"Preservation: Whose Job Is It?"
13th Annual Statewide Conference

Your registration information for Oklahoma's 13th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference is in the mail.

Oklahomans are lucky to have such a rich heritage, and the preservation of the archeological and historic properties that reflect that heritage takes more than a wish for good luck. It takes hard work and dedication, and preservation is everybody's job.

Join us May 17-19 in downtown Enid for Oklahoma's 13th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. Learn about the programs and techniques for revitalizing your community, and share your preservation successes and challenges.

Special event listings included here.

The conference will be held May 17-19, 2001 at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center, 123 West Maine, Enid, Oklahoma.

Sponsors of the conference include:
- Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office
- Oklahoma Main Street Program
- Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.

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May 17-19 - Enid, OK

- Picnic Lunch & Historic Homes Tour
- Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- Downtown Enid Walking Tour
- Tour of Symphony Hall
- Two Plenary Sessions
- Resource Fair and Roundtable Discussion
- Reception & Awards Banquet

Annual Statewide Conference
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Friday – Morning on Main Street. Get your morning started with a continental breakfast and antiquing. The event host is Olden Daze Antiques, owned by the Sonnenberges. Space is limited, and complimentary tickets will be provided on a first-come basis.


Lunch and Downtown Enid Walking Tour. Have lunch at David Allen Memorial Ballpark. Then walk through Enid’s historic Courthouse Square ending at the symphony center in time for Plenary Session 1.

Tour of Symphony Hall. The historic Knox Building (Second Masonic Temple Building) was vacant for four decades, but due to the efforts of the Enid-Phillips Symphony Association and an exemplary fund-raising campaign, the Enid Symphony Orchestra now performs in this magnificent facility.

Pre-Banquet Reception. Enid’s railroad museum will provide a special setting for the reception. The museum includes a working railyard, an extensive collection of railroad dining ware, and an outstanding collection of miniatures.

Annual Awards Banquet. The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office will present the Citation of Merit to agencies, organizations, and individuals across the state who are helping save our heritage for future generations. You will not want to miss this evening at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center.

Questions? Contact Melvena Heisch, State Historic Preservation Office, at mheisch@okhistory.mus.ok.us or (405) 522-4484 or Anita Andrew, Main Street Enid, Inc., at mainstreet@enid.com or (580) 234-1052.

Saturday – Preservation Resource Fair and Roundtable Discussions. Agencies and organizations will exhibit information about their preservation related programs and services. Conference speakers will lead roundtable discussions on a variety of topics. Everyone is sure to find something of interest at this new feature of the statewide preservation conference.

Attention architects, planners and real estate agents: Architects, planners, and real estate agents who attend Oklahoma’s 13th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference may qualify for continuing education credits. Registered architects will earn AIA/CES learning units. Planners receive American Institute of Certified Planners professional development hours. Real estate agents who attend the entire conference will qualify for Oklahoma Real Estate Commission continuing education units. Persons interested in these programs should simply register for the conference. There is no additional fee, and all forms needed to document participation in this approved continuing education program will be available at conference registration. If you have questions, contact Melvena Heisch at (405) 522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.mus.ok.us.

Reminder: Also remember that the conference includes two plenary sessions this year instead of one keynote session. The one on Friday is titled “Preservation: Whose Job Is It?” led by Ron Frantz. Saturday’s session ends the conference with Donovan D. Rypkema and “The Economics of Preservation.” Both of these should not be missed!

We look forward to seeing you in Enid.

