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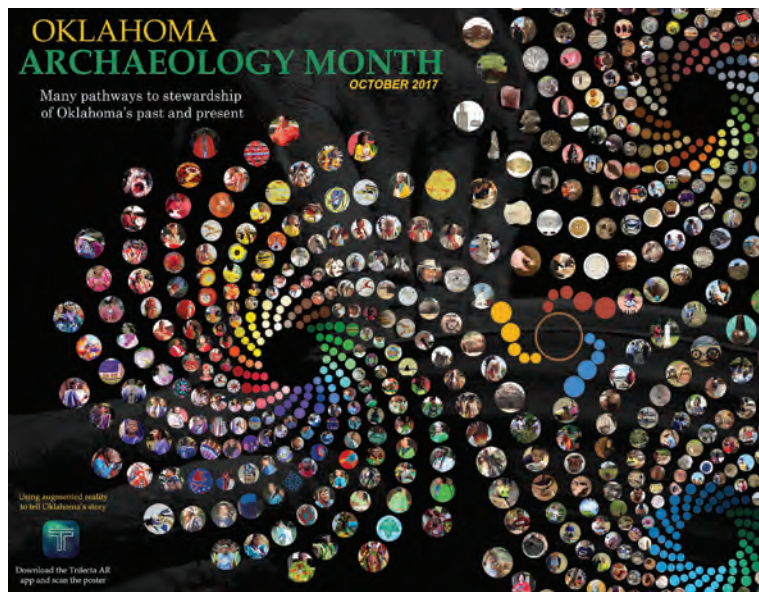
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DIG INTO THE PAST: OKLAHOMA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH IS BACK



October is Archaeology Month in Oklahoma. Throughout the month, archaeologists and museums will share their knowledge and experiences with communities across the state by hosting a wide variety of public events.

Discover Oklahoma's past with tours of archaeological sites and historic buildings such as the Fort Towson and George M. Murrell Home historic sites, artifact roadshows, "Science in Action" and "Archaeology Day" at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, and even a "haunted lab" at one of The University of Oklahoma's archaeology labs. There will be more than 20 entertaining and educational activities for adults and kids alike.

Organized by the Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network (OKPAN), Oklahoma Archaeology Month spotlights the archaeology and history of Oklahoma. Special events target public audiences with the goal of raising awareness of the diverse archaeological and cultural preservation projects that blanket the state while promoting public involvement in archaeology.

"The Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network promotes stewardship and public appreciation of Oklahoma's diverse heritage by building bridges among communities that share a passion for the past," says Bonnie Pitblado, Ph.D, professor of anthropology at The University of Oklahoma and OKPAN's executive director.

For more information and a schedule of all of 2017's Archaeology Month events, visit okpan.org or follow our Facebook page "Oklahoma Archaeology Month."

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Coleman Theatre Beautiful, Miami. Photo: POK

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GHOST TOURS AND SCARY TALES AT THE OVERHOLSER MANSION

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 several opportunities to explore the paranormal side of Oklahoma City's first mansion.

Ghost hunting tours will take place on Saturday, October 14, and Saturday, October 28. Led by Oklahoma Paranormal Association, these tours will include hands-on training of equipment used to locate the spirits of Oklahoma City's earliest residents. The tours begin at 7 pm and conclude at 11 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Scary Tales and Twilight Tours will take place on Thursday, October 19, and Friday, October 20. Visitors will hear the spooky stories of true Oklahoma history, and then get a rare glimpse inside the Overholser Mansion after dark. The tours begin at 7 pm on Thursday, October 19, and at 7 pm and 8:30 pm on Friday, October 20. Tickets are \$20 per person.

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

A DESIGNER HOLIDAY

For decades, the Henry Overholser Mansion served as the place for holiday parties and festivities. The home was adorned with decorations, and the rooms were filled with merriment and yuletide cheer. This year, those days return when Preservation Oklahoma presents *A Designer Holiday at the Overholser Mansion*.

Local designers from Interior Gilt, Winter House Interiors, A-Line Designs, Trochta's Flowers & Garden Center, and Calvert's Plant Interiors have been selected to decorate rooms in the Overholser Mansion in their own unique style. The home will feature holiday trees and mantles reflecting styles from modern to traditional. Freedom Lawn Care will install holiday lights brightening the home's exterior for neighbors and motorists. The home will be open for tours throughout the season during normal operating hours.

Of course, the holidays wouldn't be complete without a dinner to kick off the event. For the first time in over a decade, a special preview dinner will take place in the mansion on Tuesday, November

28. The dinner will feature holiday music and a chance to meet with designers. Seating is very limited. Tickets are \$150 each and all proceeds will be used towards the upkeep and maintenance of the mansion.

