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Nominations Sought for POK's 2022 Most Endangered Places List

It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2022, 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 the nomination form and return it by December 3, 2021, to Preservation Oklahoma. The Selection Committee will announce the 2022 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2022.

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





Flour Mills, Yukon. Photo: POK

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Preservation Oklahoma is currently seeking board members from the Tulsa and rural areas. If you are interested in serving on the Preservation Oklahoma Board of Directors, please contact Executive Director, Chantry Banks, director@preservationok.org.

VFW Hall, Locust Grove. Photo: POK

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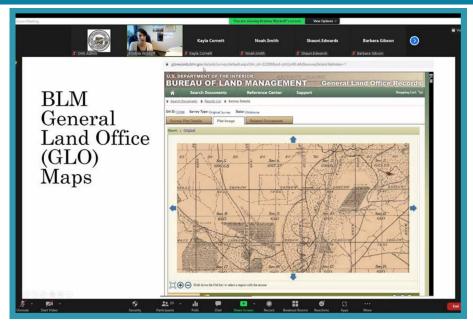
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Mail all correspondence to Preservation Oklahoma.

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SHPO Virtual Training Opportunities



COVID-19 has taught the SHPO staff some very important lessons over the past year:

- 1) Interaction with our community is very important
- 2) Not all interaction must be in-person

During the months of May and June of 2021, the SHPO moved their Section 106, National Register of Historic Places, Tax Credits, and Secretary of the Interior Standards workshops to a virtual platform which resulted in the largest attendance at any of the workshops since the SHPO started recording attendance numbers.

Taking cues from programming suggestions and the needs of our community, the SHPO will be offering training, educational and/or how-to opportunities every month. The most recent class on preparing mapping for Section 106 projects occurred on September 8, 2021.

Watch for our calendar of events page for new opportunities: https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/events and register to attend at https://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshopregistration.

Introducing Matthew Pearce

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce that Matthew Pearce has joined the staff as the new National Register of Historic Places Coordinator. Matthew is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma with a Ph.D. in History. Matthew can be reached at 405-522-4479 or mpearce@ okhistory.org. Matthew grew up on a ranch in Colorado so his passion for farming and ranching runs deep and will serve as a great asset to the SHPO and the people of Oklahoma.





Matthew masked and unmasked! Photo: SHPO

New National Register Listings in Oklahoma

The National Register is a catalog of the buildings, sites, structures, districts and objects significant in our past. Listing in the National Register provides recognition, limited protections 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 Matthew Pearce, National Register of Historic Places Program Coordinator, at 405/522-4479 or mpearce@okhistory.org.

All of the nominations located within the state of Oklahoma can be found by visiting: http://nr2_shpo.okstate.edu/



Kimbrough Temple, Ponca City. Photo: SHPO

- House Building, Bristow, Creek County
- Turpin Elevator (Additional Documentation), Turpin, Beaver County
- Bridgeport Bridge, Bridgeport vicinity, Caddo County
- Young Cemetery, Ardmore vicinity, Carter County
- Sapulpa Downtown Historic District (Additional Documentation), Sapulpa, Creek County
- Alcorn-Pickrel House, Ponca City, Kay County
- Kimbrough Temple C.M.E. Church, Ponca City, Kay County
- Nickles Machine Shop, Ponca City, Kay County
- Old City Hall, Theater and Masonic Lodge, Heavener, Le Flore County
- Hotel Lowrey, Poteau, Le Flore County
- Schultz-Neal Stone Barn, Red Rock vicinity, Noble County
- Brockway Community Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- Heritage Hills East Historic District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- McClean House, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- Villa Teresa Historic District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County
- Mine Rescue Station Building (Additional Documentation), McAlester, Pittsburg County
- 100 Block North Greenwood, Tulsa, Tulsa County.
- Tulsa Boys' Home Historic District, Tulsa, Tulsa County
- First United Methodist Church, Bartlesville, Washington County



100 Block North Greenwood, Tulsa. Photo: SHPO POK News Page 4



Old City Hall, Theater, and Masonic Lodge, Heavener. Photo: SHPO

Request for Proposals Now Being Accepted at POK



VFW Hall, Locust Grove. Photo: POK

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. (POK) is soliciting proposals from professionally qualified individuals to prepare a National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the VFW Hall in Locust Grove (Mayes County). Partial funding for the project is a federal matching grant-in-aid from the State Historic Preservation Office's allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund.

