



# OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

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

## Celebrating 10 years of membership

We just celebrated our first round of 10 year members/founders, with a small party to honor them. Even though the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center opened in 1998, it was not until 2004 that memberships were created. Without the memberships and donations, the museum would not be the success it is today. The funding enhances our education department, therefore allowing us to connect with children from around the region, many from the smallest, rural communities. We continue to follow our mission statement, which is posted at the top of each newsletter. For many of



these children, it is the first time they've visited a museum. They have so much fun, they don't even realize they are learning about the heritage of this region. They are exposed to required elements of education, through this year's STEAM curriculum -



Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. In the September newsletter, we announced that our education department has again earned the Great Expectations Model School certification. This is the eighth year for this

honor. Please visit our website: [www.onthechisholmtrail.com](http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com) if you are interested in becoming a member. You can also call or email us: at (580) 252-6692, or [stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com)



### EDUCATION

#### Holidays on the Trail booking now

Our Abernathy Boys session for fall programming attracted as much attention from adults as it did the children this year. Leah Mulkey, education coordinator, said 765 students participated in the Abernathy Boys sessions, nearly identical to last year's attendance. Now the transformation of the museum is underway for Holidays on the Trail. "This time, it is based on more things to do with the Chisholm Trail," Mulkey says. Using the STEAM curriculum, students will learn about the science of bugs, scorpions, spiders and ticks; the technology of sign language and the advances made to help deaf people; engineering of barbed wire and its invention, along with how it was responsible for the demise of open range

land; create an art project using burlap; and the math of the cattle business. Educator and sign language expert, Mikayla Riddles, will portray the female character of Willie Matthews. Willie dressed as a boy so she could gain work on a cattle drive. As with all of our education programs, students get a chance to learn about art and enjoy a scavenger hunt in our Garis Gallery of the American West. This year, Leah has put together a hunt "Cowboys, Cattle & Barbs" using the artwork that depicts life on the Chisholm Trail during the harsh winters in which cowboys had to work hard to keep cows alive.

*Call Leah today to book your classroom for this session. (580) 252-6692, or email her: [leah@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:leah@onthechisholmtrail.com)*

#### She gave life to the past

In October, we said our goodbyes to one of our educators, Beverly Ann Scott, when she died unexpectedly. Beverly loved her role as art educator and historical interpreter, bringing laughter to the groups of children, as she portrayed the colorful character of Miss Molly Bugbee or gave thoughtful insight in her role as Toe-Pay, wife of Quanah Parker. She created many of her own props, and spent hours researching and preparing for the field trip groups. She enjoyed her photo



shoots which helped her get into the character of each of her roles. Our sympathy and thoughts are with her family.

# SHOP "ON THE TRAIL"

VISIT THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE CENTER'S GIFT SHOP FOR UNIQUE ITEMS



"The Chisholm Trail Story" documentary DVD, running time 18 minutes. \$19.95

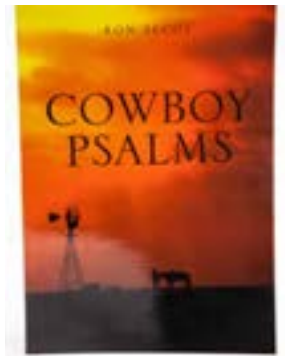


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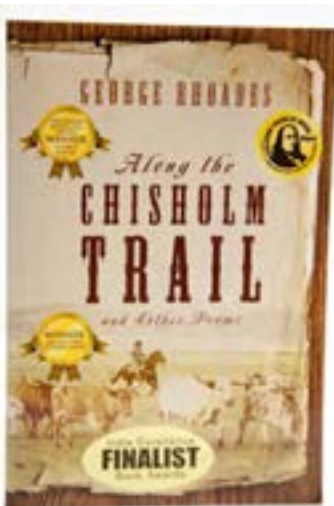
"Wildlife on the King Ranch" is a beautiful pictorial book, 2003, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the King Ranch. It features the spectacular photography of Tom Urban, who captured everything from the wildlife on the King Ranch to the rich, dramatic landscapes. \$40