For more information, please contact David Pettyjohn at 405/525-5325 or david@preservationok.org.



CHANGES AT SHPO

*Melvina Heisch
Deputy SHPO (retired)*



Washita Battlefield Historic Site. Photo: POK

Dear Oklahoma Preservation Friends and Colleagues:

As many of you know, I retired as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer on October 1. It was my great honor and pleasure to work with all of you for the past 41-plus years. It is so rewarding to see the development of Oklahoma's preservation programs demonstrated in the work of federal agencies, tribal governments, state and local governments, and the private sector. The SHPO staff and I thank all of you for your work and look forward to our continued working relationships. While I have retired from the SHPO, I plan to remain an advocate for historic preservation and hope to work with you in new ways.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce the new Deputy SHPO and two other new staff members. Due to budget reductions, we left our Certified Local Governments Coordinator position open since Glen Roberson's retirement a year ago, and another vacancy recently occurred when Stephanie Ballard resigned as our Survey Coordinator to return home to Virginia.



Lynda Ozan

Lynda Schwan Ozan has been appointed to serve as Oklahoma's Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. Lynda has served as the SHPO's Architectural Historian and National Register Program Coordinator since May 2008. An Ohio native, she has degrees in history and historic preservation and brings over 20 years of preservation experience to her new position. Lynda's research interests span architectural and cultural history and colonial America. She has conducted research in westward expansion settlement patterns; indentured servitude; and modern architectural styles. She is the author of numerous National Register of Historic Places nominations and published journal articles, most recently an article for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* on "The Architectural Legacy of Oklahoma." Contact Lynda at 405/522-4478 or lozan@okhistory.org.



David Chunn

Changes at SHPO *continued.*

David Chunn joined the SHPO staff on September 15 as the Historian/Survey Coordinator. He holds a B.A. in history/political science from Auburn University and completed studies in city and regional planning at the University of Memphis. Before joining the SHPO staff, David served as a Planner in the Department of Planning, City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he staffed the city's historic preservation commission and managed its certificate of appropriateness process. Contact David at 405/522-2713 or dchunn@okhistory.org.

Jennifer (Jen) Jones joined the SHPO staff on September 1 as the Certified Local Governments Program Coordinator/Preservation Planner. She holds an M.A in history with an emphasis on historic preservation and museum studies from Oklahoma State University; an M.A. in archaeology and heritage management from the University of Leicester, Leicester, UK; and a B.A. in history and English from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford. Since 2014, Jen has served as Architectural Historian/Historian for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, cultural resources program. Jen has taught at the college level and owned her own preservation consulting firm, writing several National Register of Historic Places nominations. Contact Jen at 405/521-6387 or jjones@okhistory.org.

I am sure that you will enjoy working with Lynda, Jen, and David in their new positions. The SHPO is currently recruiting candidates for the Architectural Historian/National Register Coordinator position that Lynda previously held and hopes to fill the position soon.

Thank you for working with the SHPO staff and me for the past 40-plus years to preserve Oklahoma's heritage, and I wish you great success in the future.

LOETHER NAMED KEEPER OF THE REGISTER

In June 2017, Stephanie Toothman, Keeper of the National Register, retired from the National Park Service. J. Paul Loether was authorized to serve as Keeper of the National Register and to carry out the responsibilities of the NPS for maintaining the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, including the National Historic Landmarks Program.

Before joining the NPS staff in January 2007, Loether served as the Director of Culture for the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Connecticut. Prior to his work with the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, he served as both Acting Director and a National Register and Historic Restoration Specialist with the Connecticut Historical Commission. Previous to his service with the State of Connecticut, he headed his own historic preservation consulting firm for two years and served as the Director of Technical Services at the New Haven Preservation Trust. Loether began his career in historic preservation in 1978 as the Assistant Director of the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust. He holds a Masters of Arts degree in public policy and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, both from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Loether served as the closing plenary speaker for Oklahoma's 2011 statewide preservation conference in Guymon and returned to participate as a speaker at the 2013 conference held in Perry.



Oklahoma State Bank Building. Photo: NPS

PRESERVATION IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*Lynda Ozan
Deputy SHPO*

Not every preservation project happens in the major cities in Oklahoma. Not every preservation project happens because of financial incentives. Sometimes preservation happens because of passion, family history and community pride and in this quarter's newsletter we stop to look at two examples.

Lucille's, historically known as the Oklahoma State Bank Building, is located in Mulhall in Logan County. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Built in 1908, the bank served as the original location for Lucille's, a restaurant in the small downtown business district of Mulhall. The restaurant operates out of a building across the street now, but the historic location is well maintained including the original ornate tin cornice and rusticated masonry walls. Part of the Lucille's experience is learning about the Mulhalls: Zach Mulhall, the community's first mayor and his daughter, Lucille, who participated in Wild West shows as an expert roper, rider and marksman. Lucille's preserves an important building in Mulhall as well as the community's history.

