



Youth Art Month show returns in March

United Through Art, the nationwide theme this year's Youth Art Month, will feature the work of area high school students from Stephens County and neighboring communities. In March, every year, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center participates in the event. In 2016, we displayed nearly 300 pieces of art by 100 students. Please mark your calendar for the reception and we hope you attend!



March 1 - March 31

Thursday, March 2
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Reception

Support our regional high school art programs and artists at our annual Youth Art Month show.

Area teachers who would like their students to participate should contact Leah Mulkey, 580-252-6692, by Feb. 24.

Garis Gallery/Artist Spotlight: Byron B. Wolfe

If you haven't heard, this year is the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail.

What better way to kick off this new feature, than with Byron B. Wolfe's "Blue and His New Bell - Headin' for Dodge" depicting Texas Longhorn cattle on the Chisholm Trail to Kansas.

Byron B. Wolfe (1904-1973) embodies the pioneer spirit. His legacy of work represents the best of life in the old American West. His paintings of cowboys, cattle and the great landscapes are visual stories of a pioneering past.

Two notes by the artist, one handwritten on discolored ruled notebook paper, and another longer typed letter, are part of the CTHC/Garis Gallery archived collection. In those artifacts, Wolfe talks about his childhood experiences with horses, which included getting knocked off a horse as he tried to enter a barn. He even offers a confession: "In school, the margins of my



"Blue and His New Bell - Headin' for Dodge" is a 24x36-inch oil painting on canvas.

English, history, and math books were crowded with sketches of horses, cowboys, and Indians." Wolfe was known for collecting things: western tools and "stuff" that others would toss. They were props for his paintings, as he strived for realism. He also kept a collection of rare western books.

The handwritten note shares his references, notable: "[The Longhorns](#)" by [J. Frank Dobie](#). And if you find an old school book with simple western sketches in it, you might want to have it appraised!

Seeking Artist Submissions

Featured Work in
Garis Gallery of the American West

- Seeking one impactful original work
- Approximately 8 week display
- Work must be for sale
- Local & Regional Artist preference
- Must complement our mission:

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

Art with American West, Chisholm Trail, Oklahoma landscapes and nature and Native American themes will receive top consideration.

Submission Instructions:

Contact Stacy Cramer Moore, Executive Director, or Toni Hopper, Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator, by calling 580.252.6692. Email your digital image of work to toni@onthechisholmtrail.com

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

Our Mission:

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Important Dates in 2017

April 1 - CT150 Kick-Off
April 8 - CT150 Celebration Gala
July 22 - [National Day of the Cowboy](#)
Sept 14 - Texoma Gives Fundraiser
Nov 17 - [Cowboy Poetry Gathering](#)

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Oklahoma History Heroes ‘engaging’ experience



This year, this has happened!
*1,074 children in 2017
(as of Feb. 8).

*Four Educators: Cindy Parks, Mary Lowry, Edie Stewart and Megan Law

Daily School Field Trips:
*Oklahoma History Heroes

Special Programs:
*Cowpokes & Brush Strokes
*OETA Night ‘Ready to Learn’

*Dear Chisholm Trail Heritage Center,
Thank you for the wonderful experience of visiting your museum and seeing our western heritage brought to life. Your program offers an engaging experience for all students. Our unique learners left the museum with a new appreciation for art and history. Without your grant and generosity to our Title I school this trip would have never been possible. Thank you again for such a wonderful day.*

Keri Franz, teacher at Lawton’s Pat Henry Elementary School



We are already booking for the Oklahoma Land Giveaway sessions, March 20 - May 26. Teachers please call Leah to reserve your day. (580) 252-6692.

Oklahoma History Heroes ends March 10.

We couldn’t do this without YOU!
Your financial contributions and paid memberships do make a difference.

Symbiosis on the Chisholm Trail, Jennifer Cocoma Hustis



Above, left, John and Louise Green, pick their favorite painting, "Fight or Flight" for a photo with Jennifer.



Duane Paul and Jennifer discuss her art and his flutes during the reception. Both Louise and Duane are CTHC board members.

Thank you to everyone who attended the reception for Edmond artist, Jennifer Cocoma Hustis. Prior to the reception, Jennifer taught a free watercolor class. "Symbiosis on the Chisholm Trail," ends Feb. 24. Her work in the exhibit is available for purchase. It ranges from \$400 for mixed media pieces, to \$5,000 for the largest pieces, including "Fight or Flight" an 84x60-inch acrylic on canvas.

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If ordering over phone or online catalog, shipping & handling charges apply.



[Souvenir Chisholm Trail Coin](#) measures 1 1/2-inches and comes in a protective memento card with a map of the trail and photos of Jesse Chisholm and Joseph McCoy on the front, and a short history of the trail on the back. It is heavier than a silver dollar coin. \$8.95



[Chisholm Trail multi-purpose pocket knife/7 tools](#), includes a nail file, screwdriver, corkscrew, can and bottle opener & scissors. Features a cowboy on a horse on a 3 1/2-inch long, wood encasement. \$9.95



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Join us for a once in 150 year celebration of the historic Chisholm Trail, Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Begin the evening at 5 p.m. at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for an Open House Reception.

Continues at 6:30 p.m. at the Simmons Center for the main gala, dinner and auction.

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Tickets:
\$50 per person
\$500 for reserved table
Call (580) 252-6692 today to buy your tickets.