



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

## We love our Heritage Center!

February is a time for love; whether it be your significant other, your lil' bean or your favorite pet.

It is hard to avoid the pink hearts this time of year. One of our guests' favorite stops is the CTHC "Romancing the Trail" exhibit featuring songs and movie clips from the singing cowboy era. According to [countrymusic.about.com](http://countrymusic.about.com) the following are the top romantic hits from the last few decades. Do you agree? Log onto our facebook account at [www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail](http://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail) to share your top romantic tune or tale.

10. "Love Me Tender" – Elvis Presley
9. "Cold, Cold Heart" – Hank Williams
8. "I Fall to Pieces" – Patsy Cline
7. "I Walk the Line" – Johnny Cash
6. "Hello Darlin'" – Conway Twitty
5. "I Will Always Love You" – Dolly Parton
4. "Crazy" – Patsy Cline
3. "He Stopped Loving Her Today" – George Jones
2. "Forever and Ever, Amen" – Randy Travis

## 1. "Today I Started Loving You Again" – Merle Haggard

The CTHC is giving away a four pack of tickets to the Southwest Pride Barbershop Concert to one lucky family or company that renews their membership before February 20. Don't be in the doghouse for forgetting your sweetie! Renew your membership, help a worthy cause and have a chance for a terrific date night. Concerts in Duncan Feb 28 and Lawton March 1 [www.swpridechorus.com](http://www.swpridechorus.com).

*Stacy Cramer Moore, Executive Director*

## ON THE CALENDAR

"Brunetta Bernard Griffith's Native American Art" from the vault of the Garis Gallery of the American West. January 3-March 14.

### Coming Soon:

Classic Western Film, Stagecoach, February 23, 2 p.m. in the experience theater. Free admission.

Jason Cytacki exhibit, March 21-May 23. Jason is an artist from Norman, Oklahoma. Reception, 6 p.m. March 21.

Gabriel's House Art Show and reception. May 6

Herbs with Lori Coats. April 8, 2-5 p.m. Lori is with Oklahoma Agritourism.

Allan Houser: Legend Born Free exhibit, June 1-August 15

National Day of the Cowboy, July 26

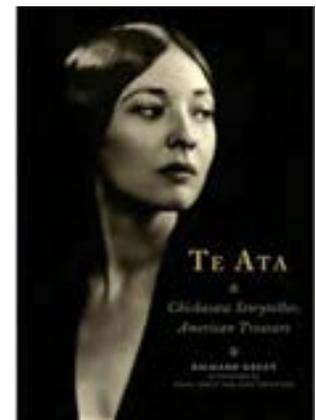


In our gift shop, we have several wonderful things that are great for gift giving. We have a wide selection of beautiful sterling silver jewelry, books,

educational children's items and home decor. We are open 7 days a week, so come shop our selection. There is no charge just to come look in our store.

## Book of the Month

As the focus continues for education on Native American history, February's selection is "Te Ata - Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure" by Richard Green. Te Ata, 1895-1995, was the first person declared to be an "Oklahoma Treasure." This biography was based on extensive research found in her personal papers, memorabilia and letters and photographs between Te Ata and her husband, Clyde Fisher.



# EDUCATION

**Youth Art Month** is in March and this will be the fifth year for the museum to host this event. Very few events or groups in this region promote youth and the arts. This month is to recognize the importance of arts education. As the state continues to cut funding to art programs, we must strive to keep the arts alive and growing. The museum has always endeavored to connect arts and youth and also hosts the annual Gabriel's House Art reception each each spring. Support your youth and visit the museum in March. This is a free display.



Education Coordinator Leah Mulkey watches while Mayor Gene Brown signs a proclamation declaring March as Youth Art Month. Duncan High School, the EDGE, Marlow High School, Comanche High School and FAME Academy will be participating in Youth Art Month.

## Great Expectations equals great experiences at the museum

Our administrators and certified instructors are constantly striving to bring the best in quality alternative educational programs to the museum. Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is a unique mix of western history and modern technology. New programs and returning popular sessions, like Making History with the Arts, an education program for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade public, private and homeschool students, provides an engaging and interactive experience. Field trips here are not a typical "stop and stare" or "free day" visit. Student groups are greeted at the door by one of our certified educators who have prepared an age appropriate lesson plan in conjunction with the child's traditional teacher. The center

has five umbrella sessions throughout the year, beginning with Native Americans, then Oklahoma Land Giveaways, Allan Houser: Legend Born Free, Abernathy Boys, and concludes with Holidays on the Chisholm Trail. This year's Allan Houser session is tied into the national recognition of this artist and we are one of the participating museums. The sessions focus on learning while making sure students are having fun and the modules incorporate Oklahoma Academic Standards and Texas TEKS skills. The Enhanced Field Trip is for grades K-12 and features an educator in period dress. We are Oklahoma's only non-profit certified Great Expectations Model School.

