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Preservation Oklahoma Announces 20th Anniversary Celebration



Oklahoma History Center Photo: OHS

Don't miss Preservation Oklahoma's day-long celebration of 20 years of statewide historic preservation outreach, education, and advocacy on Thursday, November 8th, 2012.

Join Preservation Oklahoma at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, in Oklahoma City for the POK@20 Symposium, 10:30am-4pm (doors open at 10am).

The agenda for the day includes:

Revitalization: What's Old is New Again

Preservation Leadership for Tomorrow

Historic Schools as Community Anchors

Preservation: A Tribal Perspective

*Keynote Address by
Vince LeVoi, founder of
Mimosa Tree Capital Partners and
This Land Press*

Tickets for the Symposium are \$15.00 and include lunch. For registration information, contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or email preservation@preservation.org.

After a day of engaging in meaningful discussion about what the next 20 years hold for historic preservation, it's time to celebrate all that's been accomplished, and an exciting vision for the future! Enjoy live music, fun activities, and a celebration like you've never seen before!

Come early and stay late in the evening for Cocktails and Dinner: *POK 20/20 Gala!* The agenda for the evening includes:

*Presentation of
Preservation Oklahoma's Inaugural
Founders' Awards
recognizing significant achievements in the
field of historic preservation*

Screening of POK@20 Anniversary Film

*Keynote Address by author, actor, and
Route 66 Historian Michael Wallis*

For information about tickets, contact POK at 405/525-5325 or email preservationok@preservationok.org, and stay tuned to our website and facebook page! We hope you will join us for a full and exciting day of celebration!

20th Anniversary programming generously supported by The Kirkpatrick Foundation.

POK Announces New Executive Director

Dear Preservationists,

Preservation Oklahoma is excited to introduce new Executive Director, David Pettyjohn. Pettyjohn has already begun assisting with Preservation Oklahoma events and programming development, and will officially start with the organization on October 8th.

Prior to joining Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., David Pettyjohn worked with the Oklahoma Humanities Council for the past eleven years, most recently as Assistant Director. During his tenure at the Council, David worked with communities, individuals, and organizations all over Oklahoma to facilitate cultural programming, demonstrating how our past experiences provide insight into who we are and who we aspire to be. This experience will prove invaluable as he continues to serve Oklahoma communities through Preservation Oklahoma.

David holds an M.A. in History and a B.A. in History/Secondary Education, both from the University of Tulsa. He lives in a 1932 Tudor Revival in Oklahoma City's Shepherd Historic District with his partner Geoff Parks.

We are thrilled to have David's knowledge of Oklahoma communities and strong non-profit background leading Preservation Oklahoma. We know that David will be a great leader for the organization and for historic preservation in Oklahoma.

We also share the news that former Executive Director Katie McLaughlin Friddle is now the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Oklahoma City Planning Department, and staff to the City's Historic Preservation Commission. Katie served as executive director for three

years with professionalism and dedication; we will miss her but wish her the best and look forward to seeing her bring her skills to the preservation of Oklahoma City's important districts, neighborhoods and buildings. She also continues to be involved in and supportive of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.



Preservation Oklahoma's New Executive Director, David Pettyjohn

I would also like to thank our very hardworking board for their service to the organization during this transition. Please show your support of this important organization by becoming a member!

Together in Preservation,
Barrett Williamson
President, POK Board of Directors

2012 National Preservation Conference

This year's National Trust Conference will be held in Spokane, Washington October 30th through November 2nd. Topics will include the intersection of historic preservation with sustainability and the environmental movement, and efforts to make these movements work in partnership rather than competition. Special features will include the first ever National Preservation Conference Powwow, a celebration of the culture and history of the Tribes of the Inland Northwest.

Registration is available online at:
<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/2012-spokane/registration-housing.html>.

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Register Now for the SHPO's December Workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the schedule for its Fall 2012 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 held Wednesday, December 5 through Friday, December 7. All sessions will be held in the Classroom, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City (just northeast of the State Capitol). The workshops are free and open to the public, but the SHPO requests that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 28. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

December 5 (10:30am-12:30pm) - *Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*

In this workshop participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. This session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

December 5 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - *The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*

This half-day workshop is dedicated to a thorough discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally referred to as The Standards, these common sense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether you are involved in a rehabilitation project for the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or just wanting to know the best approach to rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find this session invaluable. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation.

December 6 (10:30am-4:30pm) - *The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants*

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that Federal agencies must consider the effect of their undertakings on archeological and historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Topics addressed in this day-long workshop include the basic requirements of Section 106, the regulations which govern the process, how to determine National Register eligibility, what constitutes

adverse effects, mitigating adverse effects, and streamlining Section 106 review.

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

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

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>.** The SHPO will provide written learning objectives at the workshop and a certificate of attendance the week of December 13th.

If you may have questions about workshop content, contact Melvena Heisch at mheisch@okhistory.org or 405/522-4484 .

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Betty Harris at 405/521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org by 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 28. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.



