towns.

ATOKA

Dunbar School (1942)

617 E. 13th St., 74525

Total Cost: \$613,482

Historic Use: African American school

Post-rehabilitation use: housing with a total number of four units

Total SF: 5,000

The Dunbar School was rehabilitated into four affordable housing units. Built in 1942, the Dunbar School was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2016 and is significant as the only school that served African American primary and secondary school students in Atoka County between 1942 and 1958. It is a modest, one-story,

rectangular-shaped building clad in stone veneer. In the 1970s or 1980s, the original windows were removed and replaced with painted concrete block and the south portion of the interior corridor wall was removed to open up the front of the interior space. Major rehabilitation work included compatible, new, 6-over-1 replacement windows; exterior stone cleaning and repair; restoration of the historic exterior doors based on historic photographic documentation; and the incorporation of adjacent new construction, to include a storm shelter, pavilion, soccer field, and playground.

DRUMRIGHT (vicinity)

Tidal School

54560 W. Hwy 16, 74030

Total Cost: \$550,802

Historic Use: Education

Post-rehabilitation use: winery/event space

Total SF: 8,000

The Tidal Elementary School and grounds near Drumright was rehabilitated in 2005 for use as a winery. When the Part 2 was submitted in 2004, the building retained most, if not all, of its original exterior and interior finishes and features. The 1981 National Register of Historic Places nomination describes Tidal Elementary as a two-story building constructed of red brick with a side-gable roof and features elements of the Georgian Revival style, to include a rectangular plan, symmetrical façade, false-end chimneys projecting above the roofline on the east and west ends, and two projections on the east and west ends of the south (primary) elevation that were crowned with pediments. There was an arched window below the pediment in the east projection and an arched doorway

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Harrison School, Before and After, Photo: SHPO

below the pediment in the west projection. A wooden belfry adorned the central part of the building's roof. Windows were 9-over-9 and 6-over-6 wood hung. The school was constructed in 1915 by the Tidewater Oil Company for the children of their workers. Rehabilitation work included dividing the main level room into a gift shop, banquet facility, and tasting area, while the lower level served as the production and bottling area. The grounds were planted for the growing and harvesting of grapes for the wine fermented and bottled on site. The extant wood windows, flooring, molding, and doors were retained and repaired, and the brick was cleaned and repointed. Two raised decks were constructed on either side of the entry on the south elevation to provide outdoor seating.

ENID

Harrison School

202 West Birch Avenue, 73701

Total Cost: \$6,183,437

Historic Use: Education

Post-rehabilitation use: Housing with a total of 18 units

Total SF: 18,678

The Harrison School in Enid, Garfield County, is one of two school buildings in Enid to be rehabilitated for housing in the last ten years. The first, Clay Hall on the Philips University Campus, was certified in 2013, and the Harrison School should be certified by the end of 2019. The Harrison School rehabilitation project is an excellent example of using adjacent and related new construction as part of the overall development to meet the needs for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program as well as the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program to provide affordable housing to Enid's senior citizens.



Originally, the school consisted of the single, two-story brick school building that was constructed in two parts between 1919 and 1937, a playground site dating from 1919-1937, and a detached gymnasium addition from the late 1970s. The original building also exhibited non-historic replacement windows from sometime in the 1950s. The interior retained a high degree of intact circulation patterns, materials, features, and finishes. The owner chose to keep all non-historic elements and built compatible, one-story units at the rear of the property. If the site of a school is large enough then adjacent and related new construction is possible. However, it must be located and designed carefully, as the playgrounds of many of these urban and neighborhood schools retain school yard elements that reflect educational curriculum and pedagogy at the time of their construction.

