GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS OCTOBER OKLAHOMA ARCHEOLOGY MONTH

On June 4, Governor Mary Fallin proclaimed October 2015 as Oklahoma Archeology Month. Her proclamation reads, in part, “I proclaim October 2015 as Oklahoma Archeology Month to highlight the state’s unique past and the places that teach Oklahomans about it and to call on our citizens to assist in the protection of these special places.”

The Oklahoma Anthropological Society; Oklahoma Archeological Survey; Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office; and the University of Oklahoma Anthropology Department will co-sponsor the second annual statewide observance. Federal, tribal, state, and local governments; nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, museums, and others are invited to join the celebration. Visit http://www.facebook.com/archaeologymonth to learn more about last year’s events and to get ideas for participation this October.

For questions, to add an event to the developing Oklahoma Archeology Month calendar, or to collaborate with an existing host, contact Stephanie Stutts, University of Oklahoma, at sastutts@ou.edu or (979) 393-8202.
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On Friday, June 5, Preservation Oklahoma (POK) presented awards to four projects that demonstrated excellence in historic preservation. The event took place during POK’s annual meeting and luncheon in the Johnstone-Sare Building in Bartlesville, OK. Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma. The following awards were presented:

**Burney Institute, Rural Private Sector** - The Burney Institute was originally constructed in the 1800s as a missionary school for the Chickasaws. After a fire in 1896 destroyed its original structure, it was rebuilt in its current form. After recently acquiring the building, the Chickasaws have initiated rehabilitation to stabilize the exterior and effect structural repairs.

**Oklahoma City University School of Law, Urban Private Sector** - In 2012, Oklahoma City University purchased the former Central High School (built in 1910) with plans to convert it into a downtown law school. Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Architects-Engineers worked closely with the State Historic Preservation Office and National Park Service to document existing and new construction and to complete the necessary applications in order to achieve certification.

**City of Tahlequah Historic Preservation Board, Rural Public Sector** - The Tahlequah Historic Preservation Board was awarded for their instrumental advocacy and partnership in the Cherokee Nation and Preservation Oklahoma’s gravestone workshop which has taught more than 150 individuals proper gravestone preservation techniques.

**Ambassador Hotel, Urban Private Sector** - Constructed in 1929, the Ambassador Hotel in Oklahoma City has been repurposed into an elegant hotel through the use of historic rehabilitation tax credits.

For more information on the Preservation Awards, please contact the POK offices at 405.525.5325 or david@preservationok.org.
The Oklahoma Historical Society’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30am on Friday, September 11, 2015, in the Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (just northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City. SHPO staff will provide information about the statewide preservation program and receive public input for development of the Fiscal Year 2016 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application to the U.S. Department of the Interior. The SHPO expects to receive approximately $830,000 from the HPF for its programs and operations. Ten percent of the award is reserved for pass-through grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the SHPO administers the federal historic preservation program in Oklahoma. The purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state’s archeological and historic resources for everyone’s benefit. The SHPO conducts surveys to identify archeological and historic resources; nominates eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); comments on the effects of federal undertakings on archeological and historic resources; develops the statewide preservation plan; administers the CLG Program; provides comments to the National Park Service about rehabilitation projects proposed for federal tax credits; and provides public outreach programs and technical assistance to preservation professionals, government agencies, and interested citizens.

Tomorrow’s Legacy: Oklahoma’s Statewide Preservation Plan (January 2015-December 2019) (available from the SHPO or at www.okhistory.org/shpo/stateplan.htm) sets forth the statewide preservation community’s goals and objectives. The SHPO’s priorities for addressing the State Plan’s goals are continuation of the archeological and historic/architectural resources survey program, with special emphasis on resources associated with underrepresented peoples, and extension of survey coverage to previously unstudied areas; preparation of NRHP nominations; and continuation of public outreach and technical assistance programs. Your ideas and priorities for the SHPO’s activities in each of these program areas in FY 2016 will help strengthen the preservation of Oklahoma’s heritage.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments and suggestions are welcome. You may complete the SHPO’s “Project Suggestion Form” and return it by 5:00pm, Friday, September 11, 2015. Call the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or e-mail Melvena Heisch at mheisch@okhistory.org to request the form or obtain it at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm.

