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POK and SHPO to Co-Host Route 66 Workshops



Frisco Center, Clinton Photograph: Clinton Chamber of Commerce



Route 66 Interpretive Center, Chandler Photograph: Interpretive Center

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office will host two workshops this fall and next spring entitled *Making the Most of the Mother Road: How to Care for (and Benefit from) Your Route 66 Resources*.

Route 66 is a national treasure and an important asset to the many communities it touches across the state. These workshops will focus on tools and resources for the preservation, revitalization, and promotion of Route 66 resources and communities.

Many useful programs specifically focus on the preservation of the character of this historic road across the coun-

try, and this workshop will help communities and individuals tap into those programs. It will also introduce other non-Route 66 specific resources for individual property owners, groups, and communities to utilize as they care for their historic places.

The workshops will be held Nov. 6 in Clinton and May 14 in Chandler. While the focus is on Route 66 communities, anyone interested is welcome to attend! For more information about how to register for the workshops, please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or email preservationok@preservationok.org, or visit www.preservationok.org.

SHPO Announces HPRC's 2011 Meeting Schedule

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Review Committee's (HPRC) schedule for calendar year 2011. The HPRC is appointed by the Governor to provide advice to the State Historic Preservation Officer about nominations to the National Register of Historic Places and other preservation issues. Current HPRC members include Arn Henderson (Architectural Historian, Norman); William P. Corbett (Historian, Tahlequah); Ron Frantz (Architect, Oklahoma City); John D. Hartley (Prehistoric Archeologist, Norman); and Charles S. Wallis (Historical Archeologist, Norman). The HPRC's four scheduled meetings will begin at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20.

The meetings will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society's LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom, Oklahoma History Center (third floor), 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, and they are open to the public. The HPRC and the SHPO en-

courage all interested parties to attend, and meeting agendas and National Register nominations under consideration at the respective meeting are provided on the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm>.

The National Park Service regulations governing the SHPO's programs require that a qualified state review board participate in the National Register and other SHPO programs. During each meeting, the HPRC hears presentations on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places from SHPO staff and consultants; receives comments from owners of properties proposed for nomination; listens to public comments and concerns; and formulates recommendations to the SHPO about whether or not a property should be nominated to the National Register. The HPRC and SHPO staff invite concerned citizens and preservation professionals to participate in this important component of Oklahoma's preservation program.

2010 Endangered Places Updates

Several places on Preservation Oklahoma's 2010 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List are seeing promising activity. We applaud this progress at each site and look forward to future success for other Endangered Places. To nominate an endangered place for 2011, submit the form in this newsletter.

New Developer for Historic Property

In July, the Tulsa Development Authority selected Brickhugger, LLC, responsible for the rehabilitation of the historic Mayo Hotel, to purchase and redevelop Tulsa's Old City Hall. Old City Hall is part of the Civic Center Plaza, which recently has been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district for its unique Mid-Century Modern Architectural style. This district includes 8 buildings and a landscaped plaza. Plans for the former civic building include a hotel, restaurants, and shops.

PlanFirst Grant Awarded

In September, Fairview #67 Schoolhouse in Roosevelt

was awarded a PlanFirst grant to conduct a structural assessment. PlanFirst grants are administered by Preservation Oklahoma in partnership with BancFirst and encourage a thorough planning process for undertaking a preservation project. Other plans for this 1903, wood-frame schoolhouse, listed on the 2010 list, include nominating it to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mayo Fund Grant Awarded

Also in July, the Saline Preservation Association was awarded a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation from the Ruth and Allen Mayo Fund for Historic Preservation for a memorial trail through Saline National Park, which includes the Saline District Courthouse. The 1884 courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the last remaining of nine rural courthouses built by the Cherokee Nation in the 1880s. The Courthouse was included in the 2010 list under the category of "Success in Progress."

Upcoming Events at Overholser Mansion

This October, bring the kids to have "Boo-Oodles" of Fun on the afternoon of October 23rd. Wear your costume to Trick or Treat the Mansion, play games, and make crafts. For the older crowd, ghost stories and twilight tours of the Mansion will get you in the spirit for Halloween.