New Section 106 Regulations

On January 11, 2001, new Section 106 regulations, “Protection of Historic Properties” (36 CFR Part 800), went into effect. The regulations govern how Federal agencies take historic properties into account as mandated by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 16 U.S.C. § 470f). The revised regulations were published December 12, 2000, in the Federal Register. The June 17, 1999, Section 106 regulations are no longer in force. Among the changes are: increased flexibility for programmatic agreements, clarification of the role of Indian tribes and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, more flexibility to involve applicants, clarification of undertakings covered by the Section 106 process, revision of the role of invited signatories, revision of the use of Environmental Impact Statements to comply with Section 106, redefinition of the role of the Council when improving the operation of Section 106, modification of documentation standards, and more flexibility for Federal agencies when consulting with Indian tribes on nationwide program alternatives. For detailed information please consult the Advisory Council’s Web site at www.achp.gov.
SHPO June Workshops

The Historic Preservation Office will present its June workshop series in Sayre. Sessions will be held in the First United Methodist Church, Educational Center, 802 N. 4th Street, Sayre, OK. There is no registration fee, but space is limited and the deadline for registration is 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 22. To register call Susan Estes of the SHPO: (405) 521-6249 or e-mail: sestes@okhistory.mus.ok.us

Registered architects can qualify for AIA/CES continuing education units for attending these workshops. Address any questions about the continuing education program to Catherine Montgomery of the SHPO: (405) 522-4479 or e-mail: cmontgomery@ok-history.mus.ok.us.

June 27 - The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview (9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

This session is designed for government agency representatives, preservation consultants, and others interested in learning more about the requirements for SHPO review of proposed federally-aided, licensed, or permitted construction projects and revised regulations.

June 27 - Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

A step-by-step presentation on the documentation the SHPO requires to formulate opinions on National Register eligibility. Focus on completing the “Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form” and applying National Register criteria.

June 28 - Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

A day-long session that will be extremely helpful to property owners, architects, and downtown development organizations wishing to understand what listing means, what properties are eligible, how the process works, and how to prepare a National Register nomination.

June 29 - Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (9:30 a.m. - noon)

Learn the basics about currently available federal tax incentives, what properties may qualify, and how to apply for certification of rehabilitation projects. Helpful to property owners, architects, and downtown development organization staff.

June 29 - Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30 - 5:00 p.m.)

The standards for rehabilitation and the guidelines for applying them. This is of special interest to those involved in rehabilitation for federal tax credits, Section 106 submissions to the SHPO, and individuals who want to learn the appropriate way to treat a historic building.

SHPO offers Grants for National Register Nominations

The State Historic Preservation Office still has applications available for its annual National Register Nomination Grants Program. Two application rounds will be conducted and the deadline for Round One has passed, but the deadline for Round Two is not until June 1. Please get your applications in on time.

The grant funds are from the SHPO’s FY2001 Historic Preservation Fund allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior and are for the purpose of retaining a professionally qualified consultant to prepare individual property nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The maximum grant amount is $750. Applicants must provide a cash match from a nonfederal source. The required match for a $750 grant is $500.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and local or state government agencies. To request an application packet or further information, contact the SHPO at (405) 521-6249.

PLEASE READ: The address and location of the State Historic Preservation Office remains the same, but the mailing address of Preservation Oklahoma is changing! Our new address is Preservation Oklahoma Inc., 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1408, Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Two new Oklahoma Listings in National Register

by Jim Gabbert
SHPO staff Architectural Historian

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce that two new properties from Oklahoma have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The addition of these two properties brings the current total to 971, and closer to the SHPO's goal of having 1001 listings by the end of 2001. The newly-listed properties are the Louis B. Simmons House in Duncan, Stephens County, and the Chapman-Barnard Ranch Headquarters located near Pawhuska, in Osage County.

The Louis B. Simmons House, located at 401 North 9th St. in Duncan, was nominated to the National Register for its architectural significance to the city of Duncan. A fine, local example of Spanish Eclectic architecture, the Simmons House features stucco walls, a pent roof, and a formal portico with square columns and a sidelighted entry. The house was the main office for the Rocket Oil Company for many years. A large safe was added to the rear of the house; the use of stucco on the exterior walls helped to keep it unobtrusive. The Simmons House is located next door to the Brittain-Garvin House, listed in the National Register last year.

