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**Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson from his previous visit to the Oklahoma History Center (photo courtesy of Jason Bondy).**

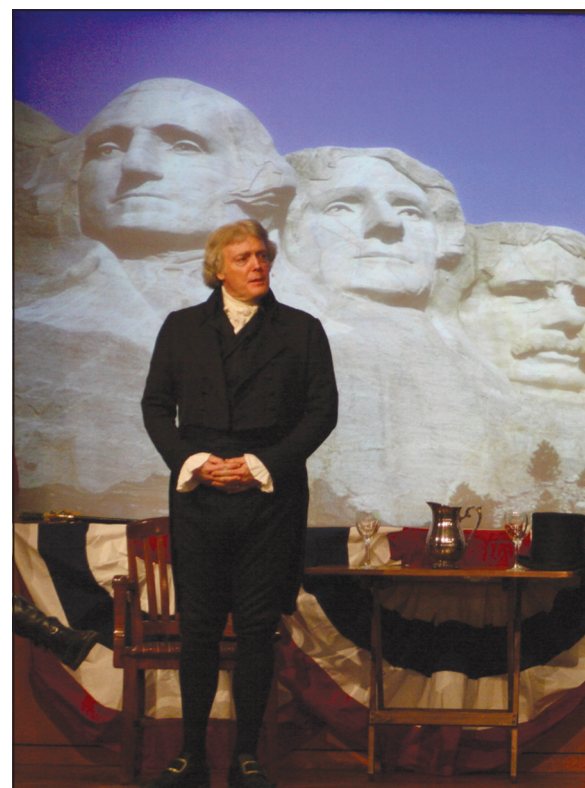
## *An Evening with Thomas Jefferson*

Join us at the Oklahoma History Center for an evening with President Thomas Jefferson on Friday, March 4, 2011. The History Center will open at 6 p.m., and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free and seating is open to the public.

Bill Barker will portray President Thomas Jefferson. On March 3 and 4 staff from the History Center as well as President Jefferson will participate in Colonial Days in Tulsa and at the Capitol in Oklahoma City. These programs will give students from across the state a look at life in colonial America.

Bill Barker has appeared as Thomas Jefferson for Colonial Williamsburg since 1993 and assists in the development of Jefferson programs for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He has been cast as Jefferson in many different settings over the years and at events for both adults and children.

This special event is made possible through a partnership with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. For more information, call 405/522-0785 or email [jharris@okhistory.org](mailto:jharris@okhistory.org).



**Photo courtesy of Jason Bondy.**



**Thomas Jefferson addresses students at the Oklahoma History Center (photo courtesy of Jason Bondy).**

## **Murrell Home to host “Fiber Arts February”**

The historic George M. Murrell Home Historic Site in Park Hill will host a series of events during February celebrating fiber arts of the nineteenth century. “Fiber Arts February” will feature presentations and workshops detailing several types of spinning, weaving, and other fiber arts.

To kick off the month’s activities, fiber artist and teacher Gina Levesque will give a presentation entitled “The History of Hooked Rugs in America” on Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m., following the Friends of the Murrell Home business meeting. Levesque will speak on the history of rug hooking and show examples. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The Murrell Home will also be the location of four workshops on each Saturday in February on a different aspect of fiber arts. Veronica Gaston, artist and Cherokee interpreter for the Murrell Home, will facilitate the classes. The workshops include “Beginning Hand Spinning,” “Basic American Brioche Knitting Techniques,” “Basic Techniques in Bobbin Lace,” and “Beginning Tape Loom Weaving.” Each class will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and costs \$30. Materials for classes will be provided, with participants having the opportunity to purchase extra supplies after each workshop. Space is limited. Call the Murrell Home at 918/456-2751 to register or for more information.

### **Fiber Arts February Schedule:**

Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The History of Hooked Rugs in America  
Beginning Hand Spinning  
Basic American Brioche Knitting  
Basic Techniques in Bobbin Lace  
Beginning Tape Loom Weaving



## Director's Column

By **Bob L. Blackburn**  
Executive Director

Oklahoma history is full of milestones.

From the Centennial of Statehood to the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the Indian Territory, we commemorate moments in the march of time when our collective story branches off in new directions.

This coming March we will celebrate another of those redefining moments with a sister agency and longtime partner, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), which will be one hundred years old on March 16, 2011.

