

Our Mission

The mission of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Association is to help raise funds, provide public awareness and provide educational support to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in the preservation & perpetuation of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy & the American West.

Our Association

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News from the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

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Party on the Trail honors Dianne Stuart and Ed Foreman

Dianne Stuart and Ed Foreman were honored at the Party on the Trail, April 24th. Dianne was presented with a pink cowboy hat decorated with a tiara, paint brushes and other memorabilia pertaining to "Making History with the Arts", the award winning education program created by Dianne during her tenure as Program Director at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.



Dianne Stuart



Ed Foreman

Dianne's unique presence and dedication transformed what could have been an ordinary program into an outstanding, widely recognized educational program based on an integrated arts approach. The imagination of hundreds of school children has been ignited from participating in this program.

Ed Foreman has been an invaluable member of the Heritage Center's team since opening day of the expansion in 2003. In honor for his years of service to the Heritage Center, a golden light bulb was presented to Ed to symbolize the countless light bulbs he changed while performing his duties as Technical Director. Over the years Ed has made numerous contributions to the Heritage Center, but none more appreciated than his ability to quickly solve electronic problems that seem to pop up at the most inappropriate times.

Bob and Mary Rice were honored for their donation of two original Native American paintings - an Indian bust with a short feather headdress by Stephan Mopope and a native American Plains War Dancer by Dick West. The new promotional video, "Where Learning is Fun" was premiered for the members to enjoy the highlights of our popular education program. The fabulous food was provided by D. Allen Wint of Ardmore, and the outstanding wines were provided by Tres Suenos in Luther, Oklahoma.

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News from the President - Marilyn Hugon

I am pleased to announce that CTHC Membership is at an all time high of 168 individuals, families, patrons, and businesses. If you know someone who would like to be a member and hasn't been asked, call and we will send them a membership brochure. Membership applications can also be picked up in the Gift Shop. Members receive special benefits including free admission, Gift Shop discounts, and the quarterly newsletter. Have you ever wondered where the guests come from who visit the Heritage Center? In May, guests have not only come from Oklahoma and Texas but from 27 other states, some from as far away as Washington, Georgia, Montana, New York, and Florida. Other visitors have come from foreign countries - Switzerland, Germany, Canada and England to name a few. Next time you are at the Heritage Center take a moment to look at the map in the entryway. Many of our visitors have placed a pin on the map showing their hometowns. We appreciate all of you who have directed or brought out-of-town visitors to the Heritage Center. Keep them coming our way! We have a unique and exciting story to tell about the heritage of our area.

When our past president and huge patron, Jim Garis, died last year, his family suggested that Memorial Contributions could be made to the CTHC. As a result of the many contributions, the Board and staff are working on a permanent memorial to honor Jim. If you would like to make a contribution in honor or memory of a family member or friend, your donation will be placed in a Memorial Fund or the Endowment Fund at your direction. Please contact the Heritage Center staff for information.

As you travel this summer, watch for something to share of "the West" in our fall newsletter. Did you go to a chuck wagon cook-off, visit a museum, see a herd of longhorns, take part in a great drive, or see some great western painting or sculpture? If you'd like to share your discovery with your fellow members, please send or email it to the Heritage Center by September 5, 2008. See you around the Heritage Center and Live the Adventure!

Marilyn



Marilyn Hugon - President

Artists on the Trail

The Chisholm Trail Youth Art Show was a huge success with over 80 entries. The theme, western movie posters, attracted entries from all over the state. Armondo Lopez, from Frederick, was awarded "Best in Show" with his original, River Crossing. Anthony Foreman, on behalf of The Trail Dance Film Festival, awarded cash prizes to the winners.

In photograph from left to right:
Stormie Ford, Kendull Anderson, Anthony Foreman



Making History with the Arts on the Trail

Our spring program closed with "The Oklahoma Land Giveaways." History came alive for hundreds of children with our interpreters using props (a train and a dugout) to tell their stories. The children participated in a land run or a land lottery depending on Oklahoma weather. Art students created their own batik masterpiece and toured the Garis Gallery of the American West. Music students learned to make and play a comb kazoo and experienced a hoe down using a washtub bass, jugs and washboards. Beginning September 2008, our education program will be expanded to include 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. CTHC is reaching public, private and home schools not only in southwestern Oklahoma, but also in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Private schools visited in the spring 2008 were Saint Augustine Academy, Tulsa and Crossings in Oklahoma City. Two home school groups from Duncan and Lawton, HERO, also came for the Land Giveaways. Enhanced-Field Trips offer new and exciting experiences for Kindergarten through 7th graders.



Left to right:
Kim Goddard, Darla Carpenter, Leah Mulkey, Jamie Cole



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Oct. 18-19

