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POK Seeking Nominations for 2019 Most Endangered Places

It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2019, 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, 2018, to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2019 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2019.

See form on Page 11 for submission requirements, or visit the POK website, www.preservationok.org.



Blue Whale of Catoosa, Photo: POK

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Meadow Gold Sign, Tulsa, Photo: POK

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Mail all correspondence to Preservation Oklahoma.



Designer Holiday at the Overholser Mansion

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 its second annual Designer Holiday at the Overholser Mansion.

Local designers from Scout Studios, Winter House Interiors, Nottingham Antiques, Hannah Sutter Interiors, 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. A special preview dinner will take place in the mansion on Tuesday, December 4. The dinner will feature holiday music and a chance to meet with designers. Seating is very limited. Tickets are \$160 each and all proceeds will be used towards the upkeep and maintenance of the mansion, including upcoming Carriage House renovations.



Scary Tales tours return to the Overholser Mansion for 3 nights!

Scary Tales will take place on Thursday, October 25, Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27. Visitors will hear the spooky stories of Oklahoma history and get a rare glimpse inside the Overholser Mansion after dark. The tours begin at 7pm and attendees will meet in the Carriage House.

Tickets for this event have sold out, but there is a waitlist available. Visit Henry Overholser Mansion on Facebook or contact director@preservationok.org to be added to the list.

State Plan Update

Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan is due for an update! The State Plan sets forth the Oklahoma preservation community's goals and objectives for the next five years. The next state plan will cover 2020-2024. For further information about the update of the state plan, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 405/521-6249.

The current state plan update schedule is as follows:

October 18 & 24, 2018

Review with input from OHS/HPC and HPRC

November 1, 2018

Distribute questionnaire statewide (POK newsletter in October will announce, listserves, social media, outgoing mail and other available outlets)

December 5-7, 2018

SHPO Workshops (106, Tax Credits & NRHP)

December 21, 2018

Due date for all responses to the questionnaire

January 17 & 23, 2019

Review input from public with OHS/HPC and HPRC

March 1, 2019

Preliminary Draft of Updated State Plan made available for public review and comment (Also sent to NPS for comment)

May 3, 2019

All comments on preliminary draft State Plan due to SHPO

June 3, 2019

Second draft State Plan made available for public review and comment (Also sent to NPS for comment)

July 5, 2019

All comments on second draft State Plan due to SHPO

September 13, 2019

Final Draft State Plan submitted to National Park Service for approval

November 2019

NPS approval of Final Draft State Plan expected

December 2019

Web version uploaded to SHPO website

January 2020

SHPO begins publicizing availability of updated State Plan and encouraging partners to participate in its implementation

Any updates to the schedule for participating in the state plan update process will be available online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm>.



2018 Wood Window Restoration Workshop, Photos: POK

Wood Window Restoration Workshop

A Wood Window Restoration Workshop was recently hosted at the Overholser Mansion by Wood Window Rescue in conjunction with Preservation Oklahoma, sponsored by City of Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Commission. Attendees received instruction on how to remove, repair, and reinstall historic wood windows, including reinstallation of sash weights, reglazing, and repair of deteriorated wood.. The workshop format included a classroom setting at the Overholser Mansion. The next day, attendees got the chance to put their newly learned skills to use at Cross & Crown Mission in Oklahoma City. They removed, repaired, and reinstalled six wood windows at the historic church, improving their functionality, efficiency and appearance.

This workshop was funded through the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office's Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Under the CLG program, local governments that enforce appropriate historic preservation zoning ordinances are delegated certain SHPO responsibilities, receive federal matching funds for development of their local preservation program, and participate in the National Register of Historic Places nomination process. For detailed information, contact Shea Otley at 405/522-4485 or sjotley@okhistory.org.



“Social media has taken over in America to such an extreme that to get my own kids to look back a week in their history is a miracle, let alone 100 years.”