In 1911 the Oklahoma Legislature recognized that the antiquated system of local road construction and maintenance could no longer serve the needs of the public. In this case, the "local is better" philosophy of government embedded in the state constitution did not anticipate the overnight transition of an entire country from horses and wagons to cars and trucks.

On March 16, 1911, the law creating the Oklahoma Highway Commission took effect. County commissioners still did most of the road building, but the state added a layer of technical support and coordination. For the next one hundred years the authority and ability to build and maintain roads and bridges evolved through a num-

ber of changes at both the state and federal levels.

In 1916 the Federal Highway Act provided matching funds for road construction, and with the money came standards that state officials enforced. That was followed in 1923 when the Oklahoma Legislature increased the authority of ODOT and provided funding through a one cent per gallon tax on gasoline.

Subsequent laws passed by Congress generally increased the proportion of federal matching funds available to the State Highway Commission and provided a sense of order for roads from county to county and state to state. Obvious results of this federal-state partnership included Route 66, begun in 1925, and the interstate system, begun in 1956.

Understanding this evolving system of roads and bridges is critical to an understanding of economic development, urban history, agricultural history, oil and gas, migration patterns, and recreation in Oklahoma. By taking time to commemorate the genesis of historic trends, we draw attention to the need to collect, preserve, and share our collective stories.

This March, with the help of several car collectors led by Don Boulton, Ted Oney, Ted Davis, and Don Hummer, the History Center will open a new exhibit that traces the opening chapter in the story of road and bridge construction from the 1890s to the 1920s.

Interlaced with the evolution of automobiles and trucks will be the story of roads and bridges.

Yes, Oklahoma history is full of milestones. And we will help celebrate the birth of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, our sister agency, and celebrate its impact on our history.

*Dr. Bob*

## Development News

By Paul F. Lambert

One of the wonderful benefits of membership in the Oklahoma Historical Society is the opportunity to attend the OHS Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held in Enid and will begin on the evening of Wednesday, April 27, with a reception at the new Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center. This will be a fun social occasion, and attendees will be among the first to tour the new facility.

The meeting will get underway in earnest Thursday morning with interesting historical presentations and the Annual Membership Luncheon at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center. The luncheon program will feature a "Tour of Western Oklahoma" by renowned photographer Mike Klemme. A brief business meeting will be held for members after the luncheon program followed by opportunities to tour five homes in the Waverly Historic District or take a walking tour of downtown Enid. Thursday's activities will be capped by a Michael Martin Murphy concert at the Briggs Auditorium on the Northern Oklahoma College-Enid campus.

Friday will feature more historical presentations and the Annual Awards Luncheon at the Cherokee Strip Conference Center. Among the award highlights will be the induction of several individuals into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame. The Annual Meeting will conclude with the adjournment of the luncheon program.

Our Annual Meeting Committee chair, Bob Klemme, will send a letter of invitation including a registration form to all members. However, those planning to attend may make their room arrangements at any time. Convention hotel information may be found in a separate article in this issue of *Mistletoe Leaves*.



## New Members, December 2010

**\*Indicates renewed membership at a higher level**

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Melinda Bennett, Tulsa

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Betty Gerber, Broken Arrow

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## Meetings

The Oklahoma Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting Monday, February 7, at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center in **Oklahoma City**. Ronald Graham, Sr., president of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band and president of the NAACP, Okmulgee Branch, will discuss "The Freedman Saga and the Dawes Commission." His presentation will include information on the history and genealogy of freedmen families in the Muscogee Creek Nation and will utilize the 1900 and 1910 U.S. censuses, Dawes census cards, enrollment applications, land records, and 1866 treaty and other vital documents in educating the audience on the ways to track freedman genealogy.

## Events

Come listen to the music at the two-day indoor Sanders and Lake Murray Resort Bluegrass Festival in **Ardmore** Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26. Five bands, both professional and amateur, are scheduled to play each day of the event, providing music for all ages. The music will play from 7 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday night and 1 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Freddie Sanders at 918/423-4891 for more information.

**Elk City's** Kiwanis Club will throw a fun-filled Kiwanis Karnival Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12, starting at 6 p.m. each evening at the Elk City Convention Center. Along with games for children and all sorts of family fun, concessions will be available. Call Rick Rainey at 580/243-1306 for more information.