Light up glass ornament "Chisholm Trail Heritage Center" souvenir. \$7.95



Cowboy Psalms by Ron Secoy, a Central High/Stephens County resident, features the photography of Judy Keller on the cover. \$6.50



Stephens County writer, George Rhoades' award winning book, "Along the Chisholm Trail and other poems" A Will Rogers Medallion Award Winner for Cowboy Poetry, a Benjamin Franklin Award for Independent Book Publishers Award selection, and Winner for Reader Views Literary Award. This book was also selected recently as a finalist for the Western Music Association poetry book of the year award. \$9.95



Chisholm Trail and Oklahoma mugs, \$5.95 - \$11.95 (mug pictured is \$7.95) Cowboy Coffee - 3 kinds, Cowgirl Coffee, Cowboy Coffee and Campfire Coffee 1.5 oz - makes 8 -10 cups. \$2.76 each. Coffee and cups sold separately.

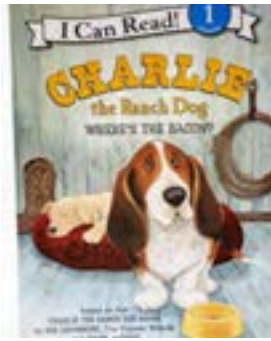
We can ship items, with additional shipping fees applied. Also, please visit our website to see more gift shop products which you can order.

# KID'S CORNER

# LAST CHANCE



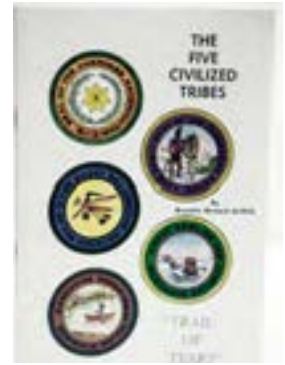
Texas Jack, the jackrabbit, shares his tale of Longhorn cattle on the Chisholm Trail in "Trail Drive," written and illustrated by James Rice. \$16.99



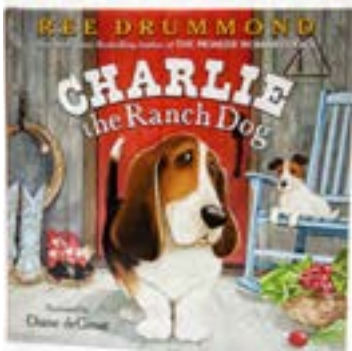
"Charlie the Ranch Dog, Where's the Bacon?" by Ree Drummond - The Pioneer Woman, is an I Can Read, beginner book. Illustrated by Diane deGroat. \$16.99



Christmas Sticker Notecards. Once these are gone, they are gone! Unique designs, with a vintage appeal. \$3.95 Great stocking stuffer!



"The Five Civilized Tribes 'Trail of Tears'" by Brunetta Bernard Griffith. A small paperback book written by the late Oklahoma artist, featuring some of her work. \$2.75



"Charlie the Ranch Dog" the original book in Ree Drummond's popular children's series featuring her dog Charlie. Illustrated by Diane deGroat. \$16.99



Cody Cowhound is a cuddly Chisholm Trail Heritage Center mascot. \$9.00



Handcarved, designed gourds by the late Beverly Scott. Variety of sizes and styles: \$30.50 to \$77. Only a few of these are available.

## Book Your Party Today!

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## ON THE CALENDAR

Okie Eclectic - The Art of Mikel Davison  
Continues through Jan. 3, 2015.

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Holiday Stroll, Main Street Duncan - Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 27 Museum Closed

Lighting the 905 and Santa's Caboose - Nov. 29  
at the 905 Historical Railroad Museum, Fuqua Park

Chisholm Trail Arts Council: Bryan White concert  
at Simmons Center - Dec. 5

Cattle Raisers members' annual holiday party - Dec. 9

Main Street Christmas Parade - Dec. 13



The Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition hosted the Chisholm Trail Shoot Out in October. The group also met at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for a workshop and lunch catered by Ryan and Linda Walker of the Diamond W Ranch. If you are in need of a conference location, give us a call to discuss your needs. Stacy Cramer Moore at (580) 252-6692.



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### 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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