OAKLAND

Oakland School

15052 Fern Blvd, 73446

Total Cost: \$622,996

Historic Use: Education

Post-rehabilitation use: housing with a total of four units

Total SF: 5,500

Oakland School in Oakland is the first and only tax credit project in Marshall County. Constructed in 1930, the Oakland School property consists of the brick school building as well as a two-room brick outhouse building. A WPA rock fence perimeter wall was constructed by the WPA in the late 1930s. The property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2016. At only 5,500 square feet, the main building is red brick with precast stone detailing. The Classical Revival style is modestly

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applied and represented in the precast stone capped pilasters, arches over doors with a basket weave patterned brick infill which is repeated at the parapet and simulating a simple frieze. It accommodated four classrooms on either side of a central multi-purpose room with a stage. The school property is significant because it provided the physical connection between the community, state, and the outside world as school officials attempted to better serve the educational needs of the community's children with the construction of each building. The property served the people of Oakland's primary education needs until it closed in 1964. Its rehabilitation for four new affordable housing units and community center began in 2015 and was certified in April 2018. Major work included masonry repointing and cleaning, repair of the multi-light rolled steel frame windows, the cleaning and repointing of the outhouse's masonry for use as storage, and the restoration of the severely deteriorated WPA rock fence wall.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Dunbar Elementary School

1432 NE 7th St, 73117

Potential Tax Credit (federal and state): \$3,131,200.00

Historic Use: Education

Post-rehabilitation use: Housing with a total of 52 units

Total SF: 58,934

We are ending our tour at Oklahoma City's Dunbar Elementary School. Dunbar Elementary is the only extant "separate" elementary school in Oklahoma City, and it is a notable example of the Classical Revival style. The school was modified in 1923, 1930, and 1934 due to the need to accommodate increased enrollment. It was modified again in the 1980s when a metal-clad gymnasium was added to the west end of the brick-clad part of the school, and in the 1990s, when a detached classroom building was constructed. The school closed in 2010 due to decreased enrollment and a "looming budget crisis," and the students were sent to other schools in the area. The property contains two buildings, the school and a detached classroom (c. 1990), as well as a large playground area that is indicative of schools constructed during the 1920s and 1930s. Overall modifications to the school building are minimal and it retains a high degree of interior and exterior integrity.

The Dunbar Elementary School rehabilitation project will provide 52 affordable housing units in this particular area

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of Oklahoma City, which has seen increased interest due to its proximity to the OU Health Sciences Campus and to the recently rehabilitated Old Douglass High School. The c. 1990s temporary classroom building will be removed, as will the foundational remnants of a pool and pool house, to accommodate the construction of two new storm shelters on the rear of the property. The two storm shelters will be accompanied by concrete sidewalks from the main building, and a new concrete pad in the vicinity of the former pool will be installed to serve new raised planters. A new elevator will be installed on the interior of the school building to provide accessibility to the upper floor, and the historic corridors, doorways, and transoms will be retained. Apartment units will be created on the classroom side of the corridors. The estimated completion date for the Dunbar Elementary School project is late 2019.



Oakland School, Before and After, Photo: SHPO

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The schools showcased vary in size, from small (5,000 sf) to very large (58,000 sf), and location, from rural to urban. Oklahoma City already boasts successful school rehabilitation projects as examples upon which to build, including both Central High School and Old Douglass High School. Other schools in Oklahoma City that are being rehabilitated for housing and office space are Stonegate Elementary School and Harmony School. It is possible to retain historic schools as viable resources in the community by finding an appropriate new use and a new owner willing to take a unique risk.

To learn more about the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program or about any of these projects, contact Jennifer Bailey at 405/522-4479 or jbailey@okhistory.org or visit <https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/taxcredits.htm>.

State Historic Preservation Office 2019 Calendar of Events

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, presents its 2019 calendar of events. There are no registration fees unless noted. All events will take place at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City, unless otherwise stated. For more information call 405/521-6249 or visit <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoevents>. Note: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, call 405/521-6249 at least two (2) days before the event.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Many of these programs meet the requirements for HSW hours/State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers, and for PDH hours/Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The SHPO will email certificates of attendance after the event, and participants self-report or document their attendance per policies of their respective boards.

JULY 2019

- 18 Historic Preservation Review Committee Meeting
(1:30 p.m./LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom)

OCTOBER 2019

- 17 Historic Preservation Review Committee Meeting
(1:30 p.m./LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom)

DECEMBER 2019

- 5 The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants
(10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m./Musser Learning Lab)
- 6 Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings
(10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m./Musser Learning Lab)
- 6 The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings
(1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m./Musser Learning Lab)

History Day Preservation Prizes Awarded

The Oklahoma Historical Society hosted the annual Oklahoma National History Day competition on May 1st and 2nd at the Oklahoma History Center. National History Day is a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation, and creative expression for 6th to 12th grade students. The National History Day Contest encourages more than half a million students around the world to conduct historical research on a topic of their choice based on the theme of the year. The 2019 theme was "Triumph & Tragedy in History."