Bring your sweet tooth to the Firehouse Art Center's annual Chocolate Festival on Saturday, February 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in **Norman**, held this year at the OU Forum Building at the intersection of Asp and Timberdell. Experience what the Food Network has ranked third among food festivals in the United States. With more than twenty-five-thousand chocolate samples from more than thirty area businesses, visitors have a great variety of tempting treats from which to choose. Try Kendall's famous chocolate cinnamon rolls, chocolate fondue, and the unusual chocolate chili. With the purchase of a general admission ticket, visitors get a choice of ten chocolate samples. A premiere, one-hour tasting session will

be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and includes fifteen chocolate samples, a container for leftovers, and a drink. General admission tickets are \$20; premiere tickets are \$30. There will also be a children's art area and art demonstrations by Firehouse Art Center faculty. Check out [www.normanarts.org/2010/11/chocolate-festival-2011](http://www.normanarts.org/2010/11/chocolate-festival-2011) for details.

Tune up your banjo and come to the Oklahoma Bluegrass Club Music Festival in **Del City**! On Friday night, February 5, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. music will fill the air as professional and amateur bluegrass musicians play forty-five minute shows on their fiddles, guitars, basses, and banjos for visitors. For more information on these talented local musicians and this opportunity to support them, contact Pat Pogue at 405/760-3064.

The Great Plains Coliseum Annex in **Lawton** will be the venue for the Kickin' Up Our Heels Quilt Show the weekend of February 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. This show will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild, and the guild invites visitors to enjoy more than one hundred hand- and machine-stitched quilts on display. Vendors will be on hand to sell their wares while quilting demonstrations and a quilt auction add to the activities. Quilt appraisals will also be available for a small fee. For more information on the show, call Virginia Williams at 580/248-1439.

**Frederick** will hold its annual Frederick Fantastic Oyster Fry and Craft Show at the Prather Brown Cafeteria on Saturday, February 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The oyster fry has been a tradition in Frederick since 1952, and the 2011 Oyster Fry will include favorites like fried or raw oysters, homemade coleslaw, potato chips, bread, iced tea, and coffee. Desserts are available for an added fee. After the delicious food, visitors can peruse booths filled with needlework, jewelry, woodcrafts, pottery, and much more! Call 580/335-2126 with any questions.

Southwest Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in **Weatherford** will celebrate its annual Jazz Festival Thursday, February 10, and Friday, February 11. Thursday night's concert will feature the Randy Becker Quintet at 7 p.m. A festival of regional middle school, high school, and university jazz bands will play for ratings and comments during the day on Friday.

Also on Friday, the SWOSU Jazz Ensemble and the Randy Becker Quintet will perform at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sit back and enjoy the smooth sounds of these talented artists! Questions? Contact Brian Adler at 580/774-7055.

## Exhibits

The Toy and Action Figure Museum in **Pauls Valley** opened two new exhibits in its facility at 111 S. Chickasaw on January 22. *Mickey Mouse* features toys, comic books, and other memorabilia from Mickey Mouse and his friends, donated by David Horwitz. The museum is also hosting an exhibit entitled *The Wild Wild West* with items on loan from Rilla Jolly of Pauls Valley. Toys and comics on Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, the Lone Ranger, Hopalong Cassidy, Johnny West, and other western icons populate this exhibit. The museum is also debuting a new children's play area, dedicated to the memory of Linda Stark, the late wife of museum curator Kevin Stark. These exhibits, along with the rest of the museum, are open daily Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.actionfiguremuseum.com](http://www.actionfiguremuseum.com).

The Helmerich Gallery at Philbrook Museum of Art in **Tulsa** will be the home of *American Streamlined Design: The World of Tomorrow*, an exhibit exploring the sleek, streamlined designs of objects from the 1920s to the 1950s. The exhibit, which runs from February 6 to May 15, 2011, features more than 180 artifacts created by such notable designers as Henry Dreyfuss and Norman Bel Geddes. Visit [www.philbrook.org](http://www.philbrook.org) for more information.

## Now Available

The 2011 **Love County** Historical Society calendars are now available for purchase. Among the featured photographs in this calendar are: 1925 Marietta seventh and eighth grades, 1950s Montgomery Store, 1916 Tipton Family, 1949 Greenville Queen Coronation, and 1945 Leon High School basketball team. Calendars can be ordered for \$5 plus \$1.75 postage and handling by contacting the Love County Historical Society at P.O. Box 134, Marietta, OK 73430. For further information, please call Laquitta Ladner at 580/276-3477.

## Fort Towson Time Line event set for February 24

The annual Fort Towson Time Line is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at Fort Towson. OHS staff and volunteers will be in charge of a number of education stations that depict time periods, important events, and significant activities associated with the military occupation of Fort Towson Historic Site from 1824 to 1865.

