



Our Mission: "To celebrate and perpetuate the history, art and culture of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy and the American West."

## Exhibit reveals stories of 'Real Cowboys' on the Chisholm Trail

A new exhibit that went public earlier this month is putting a spotlight on the cowboys, cowgirls, ranchers and farmers who have contributed to the heritage of the Trail. From now until 2018, this exhibit will feature those individuals as part of the museum's effort to honor the Chisholm Trail's 150th year.

We are seeking submissions of stories and images for consideration in this long-term exhibition.

"This exhibit is not limited to Oklahomans, but also our neighbors to the north and south - Kansas and Texas," Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore said. "We know there are many wonderful stories out there and we want to help preserve those stories and images."

Moore said any man or woman involved in the ranching business along the Chisholm Trail can submit two photos and a short story about their role, or an ancestor's role, in ranching and rodeo.

These photos and stories are framed and exhibited in the museum's interactive area near the Campfire Theater.

Doyle Williams, of Fort Worth, Texas, submitted a story and image of his great-uncle, Larkin Williams, who was stationed at Doan's



Crossing near Vernon, Texas. "Lark" was tasked with keeping the Waggoner Ranch cattle from mixing with herds passing by on the trail.

"Those are the people and the images we want to feature in this exhibit."

### How to Submit your Cowboy story:

Since the exhibit will be up 2015-2018, Images and stories can be submitted at any time. They can be sent by email:

[toni@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:toni@onthechisholmtrail.com), mailed or hand delivered. You will be able to keep your original image. If emailing images, please send a high resolution jpg attachment. The story should be about the person in the image and their connection to the Chisholm Trail, ranching or the rodeo lifestyle.

For information, call the museum at 580-252-6692. Information will also be available on the Heritage Center's Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events](http://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events)

## NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY

Be sure to mark Saturday, July 25, on your calendars TODAY!

It's our annual National Day of the Cowboy celebration.

Oklahoma summers are scorches, but you can come and cool off with us on this day for free.

That's right, no admission and everything that happens will be INDOORS!

Singing Cowboys is our 2015 theme and we have some great things planned to

bring this event to life.

Allen Wooten and his country band will take stage in our main exhibition room. They will entertain crowds throughout the day.

One of the most popular areas of the day is the children's area. Western games, like roping a dummy steer, or "shooting" blocks and creating art projects keep our instructors busy and mom and dad taking plenty of pictures.

Oklahoma author Glenda Carlile, known for her presentations of Oklahoma women, will

be available with copies of her newest book, "The Year of the Turnip," written for middle grade youth. The gift shop has her other book, "Buckskin, Calico and Lace," featuring short stories of Oklahoma's Territorial Day's women.

National Day of the Cowboy first began in 2005 when an organization formed to recognize the cowboy contribution to America.

Like us on Facebook to stay current with upcoming events.

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# Help the Gallery!

Dear Friends,

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center has been given a great opportunity to improve the Garis Gallery of the American West. The Kerr Foundation, Inc. of Oklahoma City has challenged us to raise \$2,500 before June 1, 2015 which they will match \$2,500. Those of you who generously gave to the 2014 annual campaign raised \$7,200 which helped secure this grant.

Now **WE NEED YOU** to get out those checkbooks and **HELP** us raise \$2,500 more! ***The checks must clearly state "The Kerr Foundation, Inc. Challenge" in the memo line to qualify.***

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to join the task team that will make recommendations to the Board on using the funds. We hope to create an interactive learning station featuring the "On the Chisholm Trail" bronze, update artist signage, install new energy efficient lighting, and a new more modern layout.

You don't have to be a member or donate to volunteer! Thank you for your support!

We will keep you updated in the weeks to come on our fundraising success.

*Stacy Cramer Moore,*  
Executive Director, Chisholm Trail Heritage Center



Above is the area we want to create an interactive learning station featuring the "On the Chisholm Trail" bronze, created by Paul Moore. At left is a model of such a station in another museum. We hope you can help make this a reality!



## Book your party today!

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The Aaron Mallard graphic novel exhibit remains on display until May 22. Hope you get a chance to visit and view this special show.

# EDUCATION

## Cotton Electric Foundation makes charitable contribution to our children's education programs



Cotton Electric's Bryce Hooper, left, director of marketing and economic development, presents a CE Charitable Foundation grant which benefits the CTHC education programs. Accepting the check is CE member Gloria Sullivan and her son, Temple Elementary second-grader Colton Sullivan, and CTHC instructors, Philonda Heilaman and Edie Stewart. Thank you Cotton Electric members!

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Association is a 501c3 non-profit. Your contributions to our programs and exhibits are tax deductible. Consider the Center in your estate and planned giving allocations. [stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com) or 580-252-6692.



girl scouts  
western oklahoma



## Girl Scouts earn Oklahoma Spirit badge, have fun

Corncob dolls, weather lessons and an Oklahoma map project were some of the workshops 102 Girl Scouts participated in for their Oklahoma Spirit badge on April 11.



KSWO Meteorologist Katie Western; Cheri Long with Ag in the Classroom; Gina Flesher, Duncan Regional Hospital RN; Glenda Cobb, former assistant superintendent of Duncan Public Schools; and Carina Friedl, troop leader 27, were guest speakers for the programs. [To see photos from the day, visit us on Facebook!](#)



Duncan High School Advanced Placement Senior Art Show  
May 8-15

Oklahoma Museums Week - May 17-23

**Event: National Day of the Cowboy celebration - Saturday, July 25**  
A free day for individuals and families to celebrate with us the heritage of the cowboy. Live music, games and entertainment. Indoors.



<http://www.arts.ok.gov/>

Exhibit: Grand Ol' Opry - Celebrating the Singing Cowboy June 16 - Aug. 11  
Features 30 black and white photos of behind the scenes images shot 1952-'69, documenting the WSM radio show and country music business.

Exhibit: Woodland Hymn: Sketches and Paintings by Oklahoma artist Christen Walden Aug. 31 - Oct. 31  
Artist reception TBA. Christen brings out the finer details of nature's still life through her meticulous watercolor paintings.



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, July 25, 2015  
**National Day of the Cowboy**  
A free event for everyone!



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  - \* 2012 Chickasaw Country's Best Museum Award