HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK PROCLAIMED IN OKC

During the May 30 meeting of the Oklahoma City City Council, Mayor Mick Cornett declared June 5-9 Historic Preservation Week in Oklahoma City and called upon “residents to celebrate the history, architecture, culture, and revitalization of the historic, architectural, and archeological resources throughout our city.” The official proclamation was accepted by representatives of co-sponsors of Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma’s 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, which was held in Oklahoma City on June 7-9.

The proclamation recognized the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act; the establishment of programs under the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office; the Certified Local Government Program, which empowered “Oklahoma City to play an important role in the preservation of its own historic resources;” the 50th anniversary of Oklahoma City’s first study of historic preservation; and the importance of public-private partnerships to historic preservation.

The proclamation further emphasized that “historic preservation promotes Oklahoma City’s unique character and cultural identity is integral to the ongoing renaissance of our city, creating thriving neighborhoods, vibrant commercial districts, and distinctive landmarks throughout Oklahoma City.”
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Mail all correspondence to Preservation Oklahoma.
Preservation Oklahoma recently awarded its 2017 Preservation Leadership Awards and its 2017 Preservation Awards. These awards are given to individuals, groups, and projects that demonstrate excellence in historic preservation. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of those whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma.

The 2017 Preservation Leadership Awards were presented on April 17 during the unveiling of the 2017 list of Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Places. The 2017 recipients included: Katie Friddle, Historic Preservation Officer in the Oklahoma City Planning Department, received the 2017 Young Leadership Award; Ed Sharrer, Director of Kendall Whittier Main Street, received the 2017 Preservation Leadership Award; Bill John Baker, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief, received the 2017 Preservation Leadership Award; and Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, received the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 2017 Preservation Awards were presented on June 9 during POK’s Annual Meeting & Luncheon. The event was held at the Henry Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City, home of the POK offices. The 2017 awardees included: Hobart Main Street (Rural Public Category) for the successful rehabilitation efforts in downtown Hobart; Oklahoma City Zoo & Botanical Gardens (Urban Public Category) for the rehabilitation of the Lincoln Park Bathhouse into the ZooZeum; and the Tower Theater (Urban Private Category).
SHPO SEEKS INPUT FOR FY 2018 PROGRAM

The Oklahoma Historical Society’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30am on Friday September 15, 2017, 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 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and how it supports the statewide preservation program. Also, during the meeting, the SHPO will receive public input for development of the Fiscal Year 2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application to the U.S. Department of the Interior. Participation in the meeting is one important way to help the SHPO advance Oklahoma’s preservation goals.

Under the NHPA, 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 Certified Local Governments (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. The SHPO expects to receive approximately $830,000 from the HPF for these programs and its operations. Ten percent of the HPF award is reserved for pass-through grants to CLGs.

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 project ideas and recommended priorities for the SHPO’s FY 2018 activities will help strengthen preservation efforts in Oklahoma.

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 15, 2017. Call the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or email Jesse Matthews at jmatthews@okhistory.org to request the form or obtain it at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm.

SAVE THE DATE

2017 HERITAGE HILLS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1
Noon to 5 pm

www.heritagehills.org

2016 Heritage Hills Home Tour. Photo: POK
2017 HISTORY DAY PRESERVATION PRIZE AWARDED

Luke Foster and Amanda Schoonmaker accept their award from Dan Provo, Oklahoma History Center Director. Photo: OHS

The Oklahoma Historical Society hosted the annual Oklahoma National History Day competition on May 3 and 4 at the Oklahoma History Center. National History Day is a highly regarded academic program for 6th through 12th grade, and “Taking a Stand in History” was its theme for 2017.

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.

With a private donation, the State Historic Preservation Office continued the special prize to recognize outstanding achievement in addressing the History Day theme through historic preservation. The prize was awarded for “Bully for Conservation,” the project of Amanda Schoonmaker and Luke Foster from Canton. They placed second in Junior Division Group Exhibit and will participate in the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C. (results available after this issue goes to press).