Interested individuals should submit a proposal consisting of a letter of interest, a resume (which clearly demonstrates that the individual meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for a historian, architectural historian, or architect), a list of successfully completed National Register of Historic Places nominations prepared within the last ten (10) years, a proposed schedule for project completion (all work must be completed by June 1, 2022, and the schedule must include a sixty (60) day review period for the OK/SHPO to evaluate the consultant's work), and a fixed price for completion of the nomination (including, but not limited to, consultant time, travel, photography, mapping, duplicating, and supplies).

The final product shall be an acceptably completed and packaged National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the referenced property prepared in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Evaluation and Registration and the Oklahoma National Register of Historic Places Nomination and Request for Formal Determination of Eligibility Manual. It is understood that the consultant selected to complete this project will be responsible for making any revisions to the registration form or accompanying materials that may be required by the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society. Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. reserves the right not to award this project or to negotiate terms set forth in the proposal.

All proposals received by December 1, 2021 will be considered. The proposal must be submitted to:

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. Attn: Chantry Banks, Executive Director 405 NW 15th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73103

Questions: director@preservationok.org or 405/525-5325.

POK Welcomes New Board Members



Dr. Stacy Reaves. Photo: Reaves Research & Consulting

in July. Executive Director Chantry Banks says, "We are excited to welcome Stacy and Sandino to the board and look forward to their contributions to the organization. Each brings a unique persepective and years of experience to the board. Their presence will be invaluable as we move forward." **Dr. Stacy Reaves** is the Sr. Historian for Reaves Research and Consulting. The company offers National Register and National Historical Landmark nominations, and updates as well as historical research for federal, state and local agencies. Reaves holds a Ph.D and M.A. in history from Oklahoma

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors: Dr. Stacy Reaves and Mr. Sandino L. Thompson. Reaves and Thompson joined the board at the beginning of the current fiscal year

local agencies. Reaves holds a Ph.D and M.A. in history from Oklahoma State University and a M.S. in Historic Preservation from Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Reaves has worked as museum curator and museum executive director for the National Park Service and for local historical museums and agencies. She also worked as an adjunct professor of history and geography for Tulsa Community College for 17 years. Reaves resides in

Jenks, Oklahoma, with her husband George and three daughters.



Sandino Thompson. Photo: Public Strategies

Sandino L. Thompson is a community developer and leader with a passion for social innovation and inclusive development. He has over 20 years of experience successfully managing multimillion-dollar commercial and residential construction projects encompassing design/build, new construction, complete renovation, and historic preservation throughout the United States. Mr. Thompson has combined this experience with an extensive number of community and economic development initiatives focused on neighborhood stability and revitalization. He is heavily involved in the redevelopment efforts of Northeast Oklahoma City, a traditionally African American community that has experienced generations of disadvantage and disinvestment.

His activities include consultation design and investment in numerous projects and partnerships that improve the physical infrastructure of the built environment while expanding social infrastructure that provides for a more resilient and sustainable community. He has led public/private partnerships to positively impact human self-sufficiency through affordable housing; primary, secondary, and higher education reform; adolescent health and youth development; and adult education, employment and workforce development through his executive roles at Public Strategies and It's My Community Initiative. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management Engineering with a minor in Political Science from Oklahoma State University.

History and Haunts at the Overholser

After being cut short due to the ice storm of October 2020, POK is happy to bring back History and Haunts at the Overholser! Guests will go on an after-hours tour of the Henry and Anna Overholser Mansion and see the home in its nighttime splendor. Learn the history of the home and its occupants (some still roaming the halls) and have time to explore on your own. Limited tickets are still available for Saturday, October 9, and Friday, October 15. The tour begins promptly at 7pm. The tour is limited to 25 guests per night and masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the POK website, www.preservationok.org.



Applications Open for Heritage Preservation Grant Program

The Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program is a grants-in-aid program offered by the Oklahoma Historical Society with a goal of encouraging the collection, preservation, and sharing of Oklahoma history at the grassroots level in all parts of the state. Open to tribal and municipal governments and not-for-profit historical organizations located in Oklahoma and registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State. Applications for this annual program open in the fall, and award announcements are made in January.