Participating students conducted extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, and historic sites. They presented their topics in paper, exhibit, performance, website, and documentary format. The projects presented on May 1st and 2nd at the state level had previously been through a district competition. For those that qualified at state, their projects will be presented at the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C., from June 9-13, 2019.

The State Historic Preservation Office, through a private donation, continues to award a special prize for outstanding achievement in addressing the National History Day theme through historic preservation. In the Junior Division, the prize was awarded for "Tulsa Race Riot," a group exhibit by Jayson Hair, David King, and Carson Plumb from Grove Public School (Teacher: Kim Jones). The Senior Division prize was awarded for "The Battle of Antietam," an individual exhibit by Tillmon Miller from Morrison High School (Teacher: Patty Sanders).

For more information about Oklahoma National History Day, contact Sarah Dumas, Curator of Education, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma Historical Society, at 405/522-0791 or sdumas@okhistory.org. To view the complete list of this year's winners, please visit <https://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/oknhdwinners>.



Tillmon Miller receiving award, Photo: SHPO



Grove students receiving award, Photo: SHPO



Archaeological Workshops and 2019 Most Endangered Places Exhibit

Preservation Oklahoma is hosting four interactive workshops led by Oklahoma Archeological Survey in 2019. The workshops will be held from 11am to 2pm, with the discussion of prehistory and what to do if you have found a site beginning at 1pm. The first workshop was held in Alva at the Graceful Arts Gallery on March 30.

These free workshops will be presented by research faculty from the Oklahoma Archeological Survey (OAS) at the University of Oklahoma. Workshops will contain activities for all ages and are open to the public. OAS will have a simulated archaeological dig, hands-on activities with Oklahoma artifacts, and a chance to try out reconstructing pottery for children. For adults, there will be a chance to identify any artifacts brought in as well as a brief presentation on precontact Oklahoma and what someone should do if they find an archaeological site.

In addition to the workshops, Preservation Oklahoma will also be displaying its 2019 Most Endangered Places traveling exhibit. This annual list of historic properties serves to spread awareness and will travel throughout the state to continue the discussion of preserving historic buildings.

The program is funded in part by Oklahoma Humanities (OH) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed do not necessarily represent those of OH or NEH.

Save the date for workshops coming near you!

July 27 - Claremore, Claremore Museum of History
September 20 - OKC, Henry Overholser Mansion (RESCHEDULED)
October 26 - Norman, The Moore-Lindsay Historic House Museum

For more information about Preservation Oklahoma's Most Endangered Places List, visit our website, <https://www.preservationok.org/most-endangered-places>.

This year, the 2019 Most Endangered Places list includes historic structures or categories that face uncertain fates for a variety of reasons. Please help Preservation Oklahoma advocate to save these historic icons so that we can preserve the unique buildings that enrich Oklahoma's vast architectural landscape.

To sign a letter of support for the structures listed, visit <https://www.preservationok.org/advocate>.

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2019 Preservation Awards Announced



Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma.

This year's awards were presented at the Oklahoma History and Preservation Conference in Chickasha, Oklahoma, April 26. Preservation Oklahoma's 2019 Preservation Awards are presented by the Cherokee Nation and the Kirkpatrick Foundation.

2019 Preservation Award Recipients: Terri Sadler, Amanda Regnier, Kary Stackelbeck, Cayla Lewis, Rick Lueb, Jackie Potter, Chad Potter, Photo: POK

Preservation Partner Award: Oklahoma Archeological Survey

The Oklahoma Archeological Survey was established by the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1970. OAS is an independent research unit in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Oklahoma. The Survey has three missions - to preserve Oklahoma's archaeological resources, research Oklahoma's past, and educate the public. The Survey has a staff of research archaeologists who conduct archaeological projects on sites across the state. This summer, OAS will be sponsoring research on 10,000+-year-old sites in the Panhandle, an 800 year old site near Spiro Mounds, and work on historic Fort Gibson. In addition to research, the Survey also houses the office of the State Archaeologist and the Community Assistance Program, both of which review cultural resource projects conducted under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Survey also conducts outreach activities in venues across the state, including public lectures, educational programs, and excavations open to volunteers. This year, Preservation Oklahoma is proud to work alongside Oklahoma Archeological Survey to host free and interactive hands-on demonstrations with Oklahoma artifacts for people of all ages. These workshops are funded by Oklahoma Humanities as part of POK's Most Endangered Places traveling exhibit. Preservation Oklahoma is proud to work with Oklahoma Archeological Survey for this program and thanks and recognizes Oklahoma Archeological Survey for their partnership.