The Chapman-Barnard Ranch Headquarters currently serves as the visitor center for the Nature Conservancy's Tall Grass Prairie Preserve. It was the headquarters for one of the largest, most efficient cattle ranches in northeast Oklahoma, nominated to the National Register for its association with James A. Chapman, pioneer oil speculator and rancher. Chapman made millions in oil exploration, but his love was cattle ranching. From the elegant, Mission revival ranch house, Chapman oversaw an operation that was both profitable and sympathetic to the natural environment. His stewardship of the land and the native grasses allowed for the later creation of the largest tall grass prairie preserve in the United States.

The State Historic Preservation Office continues to strive to gain recognition for those places significant in Oklahoma's history. These two properties bring us closer to our goal of having 1001 listings in the National Register by the end of the year 2001. For more information on these or other National Register listed properties, contact Jim Gabbert at (405) 522-4478, or e-mail him at jgabbert@ok-history.mus.ok.us.
Oklahoma’s Newest National Landmark

The Bizzell Library

The Bizzell Library at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, became the 19th property in the state to receive designation as a National Historic Landmark on January 3, 2001.

The purpose of landmark designation is to identify and recognize nationally significant sites, and to encourage their owners to preserve them. Landmarks are chosen after careful study by the National Park Service. They are evaluated by the National Park System Advisory Board and designated by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the Historic Sites Act of 1935 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The University of Oklahoma’s Bizzell Library is significant for its association with the historical movement to racially desegregate public higher education in the South in the mid-20th century, and the federal government’s position on eliminating racial segregation within a democratic society. The University played a role in a U.S. Supreme Court case that challenged the constitutionality of the separate but equal doctrine under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment whereby the Court ruled at Howard University in the District of Columbia, and the Daisy Bates House in Little Rock, Arkansas were added to the National Historic Landmark list on January 3, 2001, under the theme of “Racial Desegregation in Public Education” in addition to the Bizzell Library. (additional photo at: www.ou.edu/visitorcenter/pictures/snow_bizzell.jpg)

Location of your Oklahoma National Historic Landmarks

- **Bizzell Library**, University of Oklahoma, 401 West Brooks, Norman, Cleveland County
- **Boley Historic District**, Roughly bounded by Seward Ave., Walnut St., Cedar St., and the southern city limits, Boley, Okfuskee County
- **Boston Avenue Methodist Church**, 1301 South Boston Avenue, Tulsa, Tulsa County
- **Camp Nichols**, Wheelless vicinity, Cimarron County
- **Cherokee National Capitol**, downtown Tahlequah, Cherokee County
- **Creek National Capitol**, 6th and Grand, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County
- **Deer Creek Site**, Newkirk vicinity, Kay County
- **Fort Gibson**, Lee and Ash Sts., Fort Gibson, Muskogee County
- **Fort Sill**, Roughly the Old Post Quadrangle and surrounding area, Fort Sill, Comanche County
- **Fort Washita**, Southwest of Nida on OK 199, Nida vicinity, Bryan County
- **Guthrie Historic District**, Roughly bounded by Oklahoma Ave., Broad St., Harrison Ave., and railroad tracks on the west side; also includes 301 W. Harrison Ave., Guthrie, Logan County
- **Marland, E.W. Mansion**, on Monument Road, Ponca City, Kay County
- **McLemore Site**, Colony vicinity, Washita County

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UPCOMING

The months of April, May, and June are filled with conferences and preservation-related events. Please contact the office of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., at (405) 232-5747 to obtain the appropriate contacts for registration information. Fees apply in most cases.

APRIL

- National Town Meeting on Main Street
  - National Main Street Center, National Trust for HP
  - Indianapolis, Indiana
- Art Deco on the Texas Plains: Cowtown to Big D
  - Historic Fort Worth, Inc.
  - Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas
- Art Deco – Where Did It Go?
  - 6th World Congress on Art Deco
  - Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Oklahoma: The Last Urban Frontier
  - Oklahoma Historical Society
  - Tulsa, Oklahoma

MAY

- Oklahoma's Thirteenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
  - Enid, Oklahoma

JUNE

The following workshops will be held in the First United Methodist Church's Education Center, 802 North Fourth Street, Sayre, OK. NO FEE!

