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## Bill Kurtis, Emmy Winning TV Journalist, Visits Heritage Center & Trail Dance Film Festival

Bill Kurtis and associate, Michelle Martin, photographer, visited the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for the signing of Mr. Kurtis' new book "The Prairie Table Cookbook". His fascinating story of how he became a tallgrass fed beef rancher and how a "return to the old" is new again, prepares you for a surprising journey through the book's appetizing recipes. Be sure and obtain an autographed copy of this unique cookbook available in our gift shop.



*Anthony Foreman, founder of the Trail Dance Film Festival & Bill Kurtis*



*Bill Kurtis & associate Michelle Martin*



*Lt. Governor Geri Askins & Executive Director Bill Benson at the Trail Dance Awards Ceremony*

## Trail Dance Film Festival

Mr. Kurtis graciously agreed to be part of the second annual Trail Dance Film Festival and was an audience favorite with an information packed two hour seminar on his documentary filmmaking experiences. The Heritage Center, a major sponsor of Trail Dance premiered over 70 movies for visitors during the 3 day event in January. Filmmakers from all over America enjoyed the festivities. "This is one of the friendliest places I've been, said Doug Lantz of Los Angeles, receiving his award for Best Feature Documentary, "From the 50 Yard Line."

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## Artists on the Trail

Dr. George Howe is the first local artist to be featured in our small gallery. The well received exhibit ran from Feb. 12th thru Mar. 24th. Howe, born in Duncan, is well known around the area for serving our citizens as an Optometrist for over 35 years. Dr. Howe served in WWII as a B-17 pilot, flying 50 missions over Europe. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and obtained the rank of Captain. Dr. Howe's love of art blesses all who know him. His paintings are part of the treasures of his life with Jody, his beloved wife of 62 years. We join his loving family and friends in honoring Dr. Howe for his service to country, community and to God.



## News from the Trail

40 travel agents from around Oklahoma enjoyed their visit to the CTHC in March. One agent remarked, "the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is a well-kept secret and we're going to change that."



The Duncan Celebrating Our State Centennial Committee selected the Heritage Center to receive a centennial bench. The bench will grace the beautiful grounds of the Heritage Center along with the centennial bench donated by M & M Supply to honor Jim Garis.



The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Chemical Society held a reception in the Heritage Center, March 7th. E. Ann Nalley, a professor of chemistry at Cameron University in Lawton, is a past national president of this society. The event attracted petrochemists from all over Oklahoma.



Calling all Oklahoma history buffs. The Heritage Center Gift Store's best selling book is back in stock. Bud & Me, the True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys is a reminder of what we Okies are about - spirit, brains and dignity! And now, we have Bud & Me audio books on CD too.

Excellent listening for any age!

## Making History with the Arts on the Trail

The educational staff has outdone themselves with the study of "Indians of Oklahoma." History & music came alive as 4th graders danced the traditional Ute Bear dance to welcome the coming of spring. Learning about the fur trade was a hands-on experience as students handled pelts that were on loan from the Museum of the Great Plains, in Lawton. After touring the Garis Gallery of the America West, students created their own bas relief of a buffalo in clay. One student said, "I never knew history could be this much fun, I don't want to go home."



## News coming down the Trail

Lt. Governor, Jerri Askins' Turkey Hunt Dinner will be held April 10th at the Heritage Center. Hunters from Minn., Tenn., Texas and Oklahoma will be treated to hunts in the surrounding area. The group represents businesses looking for desirable areas to locate.

## Youth Art Show

In conjunction with the Duncan Stampede Days, invitations have been sent to elementary schools to participate in the Chisholm Trail Youth Art Show - April 14 - May 12. Don't miss the works of these up and coming young artists!

## Western Spirit Celebration

Reserve Oct. 18 & 19, 2008. Step back in history for this regional event that the whole family will enjoy. Watch for more details!