Oklahoma History Center Photo: OHS

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma Officially Designated THPOs

On August 21, 2012, the Director of the National Park Service (NPS) formally approved the proposal of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the tribe's trust lands in Oklahoma. Then, on August 31, 2012, the director also approved the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma's proposal to assume these duties on their tribal trust lands. Section 101 (d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act authorizes this special designation. The Tribes have assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the Act. In addition, the Tribe have assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the Act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects. The two new THPOs are:

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chascoleman75@yahoo.com

Rhonda Dixon, THPO, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

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With the designation of these tribes, fourteen (14) Oklahoma tribal governments now have formal THPO status, including the Absentee Shawnee, Caddo Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and Wyandotte Nation. For more information about the role of tribal governments in the federal historic preservation program and for a complete list of Oklahoma's THPOs, visit the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/tribalconsultation.htm>.

For a complete list of the 132 tribes that have assumed SHPO functions nationwide, visit the NPS website at http://grants.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm.

New Oklahoma National Register Listings

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce four new National Register of Historic Places listing. The newest listings from Oklahoma include: one historic district, two buildings and a cemetery. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.



Whittier Square, Tulsa Photo: OK SHPO

Whittier Square, located in Tulsa, Tulsa County is significant for the role it played in Community Planning and Development, Commerce and Trade, and for Transportation as it is associated with Route 66. Whittier Square was Tulsa's first suburban shopping center, a commercial nexus for the entire Whittier neighborhood in an early "edge city". Whittier Square represents the reshaping of Tulsa stimulated by oil, early public transportation and the spread of automobile use. The Square was well-established by 1919 by a farm to market road, and when Route 66 was designated in 1926, it ran through the heart of Whittier Square and influenced businesses within the shopping center. In turn, Route

66 stimulated new services within Whittier Square that provided for traveler's wants. Whittier Square was an important location among schools, churches and a community library, and provided a community focus for the large residential area around it. The nomination was prepared by Cathy Ambler, Ph.D. for the Whittier Square Main Street program.

Jamison Cemetery, located in the vicinity of Okay in Wagoner County, is significant as a Muscogee (Creek), Creek Freedmen, and African-American Cemetery serving for over a century, and most likely from antebellum

days. It is directly associated with the freedmen community in Wagoner County, specifically in the southeastern region of Wagoner County which once supported multiple African American churches, a Rosenwald school, residential areas, farms and businesses. The cemetery is also significant as an important part of the American cultural landscape for the once vibrant Creek Freedmen community it represents.



Jamison Cemetery, Wagoner County
Photo: OK SHPO

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The Osler Building, located in the Midtown area of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County is significant as an excellent example of Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival architecture on a multi-story office building. It is also significant for its association with Health/Medicine. The Osler Building, a medical building, housed dentists and many teaching physicians associated with the University of Oklahoma Medical School and Hospital. Here they cared for the sick and promoted good health of their patients. The nomination was prepared by Cathy Ambler, Ph.D.



Osler Building, Oklahoma City
Photo: OK SHPO

Clay Hall, at 311-325 Lakeview Drive, Enid, Garfield County, Oklahoma, is significant for the area of Architecture. It is an excellent example of a mid-twentieth century women's dormitory designed for Phillips University (now Northern Oklahoma College – Enid), Oklahoma's first accredited Christian college. The expansive structure stands on a hill at the southwest corner of the campus, overlooking a small lake and golf course. Prominent local architect Roy W. Shaw designed the

center block of the building in 1941. Clay Hall officially opened in 1946 after significant war-time construction delays. The north and south wings, added in 1951 and 1959 respectively, exhibit the same materials and fenestration patterns as the center block, highlighting the expandable nature of Shaw's original design. Shaped parapets and limestone niches illustrate a restrained expression of the Mission Revival style, while the massing, fenestration, and ornament are distinct characteristics of its institutional residential function. The nomination was prepared by Elizabeth Rosin and Rachel Nugent of Rosin Preservation, LLC.



Clay Hall, Enid 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.

The Overholser Mansion's Scary Tales and Twilight Tour



The Overholser Mansion, Oklahoma City Photo: Lisa Escalon

This Halloween, take a trip back in time to hear the haunted and mysterious tales of Oklahoma's history. For the fourth year, the Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City will host Scary Tales and Twilight Tours, featuring Oklahoma Ghost Story Teller Marilyn Hudson. Visitors will hear the spooky stories of true Oklahoma history, and then get a rare glimpse inside the Overholser Mansion after dark. Previous years' participants have all made it out unscathed...will you?

This special event occurs twice nightly, at 7pm and 8pm, from Thursday, October 25th through Saturday, October 27th, 2012. The Mansion is located at 405 NW 15th Street, just north of downtown Oklahoma City. More information is available on the Overholser Mansion's website, www.overholsermansion.org, or by calling 405/525-5325.

The Overholser Mansion is the historic home of one of Oklahoma City's founding fathers, Henry Overholser. Built in 1903 in what is now the historic Heritage Hills neighborhood, the Mansion is owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society and managed by Preservation Oklahoma. The interior of the Mansion contains many of the Overholser family's belongings, serving as a rare and detailed time capsule into turn of the century high society in Oklahoma City.