All applicant organizations must have a strategic plan for your organization to be eligible. If your organization does not have a strategic plan, the only project you may apply for is the development of a strategic plan.

2021/2022 Grant Cycle

The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) opened applications for the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program for the 2021/2022 grant cycle on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. This grants-in-aid program will set aside \$600,000 to award grants typically ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to municipal, county, or tribal government, and not-for-profit historical organizations or friends groups of historical organizations registered with the Oklahoma Secretary of State. The grants will be specific to four categories: collections, exhibits, programs, and capacity building. The online applications opened Wednesday, September 1, 2021, and will close on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 5 p.m. For applicants wishing to utilize the optional draft application feedback, draft applications will be due on October 1, 2021. Award announcements will be made in late January 2022.

2021/2022 Grant Cycle Dates

Application Dates

- Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 8 a.m. Online application opens
- Friday, October 1, 2021, at 5 p.m. Optional draft applications due. Learn more about draft applications.
- Friday, October 22, 2021, at 5 p.m. Applications due at 5 p.m.; applications must be submitted via the online platform

Additional Dates

- November 1 to December 15, 2021 OHS staff committee reviews applications
- December 17, 2021 OHS staff committee provides OHS board committee with recommendations/rankings
- December 17, 2021, to January 25, 2022 OHS board subcommittee reviews OHS staff committee rankings/ recommendations and applications
- January 26, 2022 OHS board subcommittee makes the final recommendation to the OHS Board of Directors for approval
- January 27, 2022 Recipients and applicants are notified of the board's decision via email
- February 15, 2022 Contracts are initiated

The amounts will generally range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, with the exception of grants for the development of a strategic plan, which must be between \$500 and \$5,000. Please note that projects such as architectural plans, expansions, and repairs will not be eligible for funding.

The application can be accessed at: https://www.okhistory.org/about/grants.

For more information or questions, please contact Grants Administrator Nicole Harvey at 405-522-5202 or grants@okhistory.org.





Heritage Hills Home Tour Returns in 2021

After going virtual in 2020, the Heritage Hills Historic Home Tour returns for in-person tours in 2021! Heritage Hills Historic Preservation District is the oldest preservation district in the city, which as a neighborhood has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1969. This year's tour offers the opportunity for guests to view a group of Oklahoma City's most beautiful historic residences, not usually open to the public.

The Heritage Hills Historic Homes Tour represents a unique opportunity to experience the lives and the stories of Oklahomans through their homes. This year's magnificent homes are 327 NW 14th Street, 601 NW 14th Street, 326 NW 16th Street, and 319 NW 19th Street. The Henry and Anna Overholser Mansion is also included in the tour.

Heritage Hills Historic Homes Tour is a self-guided walking tour and may be done on either Saturday or Sunday, October 23 and 24, or both days for a more leisurely pace. A shuttle is also available to transport visitors from one site to another. Visitors will be greeted by knowledgeable volunteers who can provide historical facts and wonderful stories of our neighborhood. Special support can be provided for seniors and those with disabilities. Every year hundreds of volunteers are needed to create a special tour for our patrons. This year's tour is dedicated to the memory of Denise Semands Suttles.

Tour tickets will be available on tour days at tour locations for \$20. Advance discounted tickets are \$18. Online tickets at HeritageHills.org go on sale September 1. The website also includes important COVID information. Inquiries about the tour can be emailed to homestour@heritagehills.org.

New Protocols at Oklahoma Archeological Survey

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Please be aware of the following updated protocols for in-person file searches at OAS:

Protocols for everyone:

- All entry to the file room will be by confirmed appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact the OAS office at 405-325-7211 during normal business hours.
- File search appointments will be between the hours of 8:30-11:30am and 1:30-4:30pm.
- All visitors shall come with: 1) the file search request form (available on the OAS website) already completed and signed by a qualified Principal Investigator: and 2) If you are ill, please reschedule your appointment.

Protocols for visitors who wear a mask:



- Appointment time slots will be for one hour. Two-hour visits may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
- Up to two representatives will be allowed per consulting firm or agency.
- Same-day appointments may be allowed if availability permits.
- OAS staff will be available to assist with your file search if necessary.