### CHEROKEE NATION OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THPO

The Director of the National Park Service (NPS) has formally approved the proposal of the Cherokee Nation to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) duties on tribal trust lands in Oklahoma. Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) authorizes this special designation. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. Additionally, they have assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the NHPA with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects.

The Cherokee Nation’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) is:

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With this designation, sixteen (16) Oklahoma tribal governments now have formal THPOs. For more information about the role of tribal governments in the federal historic preservation program and for a complete list of Oklahoma’s THPOs, visit the SHPO's website at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/tribalconsultation.htm.

For a complete list of the tribes that have assumed SHPO functions nationwide, visit the NPS website at http://grants.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm.
The Oklahoma Historical Society hosted the annual Oklahoma National History Day competition on May 6 and 7 at the Oklahoma History Center. National History Day is a highly regarded academic program for 6th through 12th grade, and “Leadership and Legacy” was its theme for 2015. Each year, students choose topics related to the annual theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, and historic sites. They present their work in original papers, exhibits, performances, websites, and documentaries. These projects are entered into competitions in the spring at district, state, and national contests where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators.

This year, with a private donation, the State Historic Preservation Office established a special prize to recognize outstanding achievement in addressing the History Day theme through historic preservation. Specifically, two prizes were awarded for projects that involve interpretation of the importance of place and the National Register of Historic Places. The junior division preservation prize winner was Oscar Gonzales from Ben Franklin Science Academy, Muskogee, with his Theodore Roosevelt Project. The senior division winner was Ross Jardine from Muskogee High School with his Frank Lloyd Wright’s Leadership and Legacy project. Each student received a cash prize of $250.00.

The SHPO established the special prize to encourage students to learn more about Oklahoma’s historic properties and about why their preservation is important. The goals and objectives of Tomorrow’s Legacy: Oklahoma’s Statewide Preservation Plan identify efforts with schools and youth organizations as priorities for the statewide preservation program.

For more information about Oklahoma National History Day, contact Sarah Dumas, Curator of Education, Oklahoma Museum of History, Oklahoma Historical Society, at 405/522-0791 or sdumas@okhistory.org. Also, you can learn more at http://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/historyday.

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**Save the Date**

**2015 Historic Homes Tour**

**September 26-27**

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SHPO PRESENTS 2015 CITATIONS OF MERIT

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, presented its 2015 Citations of Merit during a banquet on Thursday, June 4, in Bartlesville. The banquet was a highlight of Tradition and Transition: Oklahoma’s 27th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, held June 3-5.

Twenty-one citations were presented for accomplishments in seven Oklahoma communities. The award recognizes positive impacts on the preservation of Oklahoma’s historic properties through restoration, rehabilitation, research, planning, public programming, and other activities.

The 2015 award recipients and their accomplishments included:

Seekers of Success - for the adaptive reuse of the John J. Shea house for the Anchor House project (Bartlesville)

Bob Fraser - for assistance in the preparation of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for Woolaroc (Bartlesville)

Kim Inman - for efforts to document and share the story of and preserve the historic White Rose Cemetery (Bartlesville)

Bartlesville Area History Museum - for preservation of research collections critical to historic preservationists and making them accessible (Bartlesville)

Vasudevan and Krishnan Families - for participation in the rehabilitation of the Sooner Park Play Tower (Bartlesville)

Fredda Puckett and Leyton Puckett - for maintenance of their grandmother’s and great grandmother’s house, a rare surviving farmhouse in today’s Del City (Del City)

Small Architects - for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of 108 South Broadway, Edmond (Edmond)