The event targets school-age children as well as history enthusiasts. Each education station will have a living history specialist dressed in period clothes, discussing a specific aspect of the fort's history or demonstrating historic activities or occupations at the fort. Examples of educational stations are the sutler's store, candle making, and Civil War reenacting.

To schedule school groups, please email [fttowson@okhistory.org](mailto:fttowson@okhistory.org).

For other details, call Fort Towson Historic Site at 580/873-2634.

## Pawnee Bill's 151<sup>st</sup> birthday party on February 11

Pawnee Bill's Birthday Party is scheduled for Friday, February 11, from 1-3 p.m. at the Pawnee Bill Ranch. This event will celebrate the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the birth of Gordon W. Lillie, also known as Pawnee Bill. Pawnee Bill was born in 1860 in Bloomington, Illinois, and became famous as a showman and entrepreneur. The museum is inviting anyone interested to attend the come and go birthday party and eat cake and drink punch in the museum conference room.

Pawnee Bill Ranch is located on Blue Hawk Peak on land Pawnee Bill purchased from Blue Hawk, his Pawnee friend. It is located one-half mile west of Pawnee on U.S. Highway 64. For more information, call 918/762-2513 or email [pawneebill@okhistory.org](mailto:pawneebill@okhistory.org).



### OHS MUSEUMS AND SITES

**Cherokee Strip Museum/  
Rose Hill School**, 2617 W  
Fir, Perry, 580/336-2405

**Chisholm Trail Museum/  
Seay Mansion**, 605 Zellers  
Ave., Kingfisher  
405/375-5176

**Confederate Memorial Mu-  
seum**, US 69, ½ mi. N of  
Atoka, 580/889-7192

**Fort Gibson Historic Site**  
907 N. Garrison, SH 80 in  
Fort Gibson, 918/478-4088

**Fort Supply Historic Site**  
Campus of W.S. Key  
Corr. Center, Fort Supply  
580/766-3767

**Fort Towson Historic Site**  
NE of Fort Towson off US 70  
580/873-2634

**Fort Washita Historic Site**  
SH 199, 13 mi. E of Madill  
580/924-6502

**Frank Phillips House**  
1107 Cherokee Ave.  
Bartlesville, 918/336-2491

**Fred Drummond House**  
305 N Price, Hominy  
918/885-2374

**Frederick Pioneer Village**,  
201 N 9th St., Frederick,  
580/335-5844

**George M. Murrell House**  
19479 East Murrell Home Rd  
3 mi. S of SH 82, Park Hill  
918/456-2751

**Healdton Oil Museum**  
315 E Main, Healdton  
580/229-0900

**Henry Overholser House**  
405 NW 15th St., OKC  
405/528-8485

**Honey Springs Battlefield**  
1863 Honey Springs Battle-  
field Rd., E of US 69, near  
Rentiesville, 918/473-5572

**Jim Thorpe House**  
706 E Boston, Yale  
918/387-2815

**Museum of the Cherokee  
Strip**, 507 S 4th, Enid  
580/237-1907

**Museum of the Western  
Prairie**, 1100 N Memorial Dr.  
Altus, 580/482-1044

**National Hall of Fame for  
Famous American Indians**  
US 62 east, Anadarko  
405/247-5555

**No Man's Land Museum**  
PSU Campus, Goodwell  
580/349-2670

**Oklahoma Museum of His-  
tory**, 2401N Laird Ave., OKC  
405/522-5248

**Oklahoma Route 66 Mu-  
seum**, 2229 W Gary Blvd.  
Clinton, 580/323-7866

**Oklahoma Territorial Mu-  
seum/Carnegie Library**  
402 E Oklahoma, Guthrie  
405/282-1889

**Pawnee Bill Ranch**  
½ mi. W on US 64, Pawnee  
918/762-2513

**Peter Conser House**  
4 mi. S of Heavener on US  
59, 3½ mi. W of Hodgen  
918/653-2493

**Pioneer Woman Museum**  
701 Monument Rd., Ponca  
City, 580/765-6108

**Robert S. Kerr Museum**  
6 mi. SW of Poteau, US 270  
at Kerr Conference Center  
918/647-9579

**Sequoyah's Cabin**  
SH 101, 11 mi. NE of  
Sallisaw, 918/775-2413

**Sod House Museum**  
SH 8, 5½ mi. N of Cleo  
Springs, 580/463-2441

**Spiro Mounds Archaeo-  
logical Center**, 3 mi. E  
and 4 mi. N of Spiro  
918/962-2062

**State Capital Publishing  
Museum**, 301 W Harrison  
Guthrie, 405/282-4123

**T. B. Ferguson House**  
519 N Weigle, Watonga  
580/623-5069

**Tom Mix Museum**  
721 N Delaware, Dewey  
918/534-1555

**White Hair Memorial**  
½ mi. S of SH 20 on Black-  
burn Rd., Ralston  
918/538-2417

**State Historic Preservation  
Office**, OKC, 405/521-6249

## Junior League exhibit to debut at Oklahoma History Center



**Page from an early scrapbook of the JLOC  
showing their Community House from  
1927.**

