



# Oklahoma's Outstanding Attraction!

It's the most coveted title for attractions in Oklahoma's tourism world and at the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association's annual Redbud Awards, May 16, in Oklahoma City, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center was announced as the winner.

Our guests are unique and world travelers. It doesn't matter if you are a cowboy, soldier or athlete, we have a reputation for having great guests ... and we wouldn't have it any other way. You are the reason we are outstanding!

Each year, we serve as host to thousands of guests (about 25,000)- from Oklahoma, across the United States and from abroad - China, South Africa, Germany, and many more. In all, in 2016, we had guests from 48 states and 26 countries. We also had about 7,500 students visit for field trips, programs and tours.

Partnerships with AdventureRoad, Chickasaw Nation, Smithsonian Magazine, Duncan Public Library, Chisholm Trail Arts Council, Duncan Art Guild, Rotary International and Duncan Rotary, Oklahomans for the Arts, ExhibitsUSA/Mid-America Arts Alliance, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Leadership Duncan, are just some of the



**"Wow! Every part of this is impressive!"**  
**"Love all the partnerships"**  
**"All of your marketing pieces are "on-point!"**  
**"Great coverage by local media."**  
**-- Judges' Comments**

reasons why OTIA judged us as a top attraction. Additionally, they considered our contributions to the overall tourism industry, education, arts and making major facility improvements, all in 2016.

In 2016, we added seven awards, with two of those OTIA Redbud Merits for Outstanding Attraction and

Outstanding New Event.

Earning the "Outstanding Attraction" title again keeps the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in the top of Oklahoma's tourist destinations! Our members make this success possible.

## OK Freewheel riders are coming to CTHC and riding the Chisholm Trail

In just a couple of weeks, several hundred bicyclists will be riding the Chisholm Trail as part of the CT 150th celebration. We are excited to welcome the Oklahoma Freewheel 'Chisholm Trail' riders to Duncan. They have designated the Heritage Center as a host site on their journey. Riders and support crew will arrive in Duncan, Monday, June 12, to set up camp overnight. Visitors are welcome to come meet the riders and share stories. Departure from CTHC will happen Tuesday, June 13. Riders will be traveling from Comanche on that Monday.

To learn more about OK Freewheel, visit the official site: [www.okfreewheel.com](http://www.okfreewheel.com).



Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

**Our Mission:**

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

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Important Dates in 2017

June 12-13 OK Freewheel

July 22 - National Day of the Cowboy

July 23 - Theatrical Review of the Chisholm Trail, at Simmons Center

Sept 14 - Texoma Gives Fundraiser

Nov 17 - Cowboy Poetry Gathering

Follow us on Facebook for Events updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/onthechisholmtrail/events>

*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.*

# CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL



# Garis Gallery/Artist Spotlight: Pat Holloway Dixon

*"I love to teach."*

Our featured artist for May and June 2017, is Pat Holloway Dixon, who moved to Duncan, OK, in 1992.

Originally from Tulsa, Pat also lived in Houston, before moving back to Oklahoma. She has been creating and teaching art for more than 40 years.

Her work includes landscapes, skyscapes, animals, still life and most recently, some vibrant modern abstracts.

We selected three paintings from her great collection, to feature in the Garis Gallery of the American West.

These paintings are available to purchase. Please inquire at the gift shop counter. Regular admission; CTHC members are always free.



*Pat Holloway Dixon, 85, continues to paint from her home studio in Duncan, and still loves to teach.*

## Kid's Groups! Book now for Summer 2017



*Interactive fun at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, for your little ones, where they can wear cowboy hats and vests, make their own brand, rope a Longhorn, and learn about life on the Chisholm Trail.*

**Great for Daycares,  
Scouts, 4-H groups,  
Homeschool Associations,  
Church Clubs and Camps**

Our professional instructors lead students through 1 - 3.5 hours of hands-on arts, interactive exhibits, and learning fun with the backdrop of the Chisholm Trail, cowboys and cowgirls.

Multiple programs available

for repeat visits.

Cost: \$3.00/student with minimum 48-hour advanced reservation. Teachers/drivers free. Walk-ins with no programming \$4.00+tax.

All ages welcome. Group size negotiable.

Consider a day at the museum.

Call Leah today  
580-252-6692

to discuss your visit needs.

## Beautification Projects



Volunteers from the United Way of Stephens County agency were here for Day of Caring. They tackled the trail and did some pruning and mowing for those who enjoy walking the nature preserve area.

We also had workers from The Crucible Foundry in Norman here to give a good cleaning and waxing of the On the Chisholm Trail Monument. It looks great!





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# NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY

**Mark your calendars now for an exciting weekend in July! Our National Day of the Cowboy celebration will happen Saturday, July 22. There will be games for children, authors to meet and live music! Come enjoy the day with us, indoors. Free Admission Day!**

## Theatrical Review of the Chisholm Trail in July

The Michael Lasser Trio: Michael Lasser, Cindy Miller and Alan Jones are going to offer “A Theatrical Review of the Chisholm Trail: Great American Songs of the West” Sunday, July 23. It will start at 2:30 p.m. at the Simmons Center, Duncan. The trio will perform Broadway musical songs about the west, set in the west. Members of the trio perform with the “big bands” like Benny Goodman Tribute Band and Central New York Jazz Ensemble.



**Want more details? Call CTHC Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore at 580-252-6692, or email: info@onthechisholmtrail.com Tickets - \$20 \$10 for members & students**