Both students are sixth graders at Canton Elementary School. When one of Amanda’s teachers required a report this year about a president other than George Washington or Abraham Lincoln, she chose Theodore Roosevelt. She realized that he would make a great history day topic, and she began learning about his stand for conservation. Amanda asked Luke to join her as a partner. Luke’s dad is a Navy Seal, and he was very interested in learning about Theodore’s military career, but also found the conservation angle very interesting. Amanda and Luke interviewed (through email) Theodore’s great granddaughter, JoAnna Sturm, and now have a picture of a stuffed woodchuck she owns that Theodore stuffed when he was young! They will add it to their primary sources list and incorporate it into their display before nationals.

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.
On Thursday, June 8, the Oklahoma Historical Society’s State Historic Preservation Office presented its 2017 Citations of Merit during a banquet at the Oklahoma History Center. The banquet was a highlight of Preservation Future Tense: Oklahoma’s 29th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, held June 7-9 in Oklahoma City.

Thirty-nine citations were presented for accomplishments in seventeen (17) Oklahoma communities from Altus to Bartlesville and Durant to Guymon. The award recognizes efforts to preserve Oklahoma’s historic properties through restoration, rehabilitation, research, planning, public programming, and other activities.

The 2017 recipients of the SHPO’s Citations of Merit and their accomplishments include:

**Museum of the Western Prairie; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; Southern Prairie Library System; and Western Trail Historical Society** for sponsorship of Tombstone Restoration Workshops and Presentations conducted by Tombstone Conservator Jonathan Appell.

**McCoy Building, LLC, and Keleher Architects** for rehabilitation of the McCoy Building, located in the Bartlesville Downtown Historic District.

**Bartlesville 125, LLC; Lilly Architects; and Rosin Preservation, LLC,** for rehabilitation of the Sharp’s Pawn Shop, located in the Bartlesville Downtown Historic District.

**DH Housing Limited Partnership; Strategic Realty; The Hill Firm; Big Five Community Services, Inc.; and Mike Kertok, Architect,** for rehabilitation of the Bryan Hotel, located in the Durant Downtown Historic District.

**Creeper Terrace, LP, and Rosin Preservation, LLC,** for rehabilitation of Enid’s historic Cherokee Terrace Apartments.

**Main Street Enid, Inc.; the City of Enid; Visit Enid; Park Avenue Thrift; and Wymer Brownlee** for sponsorship of Preservation is Golden: Oklahoma’s 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, held June 1-3, 2016, in Enid.

**Fort Sill** for rehabilitation of the Fort Sill Artillery Bowl, a WPA-constructed stadium for formal ceremonies and entertainment and recreational events.

**David and Patsy Anderson, Margo Hoover, and Erin Turner** for the historic Ed Galloway Totem Pole Park preservation project.

**Dale Housing Partners, LP, and Preservation and Design Studio** for rehabilitation of downtown Guymon’s historic Hotel Dale.

**Jonita Mullins** for publication of The Jefferson Highway in Oklahoma.

**Muskogee Historic Preservation Commission and Okie Heritage** for publication of Muskogee’s Colorful History Coloring Book.
Muskogee Arts District Homes, LP, and Preservation and Design Studio for rehabilitation of Muskogee’s Severs Block, located in the Pre-Statehood Commercial District.

Richard Drass for his career of service in the study and protection of Oklahoma’s archeological heritage.

Robert Bartlett for his career of service in the study and preservation of Oklahoma’s archeological heritage.

Marjorie Duncan for her career of service in the study and protection of Oklahoma’s archeological heritage.

Uptown Redevelopment Group, LC, and Preservation and Design Studio for The 424 rehabilitation project, located in Oklahoma City’s Jefferson Park Historic District.

Midtown 1100 Broadway, LLC; Fitzsimmons Architects; and Preservation and Design Studio for rehabilitation of the Chieftain Pontiac Building in Oklahoma City’s Automobile Alley Historic District.

Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church; Noble Jackson; Linda Tillman; and the University of Oklahoma’s Fall 2015 Historic Buildings of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Planning Class for documenting and sharing the history of Oklahoma City’s historic John Sinopoulo House (Sundial).

Lindsey Deatsch for her volunteer service to maintain the Oklahoma Annual Statewide Preservation Conference blog.

Susan Allen Kline for her research and publications contributing to the preservation of historic properties in Oklahoma.

Land Run Commercial Real Estate; 23rd Street Equity LLC; Pump Libations LLC; Chris Lower and Kathryn Mathis; TAP Architecture; David Ledbetter; Sam Gresham; and Jeluxa Construction for their redevelopment of Oklahoma City’s Northwest 23rd Street.

Midtown Renaissance for requesting City of Oklahoma City historic landmark status for the Marion Hotel, located in the Automobile Alley Historic District.

Elise Kilpatrick for requesting City of Oklahoma City historic landmark status for the Milk Bottle Grocery on North Classen.

Teresa A. Rendon for rehabilitation of 720 Northeast 15th Street in Oklahoma City’s Lincoln Terrace East Historic District.

21c OKC, LLC; Hornbeek-Blatt Architects; and Rosin Preservation, LLC, for the adaptive reuse of the historic Oklahoma City Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant as the 21c Museum Hotel at 900 West Main Street.

Oklahoma City Metropolitan Association of Realtors and the City of Oklahoma City Planning Department for providing training and continuing education credit opportunities in historic preservation for real estate professionals.

Sieber Holdings, LLC, for requesting City of Oklahoma City historic landmark status for the Sieber Grocery and Apartment Hotel on North Hudson.

Park on the Square, LLC; Ron Drake Consulting; and J Square Construction for rehabilitation of the Parkinson Trent and Company Building, located in the Okmulgee Downtown Historic District.

United States Postal Service; GH2 Architects LLC; and Ed A. Wilson, Inc., for the exemplary window replacement project for the historic United States Post Office in Ponca City.

City of Sand Springs; Sand Springs Historic and Cultural Museum; GH2 Architects, LLC; and VOY Construction for the exterior rehabilitation of the historic Page Memorial Library, now home of the Sand Springs Historic and Cultural Museum.

Historic Shawnee Alliance, Inc., for leadership and public educational programming which are contributing to the preservation of Shawnee’s historic built environment.

Cheri Killam-Bomhard and Ken Ruhnke, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, and Spring 2016 Environmental Design Capstone Class, Environmental Design Program, OU College of Architecture, for collaboration on the design of the historic Panther Falls Comfort Station and the Cold Springs Campground upgrade project in the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Larson Development; Rosin Preservation, LLC; and Walter Parks Architect for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s Bill White Chevrolet Complex, located in the Blue Dome Historic District.
Preservation Oklahoma unveiled the 2017 list of Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Places on April 17 during a reception at the Henry Overholser Mansion, home of Preservation Oklahoma offices. Locations were selected by a group of preservation professionals from nominations solicited from the public.

For over 24 years, Preservation Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Historic Places list has become a deep-rooted staple for historic preservation advocacy. Whether abandoned, dilapidated or part of the urban core, the buildings and structures included on the annual list reflect the history of Oklahoma by acknowledging the citizens who crafted the walls and inhabited the rooms of these often-forgotten places. This year’s list includes:

**Wheelock Mission Church, Millerton:** The Wheelock Mission Church is one of the oldest churches in Oklahoma and the oldest standing building in McCurtain County. Built in 1846, the church served as the home of the Wheelock congregation. The congregation was established by Reverend Alfred Wright in 1832 upon his arrival in Indian Territory with members of the Choctaw Tribe following their removal on the Trail of Tears. The church was part of the Wheelock Mission. The church’s interior and roof were destroyed by fire in 1866 and the building was abandoned. At present, the church hosts no congregation and is maintained by the Wheelock Cemetery Association. Today, it faces threats of vandalism and challenges with upkeep due to limited funding.