Zoo. Examples of independent agencies that were initially convened by the JLOC members include: Rainbow Fleet, Myriad Gardens, Rebuilding Together, the Speech and Hearing Clinic, and Leadership Oklahoma City.

The Junior League exhibit will be installed in three phases with the projected finish of the first phase by mid-January. The project is scheduled for completion by March 2011. For further information, contact Lori Oden, curator of exhibits, at 405/522-0780 or by email at [lodan@okhistory.org](mailto:lodan@okhistory.org).



**This puppet, named  
Mark Riley, depicts an  
eleven-year-old boy with  
cerebral palsy. The  
JLOC performed puppet  
shows for children to let  
them know that kids  
with challenges like ce-  
rebral palsy can be  
their friends.**





**Depiction of a temple mound at Spiro from a flipbook in the Interpretive Center at the site.**

## Oklahoma History Center to host Third Thursday Lecture Series

The Oklahoma History Center is pleased to announce a new program series. The third Thursday of each month starting January 2011 the History Center will host a special lecture and discussion. Each Thursday will provide a glimpse into Oklahoma's past with such topics as allotment, radicalism, and Route 66.

The goal of the program is to create a learning environment that allows members of the community to come together and learn about the rich heritage of Oklahoma. Admission is free. The History Center will open at 5 p.m., and the programs will begin at 7 p.m. each third Thursday. For more information, call 405/522-0785 or email [jharris@okhistory.org](mailto:jharris@okhistory.org).

## Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives to celebrate 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Friends of the Oklahoma Historical Society Archives, Inc., (FOHSA) will celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a support group for the OHS Research Division. Founded January 26, 1966, FOHSA has over the years helped the division acquire important collections of manuscripts, photographs, film, books, and other ephemera.

The FOHSA board invites to public to attend this special event that is set for Saturday, February 5, 2011, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the LeRoy H. Fischer Boardroom at the Oklahoma History Center. For more information, contact Bill Welge at 405/522-5206 or by email at [mrarchives@okhistory.org](mailto:mrarchives@okhistory.org).

## OHS Places. . .

### Spiro Mounds

18154 First Street  
Spiro, OK 74959  
Phone: 918/962-2062

Hours: Wed.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., Noon-5 p.m.

Admission: Adults, \$4; Seniors (age 65+), \$3;  
Children (age 6-18), \$1; Children (under age 6), free

Directions: The Spiro Mounds Center is located three miles east of Spiro on S.H. 9/U.S. 271 and four miles north on Lock and Dam Road.



As the only prehistoric American Indian site open to the public in Oklahoma, the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center opens the window to one of the state's richest cultural resources. Situated in a bend of the Arkansas River in present-day eastern Oklahoma, the site offers visitors a visual and virtual view of a permanent settlement that began at the location circa A.D. 800. Centrally located in the present-day United States, the Spiroans developed an extensive trade network that extended in all directions throughout the Mississippi Valley, the Plains, and the Southeast. Known for their practice of mound construction, they had a religious center as well as a political system that influenced the region. With gender-specific responsibilities, women grew corn, beans, and squash, and men hunted. The settlement declined around 1450. The reason for its demise continues to be a mystery. The area remained uninhabited until the removal of the Choctaw to Indian Territory in the 1830s.

In addition to the interpretive center visitors can see the remains of a village and twelve earthen mounds. Spiroans built three types of mounds: burial, temple, and house. The burial mound known as Craig Mound has probably attracted the most attention. Actually consisting of four contiguous mounds, Craig Mound is 33 feet high, 120 feet wide, and more than 180 feet long.