Preparations for this year's "Christmas at the Mansion" are also under way. Some of OKC's top floral designers will be decorating the 1903 Mansion, bringing back the splendor

of turn-of-the-century Oklahoma City. Please join us for tours of the decorated mansion throughout the month and check our calendar online soon for the date of our winter reception and twilight tour. Other special events and happenings are in the works and will be posted to the Mansion's website, www.overholsermansion.org.

For more information, contact us at 405-525-5325 or overholsermansionsion@preservationok.org.

NPS Route 66 Travel Itinerary Expanded

The Oklahoma SHPO is pleased to share the following announcement from the National Park Service about its expanded online Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary for Route 66.

As you know, Oklahoma is fortunate to have numerous historic resources associated with the "Mother Road," and many of them are featured in the travel itinerary. So, check out the places you can visit on your day off or as part of a weekend trip with the family. View the travel itinerary online at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/route66/>.

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Keep Up with HP in OK

OKSHPO Listserve:

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (OKSHPO) invites you to subscribe to its listserve. Get the latest information on a wide range of topics such as availability of grants and share information about your preservation efforts. To subscribe, just go to <http://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/okshpo> for step-by-step instructions for subscribing and using the listserve.

Anyone can post a message to the listserve whether or not they are a subscriber. Just send a regular e-mail message to okshpo@lists.onenet.net. That's all there is to it, and your message reaches everyone on the list. Please remember that you cannot send attachments with your message. Remember that the listserve is one easy way to reach Oklahoma's preservation community for answers to your questions, as well as for sharing event announcements.

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Want to keep up with historic preservation in Oklahoma?

Join the OKSHPO on Twitter. The OKSHPO has joined the social networking revolution to share the latest preservation news with Oklahoma's preservation community. Keep up-to-date on new National Register of Historic Places listings, workshops, the annual statewide preservation conference, national preservation issues and initiatives, technical guidance, and more. Follow us at <http://twitter.com/okshpo>.

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Can't get enough preservation news and fun facts? Email preservationok@preservationok.org to be added to our e-newsletter. You will receive monthly updates on activities, events, and news around the state, and will have the opportunity to share your challenges and successes as well. Please join POK on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, to get the most up-to-date information about our activities. Finally, our website is constantly under construction, with more resources and information added every week – visit us online often to see what's new!

New Citizens' Guide to Section 106 Review

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies and their authorized designees to consider the effects of their undertakings on archeological and historic properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) assists these agencies to meet their responsibilities under the Act through comment on their determinations of National Register eligibility and project effects on historic properties.

However, the SHPO is not the only entity a federal agency consults. For example, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) regulations require that agencies seek input from the public. When concerned citizens express their views, it helps the agencies reach the best possible decision about how a project is carried out.

To help members of the public understand the Section 106 Process and the role they can play, the ACHP has released a new edition of its Citizen's Guide to the Section 106 process. It is now on the ACHP and *Preserve America* homepages as well as in their online publications library <http://www.achp.gov/pubs.html> as a downloadable PDF.

For further information about the Section 106 process in Oklahoma, visit the SHPO's website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/section106.htm. *SHPO Fact Sheet #10: Frequently Asked Questions about Section 106 Review* is available on this website and serves as a quick reference to how the process works. The SHPO's December 9th workshop (see article in this issue) offers an opportunity to learn more about this important federal law and how it protects historic properties.

Little-Known Place: Oologah Bank



Oologah Bank *Photograph: Lynda Schwan, SHPO*

Situated in Rogers County, the community of Oologah is located at US Highway 169 and State Highway 88. Prior to statehood, Oologah emerged as a coal-mining boom town in Indian Territory. The community quickly became a shipping point for coal mined in the area. It also served as a center for mining camps and other associated industries.

Financial needs were soon realized and the Oologah Bank was constructed in 1906. The Oologah Bank remained the sole financial institution in Oologah for over twenty years. The completion of the bank represented a vital step of transformation from an agricultural economy to one with a more diversified base. The Oologah Bank was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 for its significance as a financial institution in Oologah.

NPS Grant Awarded to Bristow Firestone Station

The owner of the former Bristow Firestone Station has received a matching grant for \$30,000 from the National Park Service to restore and renovate the 1930 Art Deco service station. The owner plans to use the renovated building as a body shop and tribute to Route 66.