Alice Robertson Junior High School - for preservation of research materials that document important aspects of Muskogee’s heritage (Muskogee)

University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture and Institute for Quality Communities; City of Norman; Cleveland County Historical Society; Norman Arts Council; Norman Chamber of Commerce; Norman Convention and Visitors Bureau; Norman Downtowners Association; and Oklahoma Archeological Survey - for cosponsorship of Historic Preservation ABCs: Oklahoma’s 26th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference (Norman)

Bruce Hall and Mike Stuart - for their many preservation efforts in the Miller’s Boulevard Historic District (Oklahoma City)

Dan Davis Law Firm; MODA Architecture; Preservation and Design Studio; and Titus Construction - for contributions to the certified rehabilitation of Calvary Baptist Church (Oklahoma City)

Midtown Renaissance - for the certified rehabilitation of the Guardian Building (Oklahoma City)

Shelby Navarro and Rachel Navarro - for the certified rehabilitation of 1302-1314 East 6th Street, Tulsa (Tulsa)

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“Past Meets Present: Signs from Hand-Painted to Digital” will be the theme of the National Signage Research & Education Conference, scheduled for Oct. 11 at the University of Oklahoma. “It’s only fitting that such an event should be held here in Oklahoma,” said Charles Graham, dean of the University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture. “Signage is a part of our Oklahoma heritage. We created the yield sign, and many iconic landmarks of Route 66 are based solely in this state. Despite the ups and downs of the country, these have remained a constant on our landscape, evoking nostalgia and intrigue for decades.”

“With the continuing development of downtown Oklahoma City and the state of Oklahoma,” he continued, “we have seen our urban areas become hotspots for revelers; locals and visitors who see our state heritage and feel the same way toward these landmarks as previous generations did. Oklahomans are known for their innovation and ‘Sooner spirit,’ and this conference will certainly highlight the progress and tradition on which we pride ourselves.”

The OU College of Architecture is collaborating on the conference with the Signage Foundation Inc., which was established in 2002 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to documenting, through research and distribution, the educational, economic, societal and philanthropic purposes and benefits of on-premise signage. “The Signage Foundation is a really engaging organization that seeks to sponsor academic research on topics of mutual interest to the sign industry and local policymakers,” said Dawn Jourdan, director of the Regional and City Planning Division. “It is an important opportunity for all of the divisions within the OU College of Architecture to interface with national and regional leaders on the subject of on-premise commercial signs. This year’s conference will embrace the power of signs as a part of heritage tourism and placemaking, nodding to Oklahoma’s rich history and progressive future.”

“The Signage Foundation is excited about its current collaboration with the University of Oklahoma for the 2015 National Signage Research & Education Conference,” said Duane Laska, chairman of the board for the Signage Foundation. “The integration of the regional, cultural and OU cross-disciplinary leadership offers a unique forum for conference dialogue and research presentation on the theme of ‘Past Meets Present: Signs from Hand-Painted to Digital’.”

For more information, an overview of the topical sessions and a listing of the knowledge leaders who will be presenting, visit the Signage Foundation website, www.thesignagefoundation.org. For other questions, contact the OU College of Architecture, 405/325-2444, or coa-communications@ou.edu.
Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. (POK) announced the 2015 list of Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Places at the Hart Building in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, April 7.

Since 1993, Preservation Oklahoma has recognized historic sites across the state at risk of demolition or deterioration, raising awareness of the need to protect Oklahoma’s historic resources. While inclusion on the list does not guarantee protection or funding, it can be a key component in mobilizing support for the preservation of historic sites.

This list was selected by a group of preservation professionals from nominations submitted by the public. An exhibit of the 2015 List will travel to numerous locations across the state in an effort to continue the discussion about the need to preserve these historic buildings.

The 2015 List of Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Places are:

**New Deal Structures, Statewide (Focus on Dunbar School, Atoka):** 2015 marks the 80th anniversary of the Works Progress Administration legislation and today, many of the structures constructed during this time have fallen into disrepair. One such building is the Dunbar School in Atoka. Constructed in 1942, the building served as the African-American school for Atoka until 1958 when desegregation took place.

