

OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

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

10 Reasons We Love our Heritage Center



Wayne Harris - president of Chisholm Trail Farm Credit
The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center provides our youth with a unique educational experience that we are proud to support. Educating our youth about the history of our state and western heritage adds great value to the future of Oklahoma's agricultural industry.

Jake Johnson - homeschool student
I like the Heritage Center because it teaches me about the guys in the old days.



Mary Black -small business owner Wall Street. Because I always seem to learn something each time I visit. It is educational and informative. They have a wonderful gallery, and exhibits that are great for all ages and they interact with the community.



Jean Schalit - instructor at the Simmons Center & Senior Advocate.
I love the Heritage Center for many reasons but I love it mostly for preserving the Chisholm Trail and cowboy culture for generations to come. It is so important lest it be lost in today's high tech-based society.



Megan Law - Chisholm Trail Stampede PRCA Queen I love the Heritage Center because it gives us all a glimpse into the rich heritage of Duncan's past that defines our present. We are strong people!

Gene Brown - Mayor of Duncan.
I love the Heritage Center because it's a major part of Duncan's history - a great place to teach our kids about the Chisholm Trail cattle drive and what they had to do to get the cattle to market.



Steve Whitten - Whitten Insurance
I've always enjoyed history like American history and Oklahoma history, especially about the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory. There's so much of interest before statehood like the Chisholm Trail which went through the Comanche Nation and its right outside the door. The Heritage Center sits on the Trail. We are most fortunate to have this facility.




Haylee Root - PR & Marketing for Duncan Regional Hospital.
I love the Heritage Center because I love to "wow" out of town guests, or visiting physicians looking to make Duncan their home. They never leave disappointed. The best part? They leave remembering Duncan as an impressive and amazing community.



Glenna Pace - Art Teacher at FAME Academy in Meridian
I love it as a venue for student art. The staff at CTHC makes my students and me feel like we are as important as the artists in their permanent collection.

- The Husbands:
Ron Mulkey, realtor; Chris Moore, Workforce Center; Rex Hopper, City of Duncan; Gerald Kierbow, Engineer.
We love the Heritage Center because our wives tell us to. Right Dear?





EDUCATION

Oklahoma Land Give Away field trip sessions are filling fast! If you are a teacher and want your class to participate in this annual event, please call or email Leah Mulkey immediately to book your session. (580)-252-6692 or leah@onthechisholmtrail.com

OKLAHOMA SPIRIT



EARN YOUR OKLAHOMA SPIRIT BADGE!

This is the 2nd annual Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma badge workshop.

If you are a Daisy, Brownie, Junior or Cadette and want to earn your Oklahoma Spirit Badge, this is the workshop to attend!

More than 60 girls, along with their leaders and some parents, attended the Native American badge workshop we hosted in June 2014.

This year's workshop will have special guests: Katie Western, KSWO Meteorologist; Lynette Blevins, Girl Scout Service Unit Specialist; Cheri Long with Ag in the Classroom for Oklahoma; and Gina Flesher, RN with Duncan Regional Hospital.

WHEN: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015

**WHERE: Chisholm Trail Heritage Center
1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway -Duncan, OK**

Registration deadline: April 3, 2015
Cost: \$10 per scout Parents & Siblings: \$3 each

There will be a Chisholm Trail participation badge for 1st time attendees. Oklahoma Spirit Badges may be purchased through the Girl Scout Shop.

To register: Call 580-252-6692
or email: leah@onthechisholmtrail.com

Famous Native American Oklahomans find their space at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

There are still openings for our Native American field trip sessions. This year, students are learning about famous Oklahomans who are also Native Americans. Astronaut Commander John B. Herrington is one of those and he even sent the Heritage Center an autographed portrait that is on display in the Native American classroom. To book one of these sessions, which are available until March 13, call or email our Education Coordinator, Leah Mulkey at (580) 252-6692, or leah@onthechisholmtrail.com



Hey Teacher!

Inaugural Public Educators' Art Show in the Garis Gallery

April 6-24, 2015

Artist Reception TBA

Juried Show featuring working artists who are public educators



Mikel Davison, an art teacher at the EDGE Academy is one of the selected artists who will have work featured in this inaugural show.

Often dismissed, arts educators are highly trained innovators who choose to work with developing the next generation of creativity, often at the expense of their own personal projects. Join us at CTHC to celebrate and appreciate our public school educators and their art efforts. Are you a public educator who wants to participate? This is a juried show with limited space. For information, call Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, 580-252-6692.

Upcoming Exhibits & Events



Aaron Mallard in his design studio at work on the upcoming Chisholm Trail Graphic Novel exhibition.

AARON MALLARD

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Artist Reception starts at 1:15 pm

Exhibition - Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting - 2 pm

Graphic History and unveiling of the new Chisholm Trail Heritage Center graphic novel

Please join us for this special exhibit and welcome artist Aaron Mallard, creator of a new graphic novel designed for students and adults to explore the Chisholm Trail history and become inspired to add their artistic touch to the pages within this book. The artist reception and exhibit will be an interactive experience with emphasis focused on youth.

"I hope young children will be able to take something away from this show, that they will be able to use in the future as artists," Mallard says.

Exhibit: Kachina Dolls - Carvings by Mike Aguirre - Continues through March 13

March is National Youth Art Month "Art Builds Bridges"

Free exhibit in the main lobby featuring art from area high school students

Creative Cafe: An After-School Art Program for Duncan Middle School
6th, 7th and 8th grade students

Every Wednesday - March 3-April 15 (No class March 18-Spring Break)
3-5:30 p.m. Limited Space. Call Shari (580) 252-6692 to reserve your spot.

Creative Writing Reception: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Duncan High School Advanced Placement Senior Art Show - May 8-15
A portfolio exhibition of student creativity Artist Reception TBA

Oklahoma Museums Week - May 17-23

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

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.

Exhibit: Woodland Hymn by artist Christen Humphries 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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Artist Mike Aguirre and CTHC board member Rick Rodgers share woodcarver secrets during the reception held for Aguirre on Jan. 29. Nearly 70 people attended the event.

Mark your Calendar!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: MARCH 8

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY: MARCH 18





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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@on-thechisholmtrail.com or 580-252-6692.

For donations of \$500 or more, we will be happy to take your photo with our executive director and publicize your contribution, if you so choose.

Be sure to visit us!
We are a ...

- * 2014 Great Expectations Model School
- * 2014 Oklahoma Museums Association Exhibit & Publication award winners
- * 2013 Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Non-profit of the Year
 - * Oklahoma Redbud for Outstanding Attraction
 - * Top 10 Western Museum - True West Magazine
- * 2012 Chickasaw Country's Best Museum Award

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Help make the Chisholm Trail become a National Historic Trail

Public comment is needed before March 6, 2015 as Congress considers a National Park Service study to designate the Chisholm and Great Western Trails as National Historic Trails. With this designation, tourism potential increases for Oklahoma as we approach the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail in 2017. Go to okhistory.org and click the link to the NPS site to leave your comment supporting this important study.



Take Action Now!