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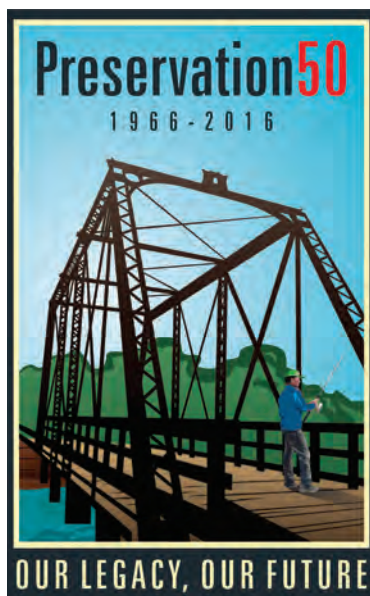
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## OKLAHOMA CELEBRATES THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT



On October 15, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act into law, and the Preservation50 celebration is focusing attention on the importance of the Act to national, state, and local historic preservation efforts. The NHPA and its amendments established the structure and mechanisms for treatment of the Nation's archeological and historic properties, including creation of the National Register of Historic Places.

As part of its Preservation50 activities, the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office and Oklahoma History Center present "Oklahoma Celebrates the National Historic Preservation Act," a photographic exhibit that tells the story of the NHPA's passage and its impacts on the preservation of the buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects that represent the state's rich and diverse heritage. Through a series of twenty-nine photographs, the exhibit explains the National Register criteria and how the NHPA encourages and supports preservation of properties that qualify for the designation. Visit the exhibit in the West Family Hall on the first floor of the OHC, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City through February 2017 (10:00am-5:00pm, Monday – Saturday).

Through its partnership arrangement with the SHPO, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. is developing a traveling version of the OHC exhibit for display in communities across Oklahoma. For information about exhibit locations or to book it for your community, contact David Pettyjohn at 405/525-5325 or [david@preservationok.org](mailto:david@preservationok.org). For information about the National Register and other NHPA programs in Oklahoma, contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm>.

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*2016 Heritage Hills Home Tour. Photo: POK*

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## Overholser Mansion Ghost Hunting Tours in October

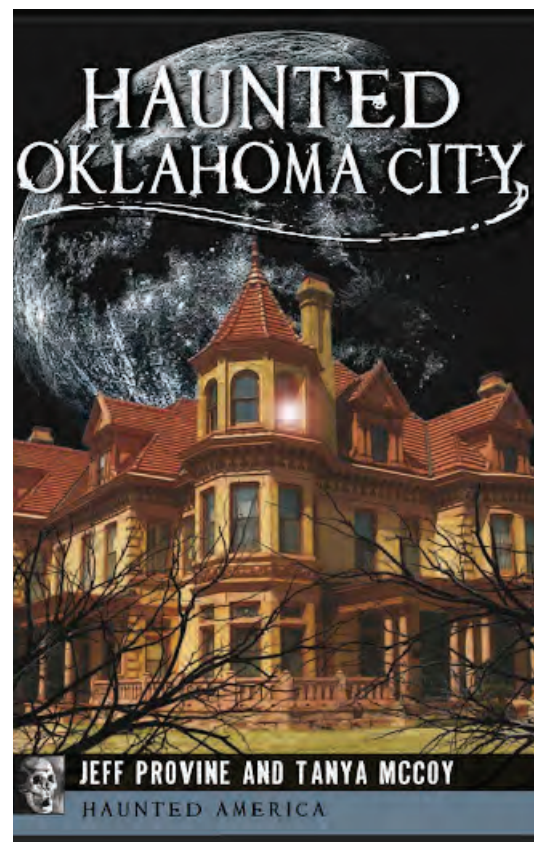
Saturday, October 8      7 p.m.  
Saturday, October 29      7 p.m.  
\$60/person

Have you ever wondered if the Overholser Mansion is haunted? Have you heard the stories about its visitors from the past, the orbs captured in photographs, and unexplained voices? Now is your chance to find out for yourself!

Join us in October when we offer two opportunities to explore the paranormal side of Oklahoma City's first mansion. Led by experts, the tours will include hands-on training of equipment used to locate the spirits of Oklahoma City's earliest residents. The tour begins at 7 p.m. and will conclude in the "haunting hours." Tickets are \$60 per person.

Participants will also receive a signed copy of *Haunted Oklahoma City*, a new book that explores the haunted places of the capital city. Space is limited, so register your spot soon!

Tickets may purchased online at [www.overholsermansion.org](http://www.overholsermansion.org) or by calling the POK office at 405/525-5325. Contact Lisa Escalon, Overholser Mansion Museum Coordinator, at [overholsermansion@preservationok.org](mailto:overholsermansion@preservationok.org) for more information.