**Religious Buildings, Statewide (Focus on Epworth University Methodist Church, Oklahoma City):** All across Oklahoma, religious buildings hold a special place within a community. Unfortunately, many of Oklahoma’s early religious buildings suffer from decay and disrepair. Constructed in 1903, the Epworth University Methodist Church is facing an uncertain future. The brick Classical Revival Church was originally constructed as Epworth University, the precursor to Oklahoma City University.

**Riverside Studio, Tulsa:** Designed by Bruce Goff and built in 1928, the building features both Art Deco and International Style design concepts. Many elements of the design were also influenced by music including the exterior fountain, windows, and tile work.

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**Depression-Era Bathhouses (Focus on El Reno Bath House):** During the Great Depression, the federal government provided funding for numerous projects meant to improve the quality of life for Americans. One such project was the construction of municipal swimming pools and bathhouses. These provided needed recreational activities for local communities. The El Reno Bath House is one such facility. Constructed in 1935, it is the last remaining intact resource of the El Reno Municipal Pool Complex.

**Rock Art, Statewide:** This art was done through pictographs (paintings) and petroglyphs (carvings) along cave walls and sandstone bluffs and provides valuable insight into the culture of Oklahoma's early ancestors. Unfortunately, many drawings have been lost to vandalism and natural elements. Increased awareness is needed to protect these unique connections to our past.

**Oklahoma State Capitol, Oklahoma City:** Designed by Solomon Andrew Layton, the Oklahoma State Capitol was completed in 1917 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. In 2014, Governor Mary Fallin signed legislation that provided $120 million in funding to address many needed repairs. While this is welcomed news, more funding will be needed to properly restore this important Oklahoma building.

**Quanah Parker Star House, Cache:** Built around 1890, the Star House was built for renowned Comanche warrior, leader, and statesmen Quanah Parker. Relocated to its current location in Cache, the home is visited by people from all over the world.

**Route 66, Hydro to Bridgeport and William H. Murray Bridge:** In western Oklahoma, the section of Route 66 from Bridgeport to Hydro is considered distinctive since it marks a change in geography by providing the first glimpse of the western plains. The section also contains the William H. Murray Bridge, also known as the Pony Bridge (due to the truss system it uses). Completed in 1934, the bridge is one of the most distinctive bridges of the road in Oklahoma due to its massive length.

**Correction**

A Centennial Farm and Ranch property was incorrectly attributed to the Ben & Anna Schmidt Farm, Washita County in the April 2015 edition. The correct property is the Dunfee Family Farm, Comanche County.
For years there has been much discussion about the need to work together across state boundaries to bring advocacy, preservation, tourism, economic development, educational, and other interests together to leverage the important work being done to preserve, revitalize, and commemorate historic Route 66.

To begin a public discussion on this need, and as a follow up to recommendations made by the Route 66 Economic Impact Study and Route 66 Strategic Roundtable, a series of public workshops will be held in July 2015 to discuss strategies for developing a national collaboration for Route 66. One of these sessions will be held on Thursday, July 23rd, 6:00pm-8:30pm at the Oklahoma History Center (Devon Great Hall), 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City (immediately northeast of the Oklahoma State Capitol).

The workshops will be presented by the Route 66: The Road Ahead Initiative (http://ncptt.nps.gov/rt66/route-66-road-ahead-initiative/) in partnership with the National Park Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. View the Save the Date announcement at http://ncptt.nps.gov/rt66/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Save-the-Date_06122015.pdf

If you have questions, contact Kaisa Barthuli, Program Manager, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Trails Intermountain Region, National Park Service, at 505/988-6701 or kaisa_barthuli@nps.gov, or Bill Thomas, Chairman, Route 66: The Road Ahead Initiative at rt66theroadahead@gmail.com.