In total, five projects on Route 66 across the country received

grants totaling over \$80,000 for the year 2010. The Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program provides funding assistance in the form of cost-share grants to support the preservation of the most significant and representative historic Route 66 buildings, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes. For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/rt66/>.

Register Now for SHPO's December Workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the schedule for its annual fall workshop series. Each workshop is devoted to one of the SHPO's federal preservation programs and is designed for preservation professionals, government agency representatives, and concerned citizens. The sessions will be Wednesday, December 8th - Friday, December 10th. All sessions will be held in the Classroom, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. Workshops are free and open to the public, but the SHPO requests that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, December 1st. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come basis. The workshop schedule is:

December 8 (10:30am-12:30pm) - Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

December 8 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

December 9 (10:30am-4:30pm) - The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants

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

Registered architects who attend these workshops can qualify for American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning units. Simply register for the workshop(s). **After the workshops, self-report your attendance at <http://www.aia.org/education/index.htm>.**

If you may have questions about workshop content, contact Melvena Heisch at mheisch@okhistory.org or 405/522-4484. To register contact Betty Harris at 405/521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org by 5pm, Wednesday, December 1. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.

Rehab Tax Credits: Revitalizing Communities, Creating Jobs

With this issue of *Preservation Oklahoma News*, we begin a regular feature to demonstrate the important economic impacts of the federal and state rehabilitation tax credits in communities statewide. Each of these projects has been reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office and approved by the National Park Service as a certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, qualifying the owner for the 20% federal and 20% state rehabilitation tax credits.

Mason Realty Investors LLC, with the design services of Hornbeek Blatt Architects, successfully rehabilitated the Broadway Garage, located at 1015 North Broadway, Oklahoma City. Constructed in 1914 the three-story Commercial Style building formerly served as the Oklahoma National Guard Armory and the Broadway Garage. Once vacant and deteriorating, the 30,000 square foot building today houses a diverse set of retail and business tenants including Cardinal Engineering, Allied Arts, Val-Tech, Bicycle Alley, and Coffee Slingers.

A contributing resource to the Automobile Alley Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the certified rehabilitation qualified the owners for the federal and state rehabilitation tax credits. The project is an excellent example of how these financial incentives have helped bring this commercial district near downtown Oklahoma City back to life. New businesses thrive in the historic buildings along North Broadway offering outstanding dining opportunities, interesting places to work, and exciting places to live.

The total cost of the rehabilitation was \$4.3 million. An estimated 30 construction jobs were created, and approximately 100 permanent jobs were created.



1015 Broadway Photograph: OK SHPO

Architectural Surveys Underway in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is currently working with cosponsors to complete multiple architectural/historic surveys across the state. Each project was identified as a priority in the SHPO's annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The SHPO funds 60% of project costs from the HPF, and its cosponsors provide the remaining 40%.

The SHPO encourages Certified Local Governments (CLGs) to undertake survey projects with their allocations from the SHPO's CLG fund. For example, the City of Norman is conducting a survey to assess the need for a boundary increase for its National Register listed historic downtown commercial district. The City of Oklahoma City is also utilizing its annual grant to continue a multi-year survey project.

In addition to surveys completed under the CLG Program, the SHPO designs other types of surveys on the basis of the statewide preservation plan and public input and seeks cosponsors through requests for proposals.

One of these is an ongoing survey of barns, conducted in partnership with the Oklahoma State University Department

of Geography. The first phase focused on Southwestern Oklahoma documenting approximately 10 barns per county. The second phase will begin this fall.

The SHPO established a goal to have at least five properties in each of the seventy-seven counties listed on the National Register of Historic Places; currently, for example, only the Major County Courthouse is listed for Major County. In an effort to enhance the information on Major County, SHPO in-house staff is conducting an intensive-level survey focused on documenting standing historic resources in the county. The project results will serve as a guide for the SHPO's future efforts to update information in the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory (OLI).

The survey materials will be on file with the SHPO and will be added to the SHPO's online database over the next few months. To access the OLI database, go to <http://www2.ocgi.okstate.edu/newoli/main.aspx>, and for the survey reports, go to <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoplanning.htm>. The SHPO and the communities involved in the surveys look forward to using the results in planning efforts and to nominating many of the properties to the National Register.