- Steven Spielberg



Old Maid Cards, Photo: SHPO

Today's preservationists have served their role for years, many, many years. We have reached the point where many are retiring. What does that mean for the state of Oklahoma? Working professionals are reaching out to the youth in Oklahoma to not only pass down their knowledge but hopefully to light a spark that will find our future replacements rising through the educational ranks to join the work force, doing a much better job than current preservationists ever could.

While the State Historic Preservation Office routinely works with college students from the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, the University of Tulsa and the University of Arkansas, staff has not had the opportunity to work with younger-aged students. However, there are other organizations and communities that are joining forces to help promote preservation in their communities through new and innovative ways.

In Newkirk, a Main Street community, the Junior Main Streeters took preservation to a new level. In collaboration with the Main Street Design Committee and the Newkirk Community Historical Society, the Junior Main Street students created a “Good Luck” card game (think Old Maid for the older preservationist readers). The objective was to highlight and teach adults and students in Newkirk and beyond about the historic buildings of downtown Newkirk. The Junior Main Street students photographed the buildings as they are today and then used the Historical Society's collection of historic photographs to find the historic match. In the game, the players match the historic photographs of the buildings to the current photograph. The first 25 decks sold out immediately and a second printing had to be ordered. This is a great example of multigenerational groups working together on an educational and fun project.

In McClain County, students of the Washington High School Honor Society along with the McClain County Board of Commissioners have worked diligently to maintain the historic Jack Brown Cemetery near Cole.



Student at Jack Brown Cemetery, Photo: SHPO

The cemetery was included in Preservation Oklahoma's 2010 list of Most Endangered Historic Places. After the listing, McClain County Commissioner Wilson Lyles took an interest in the cemetery. He contacted the Washington High School Honor Society and enlisted the students' support. For many years, the Washington High School Honor Society adopted the cemetery, providing volunteer labor to clean and maintain the grounds. The cemetery is named for a Chickasaw Freedman sharecropper. It contains four marked graves and several unmarked graves and was rapidly being lost to deterioration and overgrowth. The efforts of the students and the County Commissioners have ensured that this special place will not be forgotten.

The Amber-Pocasset Elementary School received an Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust grant in 2015. With iPads purchased for their classroom as their tools, the third grade class produced an iMovie about the Pocasset Gymnasium, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places and on Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Most Endangered Places list. The students interviewed community members, collected historic photographs and took new photographs of the building for use in their documentary. While learning about using technology, the class learned about local history, the Great Depression and the New Deal. The entire community also learned about the challenges and importance of preserving local heritage through the students' work.

If you are interested in developing a program in your community or you would like to recognize the work being done in your community by the youth, please contact Lynda Ozan at lozan@okhistory.org or 405/522-4484.

Beasley Named Keeper of the Register

In June 2018, Joy Beasley was named Keeper of the National Register, replacing J. Paul Loether. Beasley is authorized to serve as the “Keeper” and to carry out the responsibilities of the National Park Service for maintaining the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act. This responsibility includes the National Historic Landmark Program.

Beasley has a long tenure with the National Park Service including serving as a cultural resource manager, an acting superintendent, and a cultural resource program manager within the National Park System. She has also served as the Chief in the Cultural Resources division in NPS in the National Capital Region as well as the Associate Director of Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science in the National Park Service.

Along with Beasley is the addition of Dr. Julie Earnstein as the Deputy Keeper and the Acting Chief of the National Register and National Historic Landmarks programs. Earnstein brings with her previous experience with the National Park Service as an archeologist as well as working for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.

Otley Promoted on SHPO Staff

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce that Shea Otley has been promoted to the Certified Local Governments coordinator. Shea is a graduate of Oklahoma City University and has been with the office since 2002. Shea can be reached at 405/522-4485 or email sjotley@okhistory.org.