# FIRST ANNUAL OKLAHOMA ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

*Rock Shelter Site. Photo: OAS*

October is Oklahoma Archaeology Month. The Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network (OKPAN) invites you to join the celebration and is pleased to announce the first annual Oklahoma Archaeology Conference in Norman, OK, on October 21-22, 2016, and invites you to attend and/or participate! The conference will be an opportunity for Oklahoma's professional and avocational archaeologists to come together and share the work being done in our state, and will include a variety of events, such as:

- Symposia about preservation and current archaeology in our state, structured to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Hands-on photogrammetry workshops
- A combined poster and mixer session
- A banquet with keynote speaker Kary Stackelbeck, Oklahoma's new State Archaeologist
- And much more!

For more information and to register for the conference, please visit <https://okpublicarchaeology.wordpress.com/oklahoma-archaeology-conference/> or email us with questions at [OKArchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:OKArchaeology@gmail.com). Be sure to spread the word and share news of the conference with your colleagues and friends. You can also register at the door, but the fee will be higher (\$15 for students and \$30 for others).



*Spiro Mounds. Photo: OAS*



*Rock Shelter Site. Photo: OAS*

# OTOE-MISSOURIA AND PONCA TRIBES DESIGNATED THPOS

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The Director of the National Park Service (NPS) has formally approved the proposals of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and the Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) duties on their respective tribal trust lands in Oklahoma. Provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) authorize this special designation. The Tribes have assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. Additionally, they have assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the NHPA with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects. Their Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) are:

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580/723-4466 ext. 202  
ewhitehorn@omtribe.org

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THPO  
Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
20 White Eagle Drive  
Ponca City, OK 74601  
580/762-8104  
halona.clawson@ponca.com

With these designations, nineteen (19) Oklahoma tribal governments now have formal THPOs, including the Absentee Shawnee, Caddo Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Ponca Tribe of Indians 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 tribes that have assumed SHPO functions nationwide, visit the NPS website at [http://grantsdev.cr.nps.gov/THPO\\_Review/index.cfm](http://grantsdev.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm).







*Bassett House, Payne County. Photo: SHPO*

## **SHPO AWARDS SUBGRANTS FOR SURVEYS**

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), awarded two subgrants for architectural/historic surveys to Oklahoma State University, Department of Geography. Funding for the surveys is sponsored by the Historic Preservation Fund grant award that the SHPO receives from the U.S. Department of the Interior. The surveys are a component of the ongoing Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey Program, which the SHPO implemented in part to increase the number of resources documented in the state. The Thematic Survey of Oklahoma's Training Airfields, 1941-1945, will document thirteen airfields across Oklahoma that were used by the U.S. Army Air Corps during this period. All of the resources at each airfield except those already on the National Register of Historic Places will be recorded and photographed. The survey recognizes the important role Oklahoma's airfields played in manufacturing supplies and training military personnel during World War II.

The Reconnaissance-Level Survey of Modern Houses in Payne County, Oklahoma, will document a portion of the county's domestic resources constructed between 1946 and 1976. A total of 75 to 100 houses will be recorded and photographed. This survey will advance the SHPO's recent initiative to document modern buildings as they reach the fifty-year age requirement for the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO has already completed a survey of modern architecture in Oklahoma City and published the "Historic Context for Modern Architecture in Oklahoma: Housing from 1946-1976". Both publications can be found on the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoplanning.htm>.

Each survey will also include a historic narrative to contextualize resources and provide a framework to evaluate resource integrity and significance. The SHPO will use the results of both projects to determine which resources in the survey areas are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, which warrant further study to determine eligibility, and to support any resulting National Register nominations. Both surveys will be completed by September 2017.

For more information contact Stephanie Ballard at 405/522-2713 or [sballard@okhistory.org](mailto:sballard@okhistory.org).

# ACHP ISSUES FAQ ON SECTION 304 OF THE NHPA

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The release of information about the location, character, or ownership of an historic property can sometimes risk harm or destruction to the property through looting or uninvited attention. Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) authorizes federal agencies and other public officials who receive grant assistance under the NHPA to withhold sensitive information about historic properties in such situations from public disclosure and thereby prevent harm to those properties. Over the past several years, the ACHP has received numerous questions about how exactly Section 304 works and how officials can utilize its protection in the course of Section 106 review and other preservation activities.

The FAQ's introduction states, in part:

As a federal agency or other public official carries out its historic preservation responsibilities set forth in federal law and regulation, it often finds some kinds of information about historic properties should be protected from disclosure. There are several reasons for not releasing information about the location, character, or ownership of historic properties. For example, it may help prevent

looting or disturbance of a site, or it may help ensure continued use of a site or area by traditional religious practitioners. As part of good planning practice, a federal agency should also begin thinking early about how it will manage and disseminate information generated in the course of review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The new guidance is available online at <http://www.achp.gov/304guidance.html>. In developing this guidance, the ACHP coordinated closely with the NPS Keeper of the National Register to ensure these FAQs identify the most commonly asked questions and provide helpful guidance to Section 106 practitioners as well as members of the public regarding what information may be withheld from disclosure, under what circumstances, and for what reasons.