- The Section 106 Review Process: introduction and overview (9:30 a.m. - Noon)
- Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30 - 5 p.m.)
- Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
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Staff Changes

Wallis joins SHPO staff

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that Charles S. Wallis, Jr., joined the SHPO staff on April 2. As the SHPO's Historical Archeologist, Wallis will coordinate the Section 106 review process, the SHPO's archeological survey program, review and prepare National Register nominations for archeological resources, and provide technical assistance to other agencies and the public. Since 1974, Wallis has been the archeologist for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. In that position he conducted archeological survey work, site testing, extensive research, and produced cultural resource reports. He has a thorough knowledge of Oklahoma's archeological resources and a deep concern for their protection. One of his recent publications is entitled "Archeological Investigations of a Late Potawatomi Allotment: Eliza Bressman Farmstead."

Wallis received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Oklahoma State University. He is a founding member of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society Certification Council and served as the Council's president. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey Citizens Advisory Board and a member of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society's Board of Directors. Wallis can be reached at the SHPO at (405) 521-6381, or cwallis@ok-history.mus.ok.us.

Margrif named Preservation director

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is also delighted to have Trent Margrif as their new Executive Director. Margrif began the position on March 1 after a long journey from his home state of Michigan. Much of his initial time will be spent adjusting to his first entry-level preservation position but he will maintain Preservation Oklahoma's responsibilities of a quarterly newsletter, the endangered properties program, and the statewide revolving loan program. Margrif has worked for the Michigan Department of State, Michigan Historical Center in nearly all possible student positions for the past five years. He additionally has worked for an environmental consulting group, archival library, and state and local museums.

Margrif recently completed his Masters Degree in Historic Preservation with an emphasis in Heritage Interpretation from Eastern Michigan University in December 2000. His undergraduate degree is from Michigan State University in history with an emphasis on 20th-century race relations. He has become an expert on Michigan history and knows that learning, understanding, and applying Oklahoma history will be just as rewarding. He looks forward to meeting all those involved with Oklahoma's vast preservation network. Margrif can be reached at the offices of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1408, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 or by phone at (405) 232-5747.

Oklahoma Landmarks (continued from pg. 5)

- Murrell House, 4 miles south of Talequah, Park Hill, Cherokee County
- 101 Ranch, 12 miles southwest of Ponca City, Kay County
- Sequoyah's Cabin, OK 101, Akins vicinity, Sequoyah County
- Stamper Site, Optima vicinity, Texas County
- Washita Battlefield, Northwest of Cheyenne, Roger Mills County
- Wheelock Academy, East of Millerton, McCurtain County

Despite designation as a National Historic Landmark, some properties still face an uncertain future. The Wheelock Academy was an original entry in the first Oklahoma's Most Endangered Properties List as well as current one. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Eleven Most Endangered Sites nationally also includes the Wheelock Academy in its current 2001 listings. (www.nthp.org/11most/wheelock.htm).
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New Tulsa Web site

The Tulsa Preservation Commission has a wonderful new Web site at www.tulsapreservationcommission.org

It has links to many other sites and conference postings as well, check it out!

If you know of relatively new Web sites concerning Oklahoma communities and preservation, please let us know to share with all.

Main Street Welcomes Cherokee and Wilburton

Secretary of Commerce Russell Perry announced on March 14, 2001, the addition of these two communities to the Oklahoma Main Street program. In praising the results of the program, Perry said the approach creates opportunities for a business district by concentrating on existing assets. "As the Oklahoma Main Street Program begins its 16th year of success, it has generated over $270 million in public and private investment, created more than 6,800 new jobs and helped in the development of approximately 2,200 new or expanded small businesses." Plans are underway in Cherokee to celebrate the town's 100th birthday this year, and the Main Street program will help them preserve their legacy for the next century and its generations. Citizens and community leaders are looking towards the future with the Cherokee Centennial Celebration, strong citizen support for school and municipal capital improvement projects, industrial park and downtown business expansion.