The interpretive center offers exhibits, an introductory slide program, and a small gift shop. There are nearly two miles of interpreted trails, including a one-half-mile nature trail. The site features an annual Family Kite Flite Day and vernal equinox walks in March, Archaeology Day/Birthday Bash in May, and winter solstice walks in December.

## Presidents' Day celebrated as part of new Family Saturday Programs at Oklahoma History Center

You are invited to join us at the Oklahoma History Center for a new family adventure! Every third Saturday of January through October of 2011 the History Center will offer families the opportunity to come explore and participate in unique, family-friendly programs.

As part of this program Presidents' Day will be celebrated on February 19. Part of the activities will include children dressing up as Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt and making short videos of the experience. There also will be a presidential-themed scavenger hunt for kids to do that will take them to different artifacts and areas around the History Center. Come participate in the fun, educational day!



**The "Rushmore Four," George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln, visited the History Center last year. This year your child can dress up and be one of the "Rushmore Four!"**

## SHPO announces 2011 Statewide Preservation Conference

Save the dates, June 8-10, 2011, for *Wide Open for Preservation: Oklahoma's 23rd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference* in Guymon.

It is the perfect time and place to learn about the heritage of the Great Plains and its preservation, to examine the ways historic preservation makes sense for the environment, and to explore the opportunities for small towns and rural areas to benefit from historic preservation initiatives.

The three concurrent tracks of sessions include:

TRACK A: *Preservation in the Wide Open Spaces*, featuring the archeological and historic resources of the Great Plains and efforts to preserve them.

TRACK B: *Old is the New Green*, addressing how rehabilitation work is good for the environment and how new technology can be used in preservation projects. (Track B title used with permission of Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.)

TRACK C: *The Local Preservation Environment*, focusing on the development of successful community preservation programs and how they support community revitalization efforts.

The plenary session will feature J. Paul Loether, chief, National Historic Landmarks/National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service. He will discuss historic landscapes, the importance of historic setting, and the challenges in balancing our needs for alternative energy sources and protection of historic places. His national perspective will help guide Oklahoma's preservation community as we focus on this complex new issue.

Tours will include a full-day trip to visit Santa Fe Trail landmarks and the Black Mesa/Kenton area. The two half-day tours with lunch include (1) a visit to No Man's Land Museum and Panhandle State University's Art Department with a Raku firing demonstration or (2) a trip to the historic Norwegian community of Oslo, Texas, featuring its historic church and traditional Norwegian food. Other special events will include Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s annual meeting and luncheon and the State Historic Preservation Office's annual awards banquet.

Conference cosponsors include the State Historic Preservation Office; Oklahoma Historical Society; the Oklahoma Main Street Center; Oklahoma Department of Commerce; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; Main Street Guymon; City of Guymon, Convention and Tourism; Guymon Chamber of Commerce; Pioneer Showcase; and Guymon Chapter, No Man's Land Historical Society.

Watch for the April issue of *Preservation Oklahoma News* and the May issue of *Mistletoe Leaves* and check your mail for more information. Track conference developments at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoevents.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpoevents.htm); [www.twitter.com/okshpo](http://www.twitter.com/okshpo); and [www.okpreservationconference.wordpress.com](http://www.okpreservationconference.wordpress.com).

If you may have questions, contact Melvena Heisch, deputy state historic preservation officer, at 405/522-4484 or [mheisch@okhistory.org](mailto:mheisch@okhistory.org) or Melyn Johnson, Main Street Guymon, at 580/338-6246 or [director@mainstreetguymon.com](mailto:director@mainstreetguymon.com).

## Convention hotels for OHS Annual Meeting

Three hotels in Enid have been selected as OHS convention hotels for people attending the OHS Annual Meeting on April 27, 28, and 29. Of course, there are numerous other hotels in Enid, and members are free to select any of them if they prefer.

The convention hotels include the Baymont Inn and Suites, Comfort Inn Midwestern Square, and Holiday Inn Express.

The rate at the Baymont Inn and Suites will be \$72.00 for non-smoking rooms or smoking rooms with double beds. Rooms with king-sized beds are available at the same rate. The room block will be held until March 30. The Baymont is located at 3614 West Owen K. Garriott. Reservations may be made by calling Baymont's central reservations toll-free at 800/992-2694 or by contacting the Baymont directly at 580/234-6800.