For information about Section 106 in Oklahoma, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 405/521-6249 or visit <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/section106.htm>. Also, see the information in this issue of Preservation Oklahoma News about the SHPO's December 7 Section 106 workshop.

## NTHP's PASTFORWARD PRESERVATION CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON

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The National Preservation Conference, PastForward, will practically be in our backyard this fall! Join your fellow preservationists around the country in Houston, TX, Nov. 15-18 for PastForward 2016, the premier educational and networking event for those in the business of saving places. This year, PastForward focuses on how preservation can play a greater role in securing healthier, more sustainable, and just cities, especially during the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Be part of the discussions! For more information, including speakers, sessions, local tours, and registration, visit [www.PastForwardConference.org](http://www.PastForwardConference.org). The deadline for online registration is November 11.

Official conference hashtag: #PastForward  
Twitter handle: @savingplaces  
Facebook events page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1556065704722536/>





# REGISTER FOR SHPO'S DECEMBER WORKSHOPS



*Honey Springs Battlefield. Photo: SHPO*

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is pleased to announce the schedule for its Fall 2016 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 7 through Friday, December 9. 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 25. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

## **December 7 (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 7 (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 8 (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 9 (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.

NOTE TO DESIGN PROFESSIONALS: These workshops qualify for HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. The SHPO will provide a certificate of attendance, and participants must self-report their attendance to the board.

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

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521-6249 or [jmatthews@okhistory.org](mailto:jmatthews@okhistory.org) by 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 25. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.



*Long Branch Creek Bridge. Photo: SHPO*

## BAILEY JOINS SHPO STAFF

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The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that Jennifer K. Bailey joined its staff in September, as the Tax Credit Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist. Her responsibilities include assisting owners/developers with applications for the federal and state rehabilitation tax credits, reviewing federal undertakings for their impacts on historic/architectural resources, presenting workshops and other programs about restoration and rehabilitation, and providing general technical assistance on the wide range of historic preservation projects.

For the past three years, Jennifer has served as the coordinator for the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, programs of the SHPO at the Alabama Historical Commission in Montgomery. She holds a Master of Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia, a Master of Arts in Public History (Historic Preservation emphasis) from Oklahoma State University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Louisiana Tech University with a major in English and minors in Art History and Cultural Resources.

Contact Jennifer at 405/522-4479, or visit her at the SHPO, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City.



*Jennifer Bailey. Photo: JB*

## SHPO ACCEPTING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

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The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is now accepting nominations for its 2017 awards program. Individuals, businesses, government agencies, and organizations contribute to the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage through rehabilitation/restoration projects, archeological site protection, field and archival research, publications, and public programming. Previous award recipients are featured on the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm>. Submit a nomination and help the SHPO celebrate accomplishments like these and the many ways the National Historic Preservation Act impacts communities of all sizes.

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 2, 2016, and nomination sponsors and award recipients will receive notice of the results of the selection process in February 2017. The awards will

be presented at the banquet during Oklahoma's 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Oklahoma City (June 7-9, 2017).

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

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

The SHPO accepts nominations in either electronic or hard copy format. To request nomination forms and instructions, contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521-6249 or [jmatthews@okhistory.org](mailto:jmatthews@okhistory.org) or obtain the information from the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm>.



# SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 LIST OF OKLAHOMA'S MOST ENDANGERED PLACES

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It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2017, and we need your input. Help us identify Oklahoma's threatened historic resources. While the listing does not ensure the protection of a site or guarantee funding, the designation has been a powerful tool to help local organizations raise the awareness of their endangered places. Please complete this nomination form and return it by December 1, 2016, to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2017 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2017.

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 determined eligible district 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 2017 (please attach additional page if necessary). \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please include at least two color photographs showing the current condition of the nominated place.

Please return this completed form to: Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 405 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103. Nomination form is also available online at [www.preservationok.org](http://www.preservationok.org). Please call 405/525-5325 or email [david@preservationok.org](mailto:david@preservationok.org) with questions.



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By becoming a member of Preservation Oklahoma, a 501(c)3 organization, you are demonstrating your commitment to historic preservation in our state and your willingness to get involved in the critical issues of preserving Oklahoma's heritage for future generations. Each member increases the strength, power, and presence in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national level. Your membership is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Membership Benefits

In addition to being a part of Oklahoma's preservation community, members of Preservation Oklahoma receive newsletters and email updates on preservation news and issues, invitations to members-only events, free admission to tours and programming throughout the year, and much more!

### Membership Levels:

Sod House:	\$25 Individual	\$75 Family
Bungalow:	\$100 Individual	\$300 Family
Victorian Mansion:	\$500 Individual	\$1,500 Family

Corporate, Institution, and Senior/Student Levels are also available.

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!