While reservations for the July 23rd workshop are not required, please e-mail Melvena Heisch, State Historic Preservation Office, at mheisch@okhistory.org if you plan to attend. There is no fee for attending, and light refreshments will be provided by Preservation Oklahoma.

**NAGPRA: PREPARING FOR AND WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS**

On September 9-10, 2015, the National Preservation Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of those involved in the management, preservation, and stewardship of cultural heritage, will present its two-day seminar entitled “NAGPRA: Preparing for and Writing Grant Proposals” at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City. The seminar is held in cooperation with the National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program, and the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society.

The National NAGPRA Program offers grants to assist museums and Indian tribes with the compliance process under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The NAGPRA process may include consultation and documentation regarding human remains and cultural items and their repatriation or disposition. Learn how to assess the needs of a NAGPRA program, identify fundable projects, and write successful Consultation/Documentation and Repatriation grant proposals. An agenda is available at www.npi.org/semi-NAGPRAgrant.html.

Seminar instructors are Jan I. Bernstein and Megon Noble. Jan I. Bernstein is managing director, Bernstein & Associates NAGPRA Consultants. She works with Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and federal agencies to provide training, grant writing, strategic plan development/implementation, consultation facilitation, repatriation claim development, and reburial assistance. Megon Noble is NAGPRA project manager, University of California, Davis. She coordinates NAGPRA compliance efforts for the campus and was previously the Archaeology NAGPRA coordinator with the Burke Museum, University of Washington, and taught museum collections management.

The deadline for registration is August 17, 2015. National NAGPRA Program scholarships and travel grants may be available. The scholarship and travel grant application and other registration information is available at www.npi.org/register.html.

Questions? Contact: Jere Gibber, Executive Director, National Preservation Institute, P.O. Box 1702, Alexandria, VA 22313, 703/765-0100, 703/768-9350 (FAX), or info@npi.org.
I had the pleasure of attending many informative sessions during the 2015 Statewide Preservation Conference in Bartlesville. Each of them was inspiring, but there was one that stood out. It was the story of a building in need of rehabilitation and how an unlikely person learned of its past and started a journey to restore it.

Margaret and Rob Hess had been in the real estate and rental business for twenty years. Both of them had grown up in Okmulgee and were familiar with the town’s historic buildings. Neither of them had any particular interest in purchasing and renovating large projects. Then, one night in spring 2014, Rob received a phone call. Would they be interested in purchasing the 1916 McBryer Building?

The next day they toured the building and witnessed a structure in need of extensive cleaning and repair. Windows had been broken, pigeons had called the place home, and piles of trash littered the floor. It was gross, smelly, and overwhelming. Then, Margaret saw the second floor. She was greeted by rows of offices that had original light fixtures, hardwood floors, and woodwork. At that moment, she realized the beauty of the McBryer Building and a new chapter in her life, as well as the McBryer’s, began.

Margaret and Rob purchased the building and have spent the last year cleaning, replacing the roof, and repairing windows. Their goal is to convert the second floor to apartments to provide a space for downtown living. To assist in this goal, they are taking advantage of the state and federal historic tax credits. Margaret learned the process and completed the paperwork herself in order to teach others about this important tool.

Along the way, Margaret learned more about the building’s past—those who worked there and the family whose name adorns the building. Items that were lost began to be returned, including the directory of offices that once hung in the lobby. Piece by piece and layer by layer, the Hesses are slowly and lovingly returning the McBryer back to its former glory.

Can you feel it yet?

Can you feel the life that once flowed through these spaces?

Can you imagine the 30+ people who came down from these offices onto the streets of Downtown Okmulgee for smoke breaks, lunches and hot dates after work?

Can you feel the life? I can.

Margaret and Rob saw past the broken windows, the trash, and the pigeons and saw a building that once teemed with life. Through hard work, passion, and the historic tax credits, they are returning that life to the McBryer.
Help POK Preserve Oklahoma's Historic Treasures!

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

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