The rate at the Comfort Inn Midwestern Square will be \$89.95 for double queen, single king, and king suite rooms. Room block will be held until April 6. The inn is located at 210 North Van Buren and reservations may be made by calling central reservations at 800/424-6423 or by contacting the inn directly at 580/234-1200.

Rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, located at 4702 West Owen K. Garriott, will be available at \$103.00 for double queen or single king non-smoking or smoking rooms. Note that the number of smoking rooms is limited. The room block will be held until April 6. Reservations may be made by calling central reservations toll-free at 800/345-6082 or the inn directly at 580/237-7722.

Reservations for each hotel also may be made online.

## Twenty-year Members Renew in December

Listed below, with the date they joined the OHS, are people and organizations that, when they renewed their memberships in December, have been members twenty or more years. Their long-term loyalty is most sincerely appreciated!

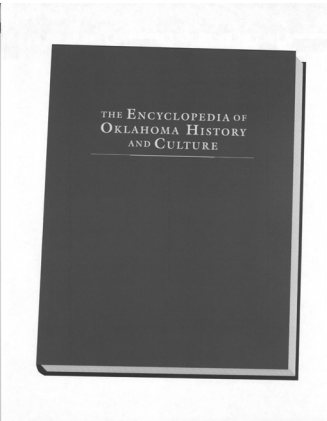
Paul Eichling, Porum, November 1, 1965  
University of Texas - Arlington, Arlington, TX, October 1, 1972  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA, October 1, 1972  
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Von Russell Creel, Midwest City, September 1, 1973  
Wichita State University Library, Wichita, KS, November 1, 1973  
Wilma Slater, Milburn, October 1, 1977  
Maris Ward, Alva, November 1, 1977  
Eugene Earsom, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1977  
University of Washington Libraries, Seattle, WA, December 1, 1977  
Mary Blochowiak, Edmond, June 3, 1978  
Kenneth and Lois Stern, Stillwater, September 1979  
University of Nebraska - Omaha, Omaha, NE, December 1, 1981  
Dorothy and John Conley, Edmond, December 13, 1981  
Laquita Ladner, Burneyville, April 1, 1982  
Suzanne Crawford, Lawton, November 1, 1982  
Gary Mills, Ashland, KS, December 1, 1982  
Southwest Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, December 1, 1982  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, December 1, 1985  
Shirley Clark, Los Altos, CA, December 1, 1985  
Linda Sparks Starr, Norman, December 23, 1985  
OBU, Shawnee, January 1, 1986  
Okmulgee Public Library, Okmulgee, June 16, 1986  
Nancy Gee, Miami, October 28, 1986  
Ardron Hinton, Blair, October 31, 1986  
Violet Spinler, Winthrop, MN, November 4, 1986  
John Watson, Fallbrook, CA, November 4, 1986  
Mary McCormick, Seminole, November 20, 1986  
Becky Meyer, Norman, November 24, 1986  
Shirley Carter, Marietta, November 24, 1986  
Phillip Washburn, Guthrie, December 29, 1986  
Geraldine Gesell, Knoxville, TN, January 8, 1987  
University of Georgia Library, Athens, GA, January 28, 1987  
Baylor Library, Waco, TX, May 7, 1987  
Kenneth and Corie Delashaw, Marietta, November 3, 1987  
Dennis and Carol Steichen, Perry, November 5, 1987  
Charles Davidson, San Jose, CA, November 24, 1987  
Ruth Mary & Ruth Elaine Maples, Amarillo, TX, May 25, 1988  
Gregory Moore, Tulsa, June 21, 1988  
Robert Huckaby, Oklahoma City, September 2, 1988  
Edmon Low Library, Stillwater, November 9, 1988  
Tim and Nancy Leonard, Oklahoma City, December 14, 1988  
Donald and Grace Boulton, Oklahoma City, December 15, 1988  
Mary Fisher, Tulsa, October 11, 1989  
Cal Kinzer, Beggs, November 28, 1989  
Jeanne Shirley, Del City, November 28, 1989  
Donna Koelsch, Locust Grove, December 6, 1989  
Delroe Smith, Atoka, December 19, 1989  
Ann Alspaugh, Oklahoma City, December 18, 1990  
D.E. Newsom, Stillwater, December 19, 1990

## Pawnee Bill Ranch to hold Quilt Block Class

Pawnee Bill Ranch will hold its Quilt Block of the Month Class on Tuesday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the site's conference room. Instructor for the class will be Martha Ray, and cost for the instruction will be \$5. For more information, contact Anna Davis at 918/762-2513 or [pawneebill@okhistory.org](mailto:pawneebill@okhistory.org).