The Overholser Mansion is in the midst of an extensive restoration project, but continues to be open for regular tours, in addition to special events throughout the year. Regular tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10am till 3pm, on the hour. Groups larger than 10 people are encouraged to call in advance for reservations.

Contact the Overholser Mansion about group tours, school programming, or about hosting your special event there by calling 405/525-5325 or emailing overholsermansion@preservationok.org.

2013 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places Nomination Form

It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2013, and we need your input. Help us identify Oklahoma's threatened historic resources.

guarantee 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

Please complete both pages of this nomination form and return it by November 2, 2012 to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2013 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2013.

1) Nomination Submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

2) Endangered Place/Property Nominated:

Name of Endangered Place _____

Address/Location _____

Current Owner _____

Owner's Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

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

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

_____ is a National Historic Landmark, or contributes to a National Historic Landmark District

_____ is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or contributes to a National Register district

_____ 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

_____ 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 service could be provided that would assist you in preserving this endangered place (please attach additional page if necessary)?

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 2012 (please attach additional page if necessary):

Please include at least two color photographs showing the current condition of the nominated place. For your convenience, you may also make your nomination by using the on-line nomination form at www.preservationok.org.

Please return this completed form by November 2, 2012 to: Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 405 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103. Please call 405/525-5325 or email preservationok@preservationok.org with questions.

SHPO Accepting Award Nominations

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Oklahoma Historical Society is now accepting nominations for its 2013 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 for a historic district? These and many more projects and activities contribute to the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage. Help the SHPO recognize the many preservation success stories across the state by nominating worthy individuals, agencies, firms, or organizations from your community.

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 7th, and candidates will be notified in February 2013 about the results of the selection process. The awards

will be presented at the banquet during Oklahoma's 25th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Perry (June 5-7, 2013).

The Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation is presented for historic preservation programs or activities that have had statewide impact. The SHPO's Citation of Merit is awarded for noteworthy accomplishments in historic preservation at the state or local level.

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 <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm>.

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

Tulsa's Circle Cinema Theatre Receives NPS Grant



Circle Cinema, Tulsa Photo: OK SHPO

In July the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program announced the award of its FY 2012 cost-share grants to restore historic properties along the "Mother Road." One of them was for the Circle Cinema Theatre Façade Restoration project. The theater is located at 10 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa. The Circle Cinema Theatre Foundation will receive \$23,261 from NPS and match the grant with an equal amount.

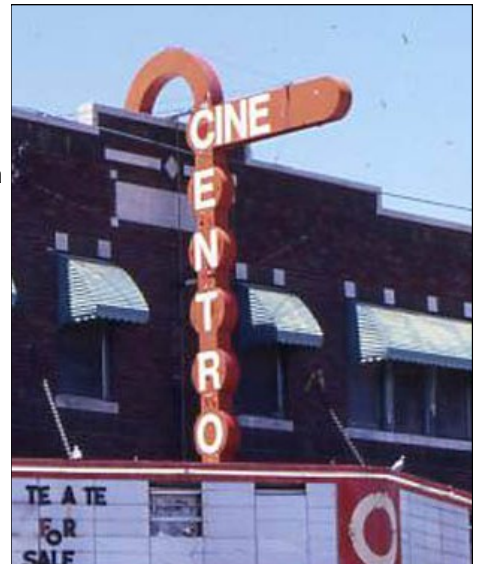
The Circle Cinema was built in 1928 on land east of Tulsa that would soon after become Tulsa's first suburban development. The original construction cost was \$77,000, including a Robert Morton organ that would accompany vaudeville acts and silent movies. The theater remained popular into the 1960s, when interstate construction brought decline to the area. By the 1980s, the theater was in poor

condition and condemned for demolition.

Fortunately, the Circle Cinema Foundation purchased it in 2003 as part of a community development grant. As the only pre-1960s theater remaining in Tulsa, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 7, 2003. The foundation has since undertaken extensive restoration work and reopened the theater. The NPS grant-assisted project will complete facade restoration, including entry doors and ticket window.

This special NPS program has helped preserve several Route 66 properties in Oklahoma, including the Arcadia Round Barn, Bristow's Firestone Service Station, Oklahoma City's Tower Theater marquee, and Tulsa's Meadow Gold sign and Cities Service Station.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/rt66



Circle Cinema, Tulsa Photo: OK SHPO



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and become a member of the Statewide Preservation Network

The mission of Preservation Oklahoma is to promote preservation statewide. As a member, you become part of a vital network of individuals and organizations working to rebuild communities, strengthen neighborhoods, restore historic properties...*you become a part of Oklahoma's future.*

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☐ Check here to receive all future correspondence via email.

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- ☐ Sod House—\$75
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- ☐ Victorian Mansion—\$1500

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- ☐ Sod House—\$500
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- ☐ Victorian Mansion—\$2500
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Visit www.preservationok.org for more information about membership benefits and other opportunities to become involved.