In Wilburton, a dedicated group formed a Main Street Committee and one of their first tasks was to raise funds to buy benches and have trash receptacles built downtown. The Main Street program was a natural progression and hardworking citizens believe revitalizing the commercial district has the potential to transform their economy and their hometown.

For more information about the Oklahoma Main Street Program, please contact the Main Street Office at (405) 815-5171 or visit: www.odoc.state.ok.us/mainstreet

Graves and Memorials Desecration Protection

A House Measure has been proposed to protect graves and memorials from desecration. Steve Warren, a writer/producer at Tulsa's KOTV and a member of Tulsa's Civil War Roundtable has spent years trying to preserve historic battlefields in the state. Concerned that desecration of historical graves would continue, Warren contacted a national organization of Civil War artifact collectors and learned that only a handful of states outlaw the sale of grave markers. After contacting local politicians, state Representative Tad Jones filed House Bill 1432 which would make this trade illegal. One need only visit e-bay to witness the disturbing buying and selling of historical grave markers.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. to have new address

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., will be losing their P.O. Box address due to post office restructuring. The new mailing address is: 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1408, Oklahoma City, OK 73102; fax (405) 232-5816; e-mail preservationok@intcon.net

We appreciate your patience and cooperation with this change. We can still be reached by phone at (405) 232-5747 and look forward to hearing from you!

And look for a membership form inserted in this newsletter. Our strength lies in the working partnerships we have forged with people throughout Oklahoma. We need you!
**Late-Breaking Historic Preservation News**

- **Moss Gymnasium**  
  Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., has met with concerned citizens from Holdenville in hopes of devising and implementing a plan to convince local voters to vote “no” on demolition of the Moss Gymnasium on April 3. The first vote kept this endangered site on the landscape but the predicted decision is unsure this second time. A brochure has been created, as well as door-to-door campaigns and newspaper articles with quotes from past school students sharing their experiences with the gym to educate the community of the many cherished memories associated with the structure. The Moss gymnasium is an example of Oklahoma’s Historic Public School Buildings included in Preservation Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Sites. The Moss School gymnasium east of Holdenville is one of the first WPA projects in the state and is listed on the National Register. It is threatened with demolition in favor of a new, prefab building similar to others on the campus. Many energetic supporters have been hard at work educating the public and positive results are encouraging.

- **YMCA Legal Defense Fund**  
  Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is accepting donations for the YMCA legal defense fund. Many organizations and individuals have already contributed and we appreciate their interest and support in making sure this unique structure remains on the Oklahoma City landscape. To contribute to this all-important fund, please make checks payable to Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., and write “YMCA Legal Defense Fund” on the memo line. Send to: Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1408, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Contributing to this legal defense fund is a tax-deductible donation. The rehabilitation of the YMCA building can be an important asset to the Urban Design District; a parking lot would not be. Legal efforts to prevent the demolition of the building in favor of a parking lot remain in place, and the Art Moderne structure is standing at this time. With preservation efforts and the concern of Oklahoma citizens like you, this mission will remain and improve.
Thank You For All Your Support!

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The YMCA Legal Defense Fund has been established to provide legal efforts to prevent the demolition of the old downtown YMCA damaged by the April 1995 federal building bomb. To contribute to this fund, make checks payable to Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., And write “YMCA Legal Defense Fund” on the memo line. Send to:
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Become a Member of the Statewide Preservation Network ...

JOIN PRESERVATION OKLAHOMA NOW!

Preservation Oklahoma’s mission is to encourage the preservation of Oklahoma’s historic places. Our strength lies in the working partnerships we have forged with people throughout Oklahoma. We welcome all people and organizations who care about the preservation of our historic and cultural resources. To join, complete the form below and send with payment to:
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☐ Sponsor $100

If organizational membership, how many members in your organization? ______________

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