Sixty-five miles south of Oklahoma City is the town of Wynnewood in Garvin County. At the corner of East Kerr Boulevard and South Dean A McGee Avenue is Mettry's Department Store, clothiers since 1900. The current owner, Craig Mettry, the grandson of the original outfitter, saved much of the historic building

while bringing Mettry's department store up to the city's building codes. The biggest improvement includes the removal of the drop ceiling which now exposes the transom windows and large wood beams.

As Oklahomans, we have seen 120+ years of building and preservation on our great landscape and we stand ready to face a new, unclear, and challenging future. Our future is one that works to save the architectural legacy of all communities in Oklahoma.



Mettry's Department Store. Photo: NewsOK

NATIONAL CONFERENCES, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND RESOURCES

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) presents a new suite of online courses designed to provide historic preservation professionals and stakeholders with training in the use of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect historic properties.

The course catalog also includes a FREE online course, "What is Section 106?" Designed for the general public, it provides a broad overview of the Section 106 review process and the opportunities for the public to play a role in such reviews.

The catalog includes "Successfully Navigating Section 106 Reviews: An Orientation for Applicants," targeted toward applicants for federal permits and assistance to help them understand, support and participate in Section 106 reviews. Other new courses concern the coordination of NEPA and Section 106.

These courses are part of the ACHP's broader training program that also includes onsite courses and webinars. On-demand courses are available any time of the day or night for a nominal fee. For more information about the courses and instructions to register, go to <http://www.achp.gov/elearning.html>.

National Park Service:

The updated version of *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* is available from Technical Preservation Services (TPS) at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/treatment-guidelines-2017.pdf>.

The guidelines have been updated to ensure that they continue to reflect best practices in historic preservation; apply to 20th-century building types, materials, and systems now considered historic; and incorporate modern methods and technologies. The standards themselves have not been changed. Additional information about the updated guidelines describing the changes that have been made from the prior version of the publication is also available from the TPS website listed above. Hard copies can be purchased from the Government Printing Office.

The National Park Service recently launched its Directory of NPS Community Assistance Programs. The 54 programs outlined in the directory provide funding, technical assistance, and other resources to community groups for historic preservation, investment in historic sites, recreation and improved access to public lands, and education and professional development in and outside national parks.

Community assistance programs of the National Park Service empower local organizations to advance historic preservation and conservation work in rural and urban communities across the United States. These programs serve as economic drivers, transforming underutilized places into community assets that enhance quality of life and boost local economies through tourism and job creation.

The directory is available at <https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/community-assistance.htm>.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions:

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is pleased to announce the eleventh biennial FORUM to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 18-22, 2018. NAPC will be joined by the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office, which will host a statewide conference in conjunction with FORUM.

FORUM 2018 is designed for local preservation commissions, design review boards, Main Street programs and their staff and partners, but all are welcome!

- Learn the latest trends and receive valuable training through a combination of educational sessions, tours and workshops.
- Gain AIA and AICP CE credits.
- Network with your fellow preservationists and professionals in the field.

For more information on attending FORUM 2018, becoming a sponsor, and submitting session topic proposals, contact NAPC at director@napcommissions.org or 757/802-4141. For more information about NAPC and its programs, visit www.napcommissions.org.

REGISTER FOR SHPO'S DECEMBER WORKSHOPS



Seminole Municipal Building. Photo: NPS

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), announces its schedule for its Fall 2017 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 5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 29. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

December 6 (10:30am-12:30pm) - 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 *The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.

December 6 (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 *Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*.

December 7 (10:30am-4:30pm) - The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants

