



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

Receptions - April 8th

Saddle Up & Write at 1:30pm - Sunday, April 8th - Meet the Artists at 2:00pm

**Join us and listen to
prose and poetry by area
sixth-grader writers**



Buffalo, longhorns and goats are lively characters in poems and short stories in this year's "Saddle Up and Write" book - written by 48 sixth-grade students from Duncan, Empire and Marlow middle schools.

Students chose their favorite selections for the book, which will be revealed at a public reception in their honor, Sunday, April 8. Each student receives a copy.

Reception begins at 1:30pm.

Writing sessions were held at the Heritage Center, with instructor Dr. Nathan Brown, a published author and former Oklahoma Poet Laureate. This was the eighth year for the award-winning educational program.

Titles hint at the humor and drama of their stories. "Traveling is Exhausting!" as told by a buffalo, written by Jill Swor, DMS; or "The Lonely Longhorn" a tale of a longhorn just trying to find some solitude, written by Tylon Hamm, EMS; and "My Dear Goat" - written by Gabby Hack, MMS, who was inspired by the painting "Second Thoughts" by Ramona Swift with a goat standing on an old pickup truck.

Reception open to everyone and refreshments available.

**Sponsored by National Endowment for the Arts,
Oklahoma Arts Council and CTHC members.**

**Tyra Shackelford &
Margaret Roach Wheeler present
Textiles Transcending**



Fingerweaving and loomweaving have become a way for two Chickasaw women from southeast Oklahoma to each share "her-stories." Textiles Transcending is a story of heritage and history created by friends, Tyra Shackelford and Margaret Roach Wheeler. Visitors will be able to view the intricate pieces crafted by these women, when the show opens April 5.

Reception begins at 2:00pm.

They say this show is a representation of their lives. Imagine a set of poles nearly 7-feet tall, with each one wrapped in cloth images of females, ages 3 to 93, and found objects, like Irish lace and a Mexican brass lantern - or intricately-designed textile art or wearable fashions, crafted through fingerweaving.

Highlights of their art careers include, for Shackelford, first placings in shows such as Southwest Association of Indian Arts Indian Market at Santa Fe, New Mexico and in the 25th Eiteljorg Indian Market and Festival in 2017.

And for Wheeler, being a 2018 recipient of the Oklahoma Governor Arts Award, and one of six artists nationwide selected by Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby to collaborate on an outfit for Miss Oklahoma Triana Browne.

Tyra and Margaret already have full show calendars into 2019. Please join us in welcoming them to the Heritage Center and Duncan, by attending this reception.

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Upcoming Events - Spring 2018

April 6 - May 19: Textiles

Transcending, Artist reception is

2-4 p.m. April 8.

Saddle Up & Write reception starts

at 1:30 p.m. April 8

**May 24-July 5 - Tales from the Trail:
20 Years**

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.

In our Gift Shop!

Shane Chisholm signed giclee prints Jesse Chisholm's great-great-great grandson!



Above, top left: The Fallen, a close-up view from one warrior's eye - details show another warrior's burial ceremony. Top right: Majestic Rider, a warrior guided by the spirit of the Bald Eagle; and bottom: Yanasi, The Provider, (pronounced yonsi), the Cherokee word for buffalo. These are only three of the pieces available.

Shane Chisholm visited the Heritage Center in March to donate one of his prints to the CTHC collection. The Center also acquired some of his other works and they are available in our gift shop. They are signed and a Certificate of Authenticity comes with each piece, which is already matted. There are only seven prints from which to choose, in varying sizes, up to \$100. Chisholm, born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has served in the U.S. Army for 29 years and credits his high school art teachers for helping him craft his artistic talents. “I had excellent teachers!” He now resides in Washington state. Shane is also a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

That's a big rose rock!

Thanks Larry Shearer, aka 'Rose Rock Guy'!



Larry Shearer donated this rose rock to the Heritage Center's Education Department. It weighs nearly four pounds. Oklahoma's state rock, rose rock, or “barite” is native only to Oklahoma. It will be used in various lessons for the school field trips. Students get a chance to examine it and learn about other state symbols.

We have a wide variety of original rose rocks in different sizes, available in our gift shop. They make great souvenirs!

Choo-Choo! It's time for some Summer Fun!

Smoke over Oklahoma: How Railroads Tamed the Territory

All summer, we'll have a model train exhibit featured by the SouthWest Oklahoma Railroad Association, and historic photography.

Youth, adults and mixed age groups welcome!
Art/creativity project for age 2+.

Dates are currently booking for summer 2018.
Call or email today for best selection.
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Just ask!



Kids and Kids at Heart - Book now for Summer 2018!

- ▶ Kids' Groups (child cares, scouts, 4-H, homeschoolers, church clubs, cousin camps) - Ages 2 to High School
Our professional instructors lead students through hands-on arts, interactive exhibits, and learning fun.
- ▶ Included are all Center amenities including state-of-the art Experience Theater. Multiple programs available for repeat visits.

Science, Arts, Music, History, Math and more. Just ask!

Children's playground next door. Lunch area available.

Historic 905 steam engine located nearby.

Cost: \$3.00 per student with minimum 48-hour advanced reservation. Teachers/drivers free.

- ▶ "Grown-Up/but you are not required to act like an Adult" Groups (ladies' clubs, church groups, reunions, sassy seniors, etc.) All ages or mixed age groups.
- ▶ Each tour is led by a professional tour guide and features our premiere art gallery, experience theater, interactive exhibits, slightly naughty chuck wagon and more.
- ▶ Yes, you can add an art project for additional fun. Lunch area available. Plan 1 to 2 hours.
- ▶ Cost: \$5.00+tax per adult with a minimum 48-hour advanced reservation. Organizer/drivers free.

Open seven days a week - walk-ins welcome at standard rates with no educational programming.
M-Sat 10:00-5:00 & Sun 1:00-5:00pm. Additional hours available with advanced request.

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Edward Jones Financial Advisors are hosting a chamber after-hours event at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center starting at 5:00pm Tuesday, April 10. The event is free and open to the public. Come meet and mingle at the Center.

Edwards Jones is a Century Corporate member of the Heritage Center. To find out how your business can better utilize your corporate membership, please call (580) 252-6692 or info@onthechisholmtrail.com.



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Come to the Receptions - Sunday, April 8th

The Chocolate Fountain will be here!

Starts at 1:30

Creative Writing

Meet Textile Artists

Meet Nathan Brown

Tyra Shackelford and Margaret Roach Wheeler

Join us in celebrating young writers from Duncan, Marlow and Empire sixth-grade.



Everyone is invited to attend this special opening reception!

All are welcome to attend!

Please see Page 1 for more information on these two special events.

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