**Excelsior Library, Guthrie:** Built in 1954 as part of a City of Guthrie bond issue, the Excelsior Library opened in 1955. The library consisted of two library rooms housing 5,000 books and a larger community room with a stage for meetings. It operated as a racially segregated library until 1967 when the Excelsior Library and the Guthrie Carnegie Library were combined as part of desegregation. The building continued to be used as a branch library until the new Guthrie Public Library building was built in 1970. Today the Excelsior is in danger, as time and maintenance issues have caused the building to fall into disrepair. The building was closed in 2014 and the Friends of the Excelsior Library have been formed to try to save the building.

**Police Headquarters and City Jail, Oklahoma City:** The Police Headquarters and City Jail, located in downtown Oklahoma City, is an Art Deco style building constructed between 1936-1937 as part of the Oklahoma City Civic Center. The building continued to serve as a jail until a new Oklahoma County jail was built in the 1980s. The building has been vacant for nearly two decades and is currently in serious disrepair. There appear to be no immediate plans for either demolition or for reuse, leaving the building in limbo. Redevelopment in the surrounding area may create opportunity for rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, but also poses a threat for demolition and replacement.

**Irving School, Tulsa:** Built in 1909, the Irving School was the second public school to open outside of downtown and is the oldest extant school building in Tulsa. The school was in use until May 1974. Alternative schools continued to use part of the building, and it was sold to a private company in 1983. The building was again sold in 1995, and the school was used for office and storage space until it was abandoned in 2006. A tornado in 2015 severely damaged the primary gable and today the school remains vacant and is in disrepair.
First Christian Church Historic District, Oklahoma City: The First Christian Church Historic District is an architecturally significant district in Oklahoma City with its organic form, sculpted shape, and the extensive use of concrete and masonry. It is an excellent example of the Modern movement including specifically the Neo-Expressionist design of the main building. Designed by R. Duane Conner, Fred Pojezny, and William Fearn of Oklahoma City, the buildings are a representation of form and functionality. Adjacent to a major highway, buffered on either side by historic districts and along a major thoroughfare through the neighborhood, it is easily imaginable that this property could be demolished for housing development.

Rosenwald Schools, Statewide: Rosenwald Schools are important representations of the work of Julius Rosenwald and local communities to provide education for African American students against the backdrop of segregation. Today, the schools are obsolete and their construction and locations often make it difficult to repurpose them while maintaining their integrity. As a result, negligence, fire, and natural events have destroyed most of the Rosenwald Schools in Oklahoma. Of those that remain, many are in poor condition and in danger of being destroyed. Some have yet to be located due to incomplete historical documentation, which prevents them from being actively protected as historic structures.

Route 66, Bridgeport to Hydro: Oklahoma contains the longest stretch of Route 66 in the nation. Millions of people travel the Mother Road each year to experience this important part of transportation history. 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. Today, the bridge is threatened with demolition due to concerns of increased and heavier traffic flow.

Shoreline Sites, Statewide: Oklahoma has approximately 55,646 miles of shoreline along lakes and ponds. The largest of the state’s 200+ lakes—including 34 major reservoirs—were produced by impoundments constructed largely during the 1940s-1980s. A number of significant archaeological sites were documented and excavated prior to being submerged under these lakes. Still other sites are located along landforms that lie along what are now the shorelines of these reservoirs. These sites are susceptible to erosional activities due to wave action and changes in water level, exposing and dislocating materials and - in some cases - human remains that were once buried well below the ground surface. It is unclear just how many significant sites and burials are exposed each year. Some are reported to OAS or the responsible federal agency, but many go unreported, resulting in the loss of incredible information about Oklahoma’s pre-Contact and early historic populations.