# GALLERY & EXHIBITS

## ON DISPLAY

The collection of the late Brunetta Bernard Griffith is on display this month as we begin our education focus on Native American history and culture. Brunetta was a native Oklahoman of Choctaw heritage. Her work includes five famous Apache warriors and women important in the history of Native Americans. Come see this colorful work exhibited through March 14.



Above: One of her earlier paintings of rural Oklahoma life.

## WISH LIST:

As an interactive learning museum, we have items we need! If you have any of these taking space in your attic or garage, consider donating them to us. If you want to make a cash donation, we can do the shopping. This benefits our educational programs.

**Table Top Easels.** \$50-100 each. For our youth art programs.

**Penny Machine.**

**Vintage paintings on canvas and old frames for summer art camp.**

If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Stacy, Leah or Toni at 580-252-6692. To make a cash contribution, contact Stacy.



Beverly Scott in her role as Toe-Pay, sixth wife of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.



Mikayla Riddles will share the story of Te Ata Fisher, "Oklahoma's Treasure."

## Historical interpreters research their roles

The Native American education session was scheduled to start in January, but winter weather had other plans. Our historical interpreters are excited about the roles they will play for the youth who attend this session. Beverly Scott and Mikayla Riddles have read numerous books, watched videos and created costumes based on their

research, of two historical figures – Te Ata Fisher, a story teller and performance artist, and Toe-Pay, sixth wife of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker. The education session continues until March 14. Our docents and educational staff have been busy creating projects that students will discover. As part of the program, students will create a

parfleche which was essential for transporting personal belongings, food and household supplies. The Native American Bear Dance gives students a chance to get up and move. They will learn the importance of the buffalo and how every part was essential to the livelihood of the Native American. Call Leah, 580-252-6692 to book your visit.

## Creative Writing

The second half of the Creative Writing program "Writing In Response to Art" returns March 11, with Nathan Brown. This is a popular program with area 6th grade students. It was launched in the fall of 2010, with students writing about pieces of art they identified with in the Garis Gallery of the American West. The students select one of their writings for inclusion in a keepsake book.



Nathan Brown



Teachers and homeschool groups should call Leah Mulkey to book a session. 580-252-6692.

## WESTERN INSTALLATION ★ THE ART OF JASON CYTACKI

March 21-May 23

Jason Cytacki is assistant professor of painting at the University of Oklahoma.

His cowboy paintings tap into the mythic as well as the tragic, fragile nature of the iconic American cowboy. Cytacki's large-scale paintings, like history paintings of old, confirm the importance of the cowboy in American culture.

This exhibition's focus will primarily be on ink on paper installations. In addition to the installations, Jason's paintings of famous Hollywood cowboys from publicity stills will be on display. His work has been exhibited in many venues, including the Rockwell Museum of Western Art in Corning, NY.

Mark this exhibit on your calendar! It's definitely one you shouldn't miss. For more information, contact the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center at 580-252-6692.

“Sometimes when you see a piece of art,  
it sparks another vision and opens up  
another endeavor.”

Duncan Mayor Gene Brown



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Call today to book your adult senior tour group, or an educational session. Need a meeting place or planning a business party? We have the facility for your next event. For more information, call 580-252-6692.



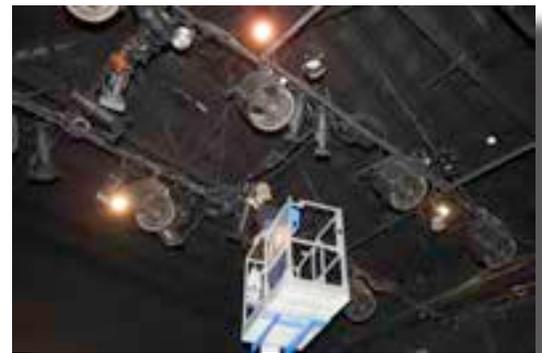
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## Are you a member? Get in on the drawing this month!

New or renewal memberships (paid) for Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, by February 20, will be added to a drawing for a four pack of tickets to the Southwest Pride's 50th annual show "Barbershop Squires with Knightly Desires."

They will perform Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at Simmons Center in Duncan; and Saturday, March 1, at Lawton McMahon Auditorium. The ticket package is good for attendance at one of the shows and its maximum value is \$56. If you aren't sure about your membership status, or you want to become a member, please call us. 580-252-6692.

*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.*



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