Preservation Advocacy Award: Lynne Rostochil, Okie Mod Squad

Lynne Rostochil is an avid photographer and writer who has spent over a decade researching and photographing Oklahoma's unique array of mid-century modern architecture, both to promote awareness and to encourage preservation efforts. She has put her architectural knowledge to work in arranging an exhibition of famed architectural photographer Julius Shulman's work at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art; co-founding the Okie Mod Squad, a group that celebrates all things mid-century modern; and writing the book, *Oklahoma City's Mid-Century Modern Architecture*.

In addition, she has worked with members of the Okie Mod Squad and other preservation groups to try to save and preserve many of Oklahoma's most endangered buildings, with varying degrees of success. The tenacious and stubborn streaks that often drive her family crazy have served her well in community efforts to save such Oklahoma icons as Stage Center, Founders Bank, the Donnay Building, and most recently, the First Christian Church. Lynne is also a board member for POK, our incoming Secretary and is recognized for her efforts most recently in advocating for local Historic Landmark designation for the First Christian Church in Oklahoma City.

Preservation in Practice Award: Chad and Jackie Potter, Fire Station #13

Chad and Jackie Potter are Oklahoma natives. They opened their company, Drywall Specialists, in 2004. Over the last 15 years they have completed over 10,000 projects in homes and businesses in northeast Oklahoma. Chad joined the Home Builder's Association in 2006 and remains active. He served as President of the Remodeler's Council and chaired the Remodel Tulsa Tour.

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Currently, they own several buildings and lots in the Pearl District near downtown Tulsa. They have worked hard to preserve the character of the area, all while cleaning up dilapidated spaces to help revitalize the district. Their most recent project, Station 13, built in 1933 was used as a working fire station by the City of Tulsa until 1964. The space was then left untouched and used as storage for over 50 years. Chad and Jackie bought Station 13 in 2018 and have been diligent in their attempts to restore the space to its original condition. They are also in the process of placing Station 13 on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chad and Jackie have lived in the Tulsa area their entire lives. They are passionate about Oklahoma and have incredible enthusiasm for restoring historical buildings to their original grace and character. With the historical preservation of Station 13, they are striving to offer a memorable entertainment venue to the citizens of Tulsa. They have truly shown preservation in practice, and we are excited to present them with this recognition.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Rick Lueb, TAP Architecture

Rick Lueb is a principal architect for TAP Architecture and has been with the firm since its inception, over thirty years ago. Rick is a Fellow of the Construction Specifications Institute, recognized for his commitment to service and expertise in the industry in 2012. His architectural expertise is enhanced by more than 20 years in the construction industry as a job superintendent and owner of various construction companies. Rick's previous experiences as a certified professional builder, realtor, energy management consultant, and journeyman-level electrician form a broad based construction background that brings practical, real-world values and knowledge to the design team. His well-rounded experience and focus on historic preservation and rehabilitation, recognized by award-winning projects, yield dividends for clients. Rick has developed a specialty in preservation projects and has worked on some of the more important historic buildings in the state.

For all of his contributions to the historic preservation world in Oklahoma, we are proud to recognize Rick Lueb with this year's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Preservation Oklahoma Welcomes New Officers



Annual Meeting and Open House Guests, Photo: POK

Preservation Oklahoma Inc. hosted its annual meeting on May 23, 2019, providing updates from the past year to members, as well as details of its recent Overholser Mansion Carriage House renovation project. POK also voted in new officers for its FY19-20 year.

2019-2020 Board Officers Include:

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

Membership Benefits

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

Membership Levels:

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

To join, please visit <http://www.preservationok.org/become-a-member.html> and join through our secure online payment form. You can also join by calling the POK offices!