**New Members, December 2010  
cont'd.**

Ashton Housel, Claremore  
Frank Johnston, Sand Springs  
Robert Mahnken, Springfield, MO  
Joyce Meiser, Oklahoma City  
Gregory Moore, Tulsa  
Alice Pettit, Edmond  
M. Susan Savage, Oklahoma City  
Joy Schreiber, Dallas, TX  
John Schwarz, Yukon  
Joyce Steavenson, Kiefer  
Neil Suneson, Norman  
Natalee Tucker, Edmond  
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**National Register Nomination Grants  
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The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The SHPO has reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2011 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the program. The funds will be equally divided for award in two grant rounds with any funds remaining from Round 1 carried over for Round 2. Applications and detailed instructions will be available from the SHPO on February 1. The deadline for Round 1 applications is 5 p.m. on April 1, and the deadline for Round 2 applications is 5 p.m. on June 1.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700. Grant recipients will use the grant funds and nonfederal match to retain an appropriately qualified professional to prepare a complete individual property nomination package for the National Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be aware that \$1,700 (federal grant + nonfederal match) is only an estimate of the cost for such projects and that additional nonfederal match may be required to retain a consultant to complete project work. Consultants must consider the nature of the property proposed for nomination and many other factors as they develop their fee proposals.

The National Register is the catalogue of our nation’s significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes important in our past. While listing in the National Register is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal and state tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain a National Register Nomination Grant Application, contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or visit our website at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm).

Information about the State Historic Preservation Office and its programs, including the National Register of Historic Places, is available at [www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm).

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**Gift Shop News**

by Russ Haynes

Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying the winter weather so far. If not, spring will be here soon! Oklahoma City has been warmer than usual this year. I wanted to say thanks to everyone for making this a great year in the Gift Shop. We are changing some things and trying to provide you with what you are looking for in Oklahoma-related merchandise and gifts. We continue to expand our book offerings and here are a few of the latest.

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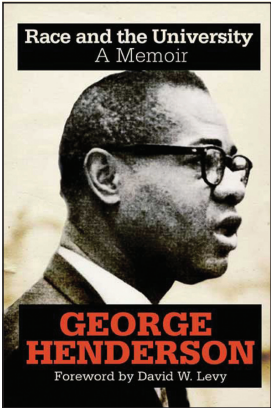
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## Black History Month event scheduled for February 22

The Oklahoma History Center will celebrate Black History Month with a special event on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. Dr. George Henderson will be the featured speaker for the program, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

Dr. Henderson is the Sylvan N. Goldman Professor Emeritus, David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus, and Regents' Professor Emeritus of Human Relations, Education, and Sociology at the University of Oklahoma. He will discuss his latest publication, *Race and the University: A Memoir*, and the significance of preserving and sharing African American history.

In addition, Bruce Fisher, OHS curator of cultural diversity, will provide the public its first glimpse of the plans for the new African American exhibit scheduled to open at the History Center in the fall of 2011. The exhibit will include an interpretation of African American cultural identity as seen through a visit to the Lewis Barbershop in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The jukebox music of the late 60s, images of large Afro hairstyles, dashikis, and conversations about protest movements and friends fighting in Vietnam will be a part of the barbershop experience.



A new exhibit segment on civil rights history will feature the story of Carl Holmes and the first twelve Oklahoma City African American fire fighters, whose successes and accomplishments were significant to changing race relations in Oklahoma.

Also depicted will be the Sanitation Strike of 1969, a pivotal, non-violent protest that involved virtually every public official and civil rights leader in Oklahoma City.

The integral role of the Urban League of Oklahoma City in advancing civil rights will be displayed on a

video kiosk, including its role in the selection of the first African American fire fighters, the election of F. D. Moon to the Oklahoma City Board of Education, and efforts to defuse tension in race relations.

The Gladys Lampkins collection on African American beauty culture from 1900-1982 will be a part of the exhibit. The collection includes every known heating element used in African American women's beauty culture.

The new exhibit will also feature the rare 1920s S. S. Jones video footage from the Currie Ballard Collection. This film shows images of the African American lifestyle throughout Oklahoma. Sporting events, baptisms, graduations, farming, and much more were captured by Reverend Jones of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

For more information, call 405/522-5049 or email [brucefisher@okhistory.org](mailto:brucefisher@okhistory.org).