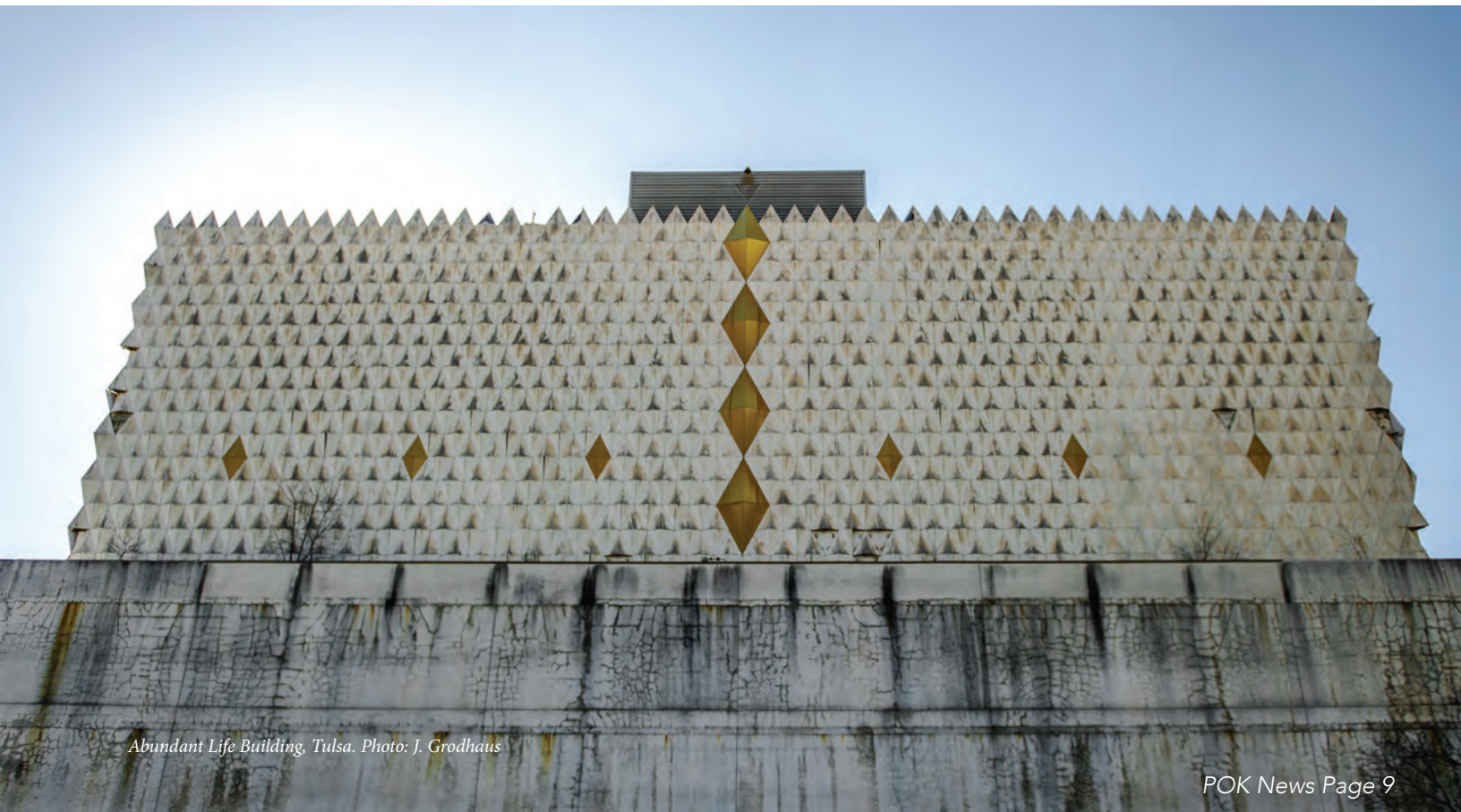
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that federal agencies must consider the effect of their undertakings on archeological and historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Topics addressed in this day-long workshop include the basic 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 8 (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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: These workshops may 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 workshops, and participants self report or document their attendance per policies of the respective boards.

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521-6249 or jmatthews@okhistory.org by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 29. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.



SHPO ACCEPTING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is now accepting nominations for its 2018 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 5:00 pm, Friday, December 1, 2017, and nomination sponsors and award recipients will receive notice of the results of the selection process in February 2018. The awards will be presented at the banquet during Oklahoma's 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Tulsa (June 6-8, 2018).

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.

The SHPO accepts nominations in either electronic or hard copy format. Obtain the nomination forms and instructions from the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm>. To request nomination forms and instructions or to ask questions, call the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or email jmatthews@okhistory.org.

NTHP's PASTFORWARD PRESERVATION CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO



Register Today for PastForward Preservation Conference in Chicago. Join your preservation peers and colleagues from across the country in Chicago, Nov. 14-17, for the premier educational and networking event for those who are passionate about saving places. This year, PastForward explores the next generation of preservation tools and techniques. Don't miss out—register today at PastForwardConference.org.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 LIST OF OKLAHOMA'S MOST ENDANGERED PLACES

It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2018, 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, 2017, to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2018 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2018.

1) Nomination Submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

2) Endangered Place/Property Nominated:

Name of Endangered Place _____

Address/Location _____

Current Owner _____

Owner's Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email 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 or contributes to an eligible district for the National Register of Historic Places as determined 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 2018 (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. Please call 405/525-5325 or email david@preservationok.org with questions.



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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!