Endangered Places Traveling Exhibit Available

A traveling exhibit of the 2017 list of Oklahoma’s Most Endangered Places is available for display. Hosting the exhibit is free of charge thanks to the generous support of the Kirkpatrick Foundation and the Cherokee Nation. The exhibit will be delivered, set up, and picked up. All you have to provide is the space!

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

Endangered Places Exhibit at Overholser Carriage House. Photo: POK.
The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, announces its 2017/2018 events. Locations are listed below each event, and there are no registration fees unless noted. If you have questions, call 405/521-6249 or visit http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/spevents.htm. Note: If you have a disability and need an accommodation, please call 405/521-6249 at least two business days before the event.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Many of these programs meet the requirements for HSW hours/State of Oklahoma’s Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers, and for PDH hours/Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. The SHPO will email certificates of attendance after the event, and participants self-report or document their attendance per policies of the respective boards. Planners will earn American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification Maintenance credits for attending the statewide preservation conference, and instructions for documenting attendance will be provided at the conference.

SEPTEMBER 2017
15 Public Meeting for the SHPO’s FY 2018 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30am)

Location: Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City

DECEMBER 2017
6 Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (10:30am-12:30pm)
6 The Secretary’s Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1:30pm - 4:30pm)
7 The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants (10:30am - 4:30pm)
8 Working with the National Register of Historic Places (10:30am - 4:30pm)

Location: Oklahoma History Center Classroom, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive (immediately northeast of the State Capitol), Oklahoma City

MAY 2018
9 Certified Local Governments Program: The SHPO and Municipalities Preserving Community Heritage (10:30am-12:00pm)
9 Introduction to Section 106 and Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register (1:30pm-4:30pm)
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JUNE 2018
6-8 Oklahoma’s 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Tulsa

Details available late April/Registration Fee

Oklahoma History Center. Photo: OHS
The Director of the National Park Service (NPS) has formally approved the proposal of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to assume historic preservation duties as outlined in 54 USC 302702 within the Tribe’s trust lands in Oklahoma. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition, the Tribe has assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the Act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of rehabilitation tax credit projects.

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For a complete list of tribes that have assumed SHPO functions, see the NPS website at http://grantsdev.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm. For questions, contact Jamie Lee Marks, Acting Manager, Tribal Historic Preservation Program, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. at 202/354-6463, or email the Tribal Historic Preservation Program at thpo_program@nps.gov.

Twenty (20) Oklahoma tribal governments currently have formal THPO status (54 USC 302702 [Section 101(d) (2) of the NHPA]), including the Absentee Shawnee, Caddo Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Osage Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Cayuga Nation, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, and Wyandotte Nation. For THPO contacts and other information, visit the SHPO website at http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/tribalconsultation.htm.

SHPO PRESENTS 2017 CITATIONS OF MERIT (CONT'D)

Universal Ford Building, LLC; Lilly Architects; and Cathy Ambler (posthumous) for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s E.L. Fox Building and Fox Block, located in the Brady Historic District.

IH Landlord, LLC; Rosin Preservation, LLC; and Selser Schaefer Architects for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s International Harvester Building, located in the Blue Dome Historic District.

Pershing Project, LLC and Sikes Abernathie Architects for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s JJ Pershing School, located in the Owen Park Historic District.

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture for commissioning “The Oklahoma Historic Tax Credit: Impact on the Oklahoma Economy.”

Universal Ford Building, LLC; Lilly Architects; and Cathy Ambler (posthumous) for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s Universal Ford Motor Company, located in the Brady Historic District.

TDL NOWII, LLC; PreserveLandmarks, LLC; and Phillips Slaughter Rose for rehabilitation of Tulsa’s Vandever’s Department Store, located in the Oil Capital Historic District.

For more information about the 2017 Citation of Merit recipients and about the SHPO’s awards programs, contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org or visit http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoawards.htm.
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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- **Sod House:** $25 Individual | $75 Family
- **Bungalow:** $100 Individual | $300 Family
- **Victorian Mansion:** $500 Individual | $1,500 Family

Corporate, Institution, and Senior/Student Levels are also available.

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