



From left, former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson, accompanied by Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Illinois, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks during a news conference where members of congress introduce legislation to curb sexual harassment in the workplace, on Capitol Hill Dec. 6, 2017, in Washington.

Gretchen Carlson to step in as Miss America board chair

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (TNS)

Gretchen Carlson has been appointed chair of the Miss America Organization Board of Directors, just one month after the organization was rocked by scandal in the form of sexist and derogatory internal emails, some of which targeted Carlson herself.

The former "Fox & Friends" co-host, who earned the Miss America title herself in 1989, will be the first alum to head the board in its almost 100-year history.

"Honored to move this iconic program forward with so many amazing volunteers," Carlson tweeted, linking to a story from HuffPost, which first reported the news.

She'll be joined by other new board members who are also ex-Miss Americas in Laura Kaeppler Fleiss (2012), Heather French Henry (2000) and Kate Shindle (1998).

"Everyone has been stunned by the events of the last several days, and this has not been easy for anyone who loves this program. In the end, we all want a strong, relevant

chairman Sam Haskell, among others.

The massive exodus of leadership was sparked by a series of expletive-laced emails obtained by HuffPost in which Haskell slut-shamed and name-called Miss America contestants, crudely referring to them as "c-ts," among other insults.

Haskell specifically targeted Carlson, who had previously questioned his methods of leadership.

In a 2014 email, Haskell asked Carlson and others to push back against a book written by a former Miss America winner that painted him in a bad light.

Carlson reprimanded him for the request, to which he called her a "snake" and expressed glee in driving her "IN F-INGSANE."

Shindle was also the subject of a nasty Haskell email in which he joked that he wished she would die.

Carlson is no stranger to facing harassment head-on — in 2016, she sued late Fox CEO Roger Ailes for

Author, photographer to exhibit at Heritage Center

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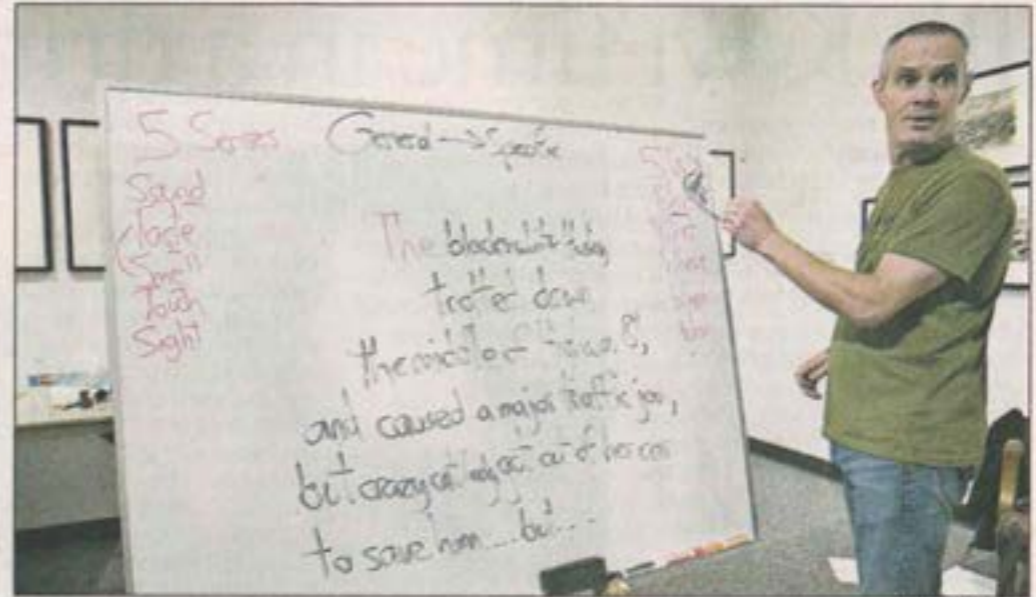
DUNCAN — An exhibition of Nathan Brown's journals and photographs will begin the 2018 year at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway. A public reception to meet the author is set 2-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Brown, who has published 16 books, isn't new to the Heritage Center. In May 2012 he exhibited his photography and few books he's written. This time, he introduces a few of his personal journals and many of his poems will be on display through Feb. 27.

Although his mother, Norma Brown — who is an accomplished artist — will not be at the reception, her paintings will be prominent in the exhibit, according to Nathan Brown.

"She lives in Norman and has painted impressionistic art, mostly oils and acrylics, for several decades," he said. "She's best known for her work in Cornwall, England, and Carmel, California. Throughout the years, she's been featured and sold in galleries all over Texas and Oklahoma, as well as in Santa Fe and Carmel."

If anyone should ask, Brown always has some of his books with him and is also approachable for autographs. Originally from Norman, he lives in Wimberly, Texas, now. He frequently travels to Oklahoma for teaching and performances. He also has sev-



COURTESY PHOTO

Works from Nathan Brown, author and Oklahoma poet laureate in 2013-14, are on display in the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center through Feb. 27. Brown also serves as instructor for Saddle Up & Write, a creative writing program for Duncan area sixth-graders. A public reception to meet the author is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

eral family members who live in Cyril and many of his photographs are from that community.

Brown was Oklahoma poet laureate in 2013-14. He also is the creative writing instructor for the Heritage Center's program, Saddle Up & Write, designed for area sixth-grade students.

"I have come to enjoy Duncan very much," Brown said. "The sixth-graders continue to amaze me every year. I see their eyes light up in the discovery of what writing can do and mean in their lives. And all the while, I am so often shocked at the quality of their work. It seems to be the perfect age to discover a creative self."

Saddle Up & Write was originally introduced as Creative Writing — Writing in Response to Art in the 2010-11 academic year. Brown has been instructor for the program since its inception. In its fifth year, the name of the program was changed to reflect the theme of the Heritage Center, but the program has stayed the same.

Leah Mulkey, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's education coordinator, said the reception for Brown will be a chance for many of his former students to attend and see his work, as well as share their stories with him since they were in his class.

Other exhibits planned

this year include: a pair of award winning Chickasaw fiber artists, the annual Youth Art Month show, the center's 20-year retrospective, Preston George's photographs of railroad history in Oklahoma, and the art of Dana Tiger and her adult children, Coleman Tiger Blair and Christie Tiger. Dana is the daughter of Jerome Tiger, whose work is featured in the Garis Gallery of the American West.

Information about Brown is available online at brown-lines.com. Information about the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is available by calling 580-252-6692 or emailing info@on-thechisholmtrail.com.

Women leaders launch anti-harassment initiative

LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

Reese Witherspoon and Shonda Rhimes are among the more than 300 prominent women in Hollywood who

building with a predatory supervisor, every waitress grabbed by a customer and expected to take it with a smile, every garment and

every immigrant woman silenced by the threat of her undocumented status being reported in retaliation for speaking up and to women

stand with you. We support you."

The collective's website, www.timesupnow.com

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