



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

What happens in the shop - stays in the shop!

Ever hear of the old woodcarver joke about three guys? No? Neither have we, but we know you'll be entertained by Rick Rodgers, Duane Paul and Dick McGuire at the artist reception in their honor, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. Show is Monday, April 11 to Wednesday, May 25.

And for a limited exclusive show, these guys are bringing their woodcrafted items - OUT of the shop! You'll have to visit the show to see their work.

During the artist reception, members and guests can visit with this talented trio and enjoy live flute music by Duane.

Duane creates handcrafted flutes in the Native American method.

Rick's carvings include sculptures, walking sticks.

Dick crafts Victorian model-style cradles, wood-pull toys and rocking horses.

Abstract artist Larry Gillette will have new paintings on display, too.

*If you aren't a member, the artist reception is a good time to visit the Heritage Center and become a member! **Hope to see you here!***

2017 will mark the 150th anniversary of the start of the Chisholm Trail

EXPLORE OKLAHOMA'S CHISHOLM TRAIL

Share your community's or organization's CT150 plans or learn how to get involved at one of these meetings. All meetings will be similar.

Saturday, March 26 - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Express Ranch/Clydesdale Barn - Yukon, OK
www.expressclydesdales.com

Tuesday, March 29 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Chisholm Trail Heritage Center - Duncan, OK
www.onthechisholmtrail.com

Wednesday, March 30 10 a.m. to Noon
Cherokee Strip Heritage Center - Enid, OK
www.csrhc.org



RSVP for space considerations to (580) 252-6692 or info@onthechisholmtrail.com

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EDUCATION

Oklahoma History Spotlight



Native American artist Robert Redbird

Legendary Oklahoma artist, Robert Redbird, died March 5, 2016, at age 76. A member of the Kiowa tribe, born in Lawton, Redbird's legacy begins with his ancestry.

His grandfather was Monroe Tsatoke, a member of the Kiowa 5, who died in 1937, two years prior to Redbird's birth in 1939.

KSWO Channel 7 visited our Garis Gallery of the American West to take a closer look at Redbird's work. While here, Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore brought a second Redbird piece "Indian Dancer" out of the vault and it is now on display along with the Pueblo Maiden, pictured above.

Also in the Garis Gallery is a piece by Monroe Tsatoke.

Contributing to the arts culture and history of Oklahoma, it is important to mention that in February, Yvonne Chouteau, 86, one of five Prima Ballerinas also died. The last living ballerina is Marjorie Tallchief. The five ballerinas were all designated an Oklahoma Cultural Treasure in 1997. Students who took part in the Oklahoma History Heroes educational session in January - March learned about the ballerinas.

Our next education session, Oklahoma Land Giveaways, is March 21 - May 27. It's one of our most popular sessions and fills quickly. Teachers should call Leah today if they want to book a session, (580) 252-6692.

Teacher Talk

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to take our kiddos to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center! Our students really enjoyed the visit and so did all the adults. Our students don't really get an opportunity to visit many places outside of Lawton and this was an excellent experience for them. Even days later, they are still talking about it. Maybe next year we can try the Land Run experience, that is usually a really good one as well. As always, everyone at your center does an amazing job to make sure our experience is a wonderful one. We really appreciate all you do to contribute to the education of our students. Thanks so much!

Oscar Castro
Pat Henry 4th Grade - Lawton

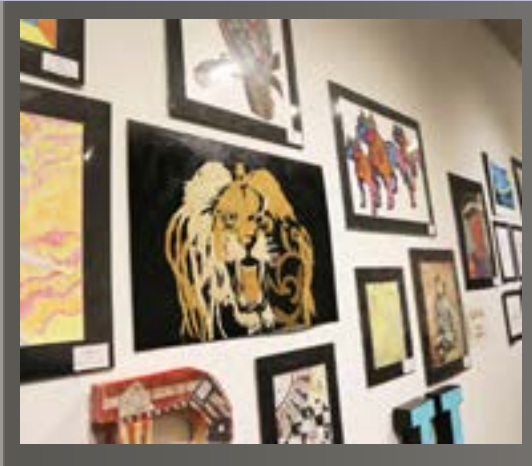
My students and I always enjoy our day at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center! Thank you for having us. We very much enjoyed our lesson on Oklahoma's many history heroes. The art gallery, interactive area, Campfire Theater and Experience Theater helps bring Oklahoma history alive for my students. You and your team do a wonderful job incorporating math, science, social studies, and art into the day. This helps me meet our Oklahoma Standard checklist.

Christie Garza
Chattanooga Elementary 3rd, 4th grades



Edie Stewart visits with Charles Herman, center, and her father, Gomer Smith, in the small classroom during the Oklahoma History session. Herman's invention, Push-N-Start, for lawnmowers, was one of several Oklahoma inventions on display.

We want to thank Cyril Historical Museum (Push-N-Start widget and story on Mr. Herman) Ace Hardware (metal shopping cart) Rod's Guitars (guitar and amplifier), OK Department of Transportation (yield sign) and Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Smith (parking meter) for loan of these Oklahoma inventions. Edie's costume for her historical character as Mrs. Will Rogers was courtesy of the Duncan Little Theater performance arts organization.



Ignite The Power of Art

March 7 - April 4

There are 296 pieces of art - collage, pottery, ceramics, paintings and drawings - featured in this year's annual youth art show. Students are from Duncan, Marlow, Comanche and Walters.

National Day of the Cowboy Celebrates the American Cowgirl

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center offers a free admission day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23
Our theme:

National Day of the Cowboy Celebrates the American Cowgirl

Hands on arts activities, live music, author signings. Bring the family to this come and go event.



NATIONAL DAY OF THE
COWBOY

The Photography of Kelli Brown: on the Historic R. A. Brown Ranch
June 1 - August 12, 2016



The photography of Kelli Brown on the historic R. A. Brown Ranch in Throckmorton, Texas, will be the summer exhibition, along with history of the ranch. Originally from Nebraska, and now a dedicated Texas Cowgirl, Kelli is proud to tell people she's an Oklahoma State University graduate.





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SADDLE UP AND WRITE



CREATIVE WRITING RECEPTION

1:30 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 3

SAVE THE DATE!

Who are the guests? Students from Duncan - Marlow - Empire AND former Oklahoma Poet Laureate, writing instructor Dr. Nathan Brown.

It'll be fun! Some students will read aloud their favorite writings. See the art that inspired them to write.

Each student receives a small professionally printed booklet featuring their writings. It also includes images of the students while at the Heritage Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

To learn more, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1259891010706948/>