Protocols for visitors who do not wear a mask:



- Appointment time slots will be for 15 minutes.
- One representative will be allowed per consulting firm or agency.
- No same-day appointments.
- OAS staff will not be available to assist with your file seach.

For more information, please visit the Oklahoma Archeological Survey website: ou.edu/archsurvey.

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture Announces Events

The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture's 2nd Saturday Tours have returned! You can join TFA on the second Saturday of each month for a unique look at the city.

Tickets are \$15 to benefit the nonprofit Tulsa Foundation for Architecture. Tours start at 9:00am and continue at 20-minute increments. You'll want to arrive early to get checked in and get your coffee. Tours happen rain or shine.

On October 9, the tour will be MODERNISM: The Evolution. Rejecting ornament and embracing minimalism, Modernism became the single most important new style or philosophy of architecture and design of the 20th century. Let's learn to appreciate all the newer treasure's in Tulsa's Skyline.

November's tour will be THE GOOD TAX: Preservation through HTC. Often historic buildings don't stand the test of time. Crumbling facades, boarded-up windows, and graffiti often detract from a community, bringing neighboring property values down with it. Since its inception, the Historic Tax Credit has been used to revitalize communities by turning old buildings into viable spaces in the community. Over 43,000 historic buildings have utilized the credit for improvements, generating over 2.5 million jobs and leveraging over \$144.6 billion in private investment. On this tour, we'll look at just how this important tool has impacted Tulsa's Downtown.

December's tour will be DECO IN DECEMBER: **Art Deco at its Best.** Tulsa has some of the finest Art Deco in the world! On this tour we look Up Up Up, which was the intent of this optimistic architectural style.

For more information, visit: www.tulsaarchitecture.org.







Celebrate the power of place, virtually, at PastForward Online 2020

Join more than a thousand preservationists and preservation lovers at the nation's premier online conference for those who work to save, sustain, and interpret historic places.

With more than 32 thought-provoking educational sessions and engaging networking events, you'll have the chance to connect with others on topics that matter to you. Advocates and architects, city planners and historic site directors, students and elected officials, commissioners and Main Street directors—if you have a role in preserving the places that made America and sustain its people, you'll find a home at PastForward.

Lead the Change

Historic preservationists are change-makers dedicated to strengthening communities, yet we are all grappling with significant, overlapping challenges, from pandemic shutdowns and economic shock to racial injustice and a changing climate. Today, the preservation movement's work has never been more important and more vital. However, meaningful changes are needed in many aspects of our practices and policies, from how it is determined which historic places are preserved and interpreted, to how we can evolve our practices to ensure the full American story is being told.

The complexity and scale of these challenges require all preservationists to become even more innovative, nimble, and collaborative, bringing together our diverse perspectives and values to create positive change. We must embrace our own role in leading the change. Read more about the focus at this year's conference.

National Impact Agenda

The National Impact Agenda will articulate our shared values and describe actions we can take—individually and collectively—to deepen the impacts of the work of historic preservation. The completed National Impact Agenda will be shared at PastForward Online 2021. We want to hear from you! What actions can organizations, institutions, governments, and people prioritize to achieve shared goals across the preservation movement over the next 3-5 years?

To register, visit SavingPlaces.org.



2022 Most Endangered Places Submission Form

1) Nomination Submitted by: Name		
Address		
Telephone Number	Email Address	
2) Endangered Place/Property Name of Endangered Place	Nominated:	
Address/Location		
Current Owner		
Owner's Address		
Telephone Number	Email Address	
3) Is the current property owne	r aware of this nomination? Yes No	
4) The nominated Endangered	Place (choose one)	
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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 director@preservationok.org with questions.



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Help POK Preserve Oklahoma's Historic Treasures!

Historic structures, much like photographs and newspapers, tell the story of Oklahoma communities, linking the past to the present. They also provide economically vibrant locations for local businesses and residents. Since 1992, Preservation Oklahoma has worked to protect and preserve these structures through advocacy, education, and programming. By joining our efforts, you are supporting the protection of Oklahoma's unique and diverse history. Your support also assists in the preservation of the 1903 Henry and Anna Overholser Mansion, an Oklahoma City landmark and home of POK's offices.

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!