SHPO Accepting Award Nominations

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Oklahoma Historical Society, is now accepting nominations for its 2011 awards program. Know someone who rehabilitated an important historic building in your community? Protects an important archeological site located on their property? Worked with a dedicated group of volunteers to save an endangered historic landmark? Developed a walking tour brochure for a historic district? Help the SHPO recognize the many preservation success stories across the state.

The SHPO's awards program includes the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation and the SHPO's Citation of Merit. The deadline for nominations is 5:00pm, Friday, December 3rd, and candidates will be notified in February

2011. The awards will be presented at the banquet during Oklahoma's 23rd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Guymon (June 8-10, 2011).

The SHPO will accept nominations in either electronic or hard copy format. To request nomination forms and instructions, contact Betty Harris at 405/521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org. Or, obtain the information from the SHPO's website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm.

If you have questions about the awards criteria, contact Melvena Heisch at mheisch@okhistory.org or 405/522-4484.

This Place Matters: Boley, OK



Downtown Boley *Photograph: Preservation Oklahoma*

Please join Preservation Oklahoma for a This Place Matters tour of historic Boley on the afternoon of Friday, December 3rd. Boley is an historically all-Black town in central Oklahoma County. Founded in 1903 as a safe haven for African American railroad workers, the town boomed through the early 1900s with hotels, restaurants, and a Masonic Temple.

Today, a downtown historic district gives a taste of what Boley was like in its heyday, including a bank robbed by Pretty Boy Floyd. On December 3rd, visit the historic sites of downtown Boley, and then stay for an evening of SoulFul Stories, sponsored in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council. For more information about this event, or to bring This Place Matters to your community, please contact POK at 405/525-5325 or at preservationok@preservationok.org.

2011 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places Nomination Form

It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2011, and we need your input. Help us identify Oklahoma's threatened historic resources.

funding, the designation has been a powerful tool to help local organizations raise the awareness of their endangered places.

Since 1993, Preservation Oklahoma has sponsored Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List. It serves as a sample of the thousands of landmarks across Oklahoma in need of our attention. While the listing does not ensure the protection of a site or guarantee

Please complete both pages of this nomination form and return it by November 10, 2010 to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2011 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2011.

1) Nomination Submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

2) Endangered Place/Property Nominated:

Name of Endangered Place _____

Address/Location _____

City/Vicinity _____ County _____

Current Owner _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

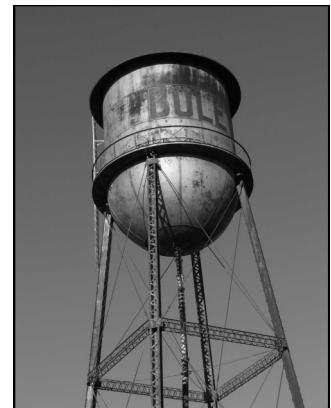
3) Is the current property owner aware of this nomination? Yes _____ No _____



City Hall, Blanchard, Endangered 2009



Hopewell Church, Edmond, Endangered 2010



Water Tower, Boley, Endangered 2005

4) The nominated Endangered Place... (choose one)

- ☐ is a National Historic Landmark, or
- ☐ contributes to a National Historic Landmark District (name of district) _____, or
- ☐ is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or
- ☐ contributes to a National Register district (name of district) _____. Or
- ☐ is individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the State Historic Preservation Office, or
- ☐ contributes to a district determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Office, or
- ☐ is none of the above.

5) The nominated Endangered Place's current condition is best described as:

☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

6) Other than funding for restoration/rehabilitation, what one service could be provided that would assist you in preserving this endangered place?

7) In 150 words or less, explain why you believe this endangered place should be placed on Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2010 (attach additional page if necessary):

8) Please include at least two color photographs showing the current condition of the nominated place. Slides, jpegs, and photographs are acceptable. When appropriate, interior photographs are appreciated. Applications without photographs will be returned as incomplete.

For your convenience, you may also make your nomination by using the nomination form located on the website at www.preservationok.org.

Please return this completed form by November 10, 2010 to:

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and become a member of the Statewide Preservation Network

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