1915 John W-John J Krieger Family Farm, Photo: SHPO

Centennial Farm and Ranch Program: Settlement Patterns in Oklahoma

For almost thirty years, the Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program (a joint program of the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture) has recognized families throughout the state of Oklahoma for the accomplishments of not only themselves but also their ancestors. Those ancestors came from across the borders from Kansas, Texas and Arkansas, and they came from lands much farther away across the oceans. Many were even here long before those settlers came. The common factor among them all is the families have kept those properties within their families for at least 100 years.

The State Historic Preservation Office has initiated a project mapping the settlement patterns of our centennial farm & ranch families. Preliminary research has been incredibly lucrative. For those families whose original occupant(s) or their parents were born outside of the United States, the overwhelmingly predominant country of origin was Germany, followed by Russia, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. Those from the United States were most often born in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, and Iowa. In addition to those from near and far, many of the Oklahoma centennial farm & ranch original occupants were American Indian and had been here far longer than the land runs that opened the homesteads to all.

The patterns currently show a clear indication that each of these groups settled amongst themselves, creating communities specific to their own history and culture, especially among those from European countries. The goal of the State Historic Preservation Office is to document the communities developed by these groups as they settled across the state and identify the histories associated with each.

If your property has been recognized as an Oklahoma Centennial Farm & Ranch Program recipient, and you would like to share your family's history, or if you are interested in becoming an Oklahoma centennial farm or ranch, please contact Shea Otley at sjotley@okhistory.org or 405/522-4485. You may also obtain the family genealogy and history questionnaire or an application at www.okhistory.org/shpo/farmandranch.htm.

SHPO Announces December Workshop Series

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce its December Workshop series. The sessions will be held December 5-7, 2018, in the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City.

The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Tuesday, December 4. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. To register, contact Jesse Matthews at 405/521- 6249 or jmatthews@okhistory.org. You may also register online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php. Design professionals who attend the workshops will 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. A certificate of attendance will be emailed to participants after the workshops. Self-report your attendance to the board.

If you have questions about the content of the workshops, contact Lynda Ozan, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTIONS:

December 5 (10:30am-12:00noon) - Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

(presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

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. The session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to the Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

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

(presented by Jennifer Bailey, Tax Program Coordinator/Historic Preservation Specialist)

The workshop features a discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally known as The Standards, these commonsense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether pursuing the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits for a certified rehabilitation, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find the session beneficial. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

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

(presented Cate Wood, Historical Archeologist/Section 106 Program Coordinator)

The workshop provides the basics about the review process in Oklahoma under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Topics include who are the participants in the process and what are their roles, identification and evaluation of historic properties, determination of effects on historic properties, and resolution of adverse effects. Step-by-step instructions will be provided for requesting the State Historic Preservation Office's comments on federal undertakings and for completing the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form for standing structures.

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

(presented by Sara Werneke, National Register of Historic Places Program Coordinator)

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.

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the new applications for the SHPO's Citation of Merit. Nominations for projects which recognize the preservation of Oklahoma's heritage through rehabilitation/restoration, publications, archeological site protection, field and archival research, and public programming are now accepted throughout the year. Citation of Merit awards will be given quarterly in recognition of projects that impact communities of all sizes in Oklahoma.

The Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation recognizes historic preservation programs or activities that have a statewide impact. The deadline for nomination for the Shirk Memorial Award is 5:00pm, December 7, 2018. The nomination sponsor and award recipients will receive notice in February 2019. The award will be presented at the luncheon during the annual Statewide History and Historic Preservation Conference in Chickasha, April 24-26, 2019.

The SHPO accepts nominations in either electronic or hard copy format. To obtain a copy of the form and instructions please visit the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm>. If you have any questions about the Citation of Merit or the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation, contact Lynda Ozan at 405/522-4484 or lozan@okhistory.org.



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 in the National Register of Historic Places, or contributes to a National Register district
_____ is individually eligible for listing in 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 2018 (please attach additional page if necessary).

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

Please return this completed form to:
Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.,
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Nomination form is also available online at www.preservationok.org.



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Membership Benefits

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

Membership Levels:

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

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