



OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

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

Saddle up, it's springtime pardners!



Western Installation – The Art of Jason Cytacki March 21-May 23
 Mark the afternoon of Friday, March 21 on your calendar! Opening reception for artist Jason Cytacki will be held 4-6 p.m. and we are extremely excited to feature the talents of this man. He is an assistant professor of painting at the University of Oklahoma and his work

features a unique perspective into the iconic American cowboy. Cytacki's work is larger than life but some of his paintings began by creating small dioramas using toy action figures. He also has a set of ink drawings of cowboys on paper, unframed, that will be exhibited. Cytacki's work has been featured in numerous shows and solo exhibits

throughout the country. Be sure to visit our "Sweet Saloon" for food and beverages. We do hope you will make plans to attend and view this exhibition. For information, contact CTHC's Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, at 580-252-6692.

- ### ON THE CALENDAR
- Jason Cytacki exhibit, March 21-May 23. Jason is an artist from Norman, Oklahoma. Reception, 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 21.
 - Oklahoma Land Giveaway Field Trips. Weekdays as booked by schools.
 - 'My Raggedy Herbs' with Lori Coats. April 8, 2-5 p.m. Lori is with Oklahoma Agritourism.
 - Gabriel's House Art Show and reception. 4-6 p.m. May 6. Show remains up entire week.
 - Writing in Response to Art Reception for 6th graders and Nathan Brown. 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4
 - Oklahoma Museums Week, May 18-24
 - Duncan High School Senior Student Art Reception. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18
 - Allan Houser: Legend Born Free exhibit, June 1-August 15



TACK & TOGS

Item of the Month

The Bank Robbery & The Wolf Hunt, presented by the Southwestern Oklahoma Historical Society, is a DVD available in our gift shop. Considered a collectible by western film buffs, "The Bank Robbery" is the first ever western movie and was filmed around 1907 in the Cache, Oklahoma area.



This DVD ties in with our Native American education session because it features the late great Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, who played one of the characters. Real federal marshalls also had parts, as, what else, lawmen!

A bonus is "The Wolf Hunt" which connects with our Abernathy Boys session that happens later this year. Jack Abernathy catches coyotes barehanded and this amazing skill is seen in this short film on the DVD. President Theodore Roosevelt had witnessed Abernathy doing this and asked him to do it again – on film. That's how "The Wolf Hunt" came to be.

Both of these are silent films. The DVD, produced in 2007, is \$20 and we do ship orders. Previous items featured this year in our newsletter, which are still available, include the book, "Te Ata – Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure" by Richard Green, (\$24.95) and "Quanah Parker, Comanche Chief" by William T. Hagan (\$19.95).

EDUCATION

Land run fun begins ... NOW!

Following spring break, our Oklahoma Land Giveaway education session begins March 24. Education Coordinator Leah Mulkey says this is one of the most popular programs and quickly books up. By the end of the first week of March, nearly 1,700 students had been booked, thanks to their teachers and homeschool educators.

This year, CTHC instructor Mikayla Riddles will take on the role of Kentucky Daisey, who became famous during the land claims, as she rode the cattle catcher on a train. Nannita “Kentucky” Daisey was a journalist and her story is legendary. Mikayla has researched her biography and has created a costume for her character.

Students love the land claim race where they stake their land. Registering at the “land office” and getting their certificate of ownership are lessons they learn about Oklahoma history.

Art is key with any of the museum’s education programs and during this session, students each receive a paper quilt square to complete. Those go back with their teachers, for the class to construct an entire quilt, using each of their squares. Taking art one step further is the scavenger hunt in the Garis Gallery of the American West. Students will



Students make a fast dash to claim their land during the 2013 Oklahoma Land Giveaway field trips.

discover homesteads and hardships of the old west by identifying parts of paintings on display in the gallery. This has proven to be a good way to connect youth with historical and rare art, while at the same time, providing valuable lessons of life on the plains. To book this interactive field trip, or to learn more about this program, call Leah Mulkey at 580-252-6692.

March is Youth Arts Month -- Student Show until March 28



FAME Academy senior, Samantha Allen, created a steampunk mosaic for the Youth Arts Month show.

Nathan Brown inspires 6th graders during a “Writing in Response to Art” workshop. Their reception will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the museum.



Nicholas Warren, a sophomore at Marlow High School, created a self portrait for his entry.

SUMMER CAMPS

Discover. Create. Learn.

It may seem like winter just ended, but here at the Heritage Center, we are looking forward to our annual Summer Camps programs. This year we are bringing back some of our most popular programs and familiar faces to teach them.

We have four weeks of camps scheduled for July and one single day camp set in early August. Here's an overview of each camp and its instructor. Each camp has a different cost and being a member of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center offers plenty of savings.

July 7-11 **VIDEO CAMP** instructor Geoffrey Smith. This camp is now in its third year at CTHC and offers two sessions - morning and afternoon.

Morning session, 9 a.m. to noon, is for ages 11-13 year olds.

Afternoon session is 1-4 p.m. for teens 14 and up. Students learn how to shoot, edit and complete a video during these five days.

Since 2002, Smith has been offering these camps at museums throughout Oklahoma. His background includes the film and TV industry, and freelance work for high profile sports networks, like ESPN.

Camp fills fast. Enroll today!

July 14-18 **CROCHET** with Neva Kitsmiller, is 2-4 p.m. daily and available for all ages and skill level. Neva returns this year and finds great joy in teaching others how to crochet.

The art of crochet has made a resurgence with such popular forums as Pinterest and Etsy. Neva, who hails from Comanche, will teach basic skills. This class is perfect for beginners, but advanced crocheters are welcome to enroll and bring their projects.



July 19 – **FLIP BOOKS**, instructor Daniel Lay. 10 a.m. to noon, ages 5-7; and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-11.

Class participants will get to create and complete an animation project in a flip book. When Daniel was 12 years old, he started creating animated shorts, using action figures and homemade backdrops. He has presented his animation at the Oklahoma Film and Video Studies Conference. He's also earned an award from the Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association for his Claymation work. He has a degree in media production from Oklahoma Baptist University and he works at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art designing exhibits.

"The great thing about flipbooks is that it takes you right to the heart of animation. You're learning the same techniques that film pioneers like Thomas Edison discovered. It's science, creativity and entertainment, all in a single exercise."

July 21-22 **DRAWING I; JULY 23-24 WATERCOLOR I**, (separate camps) instructor Brenda Phillips. Classes for ages 11-13 are from 10 a.m. until noon; and ages 14 and older, 1-3 p.m. Brenda is a Duncan High School art teacher and has been teaching youth about art for 17 years. She has participated in many exhibits, both solo and group and has helped her students create portfolios of their work for exhibition.

July 28-Aug. 1 **PORTRAITS** with Crystal Mayes. The first session is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 11-13; and the second session is 1-3:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older. This is Crystal's second time at CTHC, and she has worked with area youth during Art is Gr8, and through programs at The Well. Crystal pursued her fine arts degree at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and her interest is in 3D design and ceramics. She also enjoys crafting cakes with her art talents.

August 5 **ADULT CANVAS PAINTING** with Jana Oakman. This class will be 1-4 p.m. Jana is an art instructor who hosts her own paint and party sessions. She uses vivid colors and easy subject matter, no matter what your skill level, you leave feeling like you are an artist.

You will have a painting to take home and display.

You may discover new friends in the process.

To register for a summer camp, call Leah at 580-252-6692.
Also, see facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events for details.



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We are rehabbing our parking lot so please excuse our mess! We are still open 7 days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.



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Raggedy has herb garden tips

Oregano is Lori Coats favorite herb because of its varietal use. Lori will teach a one day free workshop “My Raggedy Herbs” 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, here at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center. Lori is an Agritourism liaison for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. She discovered herbs were expensive to buy in bulk and thought, “These can’t be that hard to grow.”

During that process, she realized many people love to grow herbs, but don’t know how to use them, or the many ways in which they can be used – cooking, medicinal and beauty.

The class will be an herbal overview, aimed to captivate interest on many levels. Spring session to include:

- 1.) What herbs are right for you;
- 2.) Where the best places are for herb gardens and
- 3.) Tending to gardens.

Call the museum at 580-252-6692, to register for this one day free workshop.
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