



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

Raindrops on our mind have us thinking about water conservation

Spring has sprung! Well, spring has sprung? While snow mid-April is certainly unusual and a bit of a pain for our gardeners out there, imagine the Chisholm Trail Cowboys' hardships with a late-spring freeze and 65 mile per hour gusts.

An already treacherous trip made even worse but cold irritable stock and cowboys. Whew!

Think about making those water crossings on a 40 degree day.

Speaking of water, it could be a long dry summer. The Heritage Center has had several requests to host a water conservation workshop, we are working on speakers and should have that ready in May.

If you do not get our digital alerts, you can add yourself to the mailing list at www.onthechisholmtrail.com the "Sign Up for Newsletter" at the top. You can also keep up with all our current events via our facebook page at www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail, then click the thumbs - up (Like) button. Then if you left click on the "Like" button, you can select "Get notifications" which will keep you in the loop.

Gardeners Wanted

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is seeking gardeners/landscapers to maintain the native foliage around the "On the Chisholm Trail" bronze and our Blue Stem prairie area. The candidate or

group would recommend and implement a native foliage plan for the property. Someone with range management experience and understanding of basic herbicides to control weeds in the Blue Stem preferred. This would be an incredible opportunity for a local group or individual to be involved with a project seen by visitors from around the world. The position can be paid part-time or volunteer depending on the circumstances.

Applicants should call (580) 252-6692 to schedule at appointment and fill out an application. For information, contact CTHC's Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, at 580-252-6692.

ON THE CALENDAR

Jason Cytacki exhibit, March 21-May 8. Jason is an artist from Norman, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Land Giveaway Field Trips. Weekdays as booked by schools.

Gabriel's House Art Show and reception. 4-6 p.m. May 6. Show remains up entire week.

Writing in Response to Art Reception for 6th graders and Nathan Brown. 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4

Oklahoma Museums Week, May 18-24

Duncan High School Senior Student Art Reception. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18

Allan Houser: Legend Born Free exhibit, June 1-August 15

National Day of the Cowboy, July 26



New T-shirts in the shop!

We have new T-shirts in our Gift Shop, just in time for spring and summer! New vibrant colors make you think of a tulip garden in bloom. Greens, pinks, reds, blues and purples and our gift shop looks like a garden. We have restocked our popular heather T's, which are of a softer material and subdued colors.

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center T's are available in all sizes, from youth to Adult 2x-large and begin at \$14.95 for children, and \$16.95 for adults.

We also have the Oklahoma Dirt Shirts, hand dyed with *real* Oklahoma dirt and our museum name is on the sleeve. Prices begin at \$16.75 for youth.

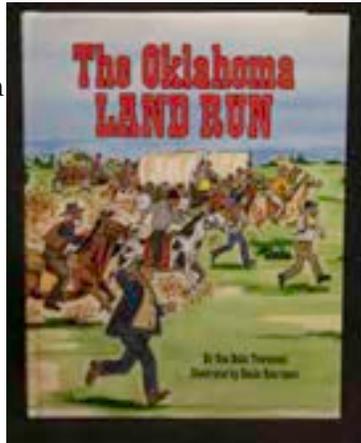


EDUCATION

Land run fun begins ... NOW!

Oklahoma Land Giveaway education session kicked off with Cyril students making the first run on March 25.

We have schools, homeschool groups and scout troops booked every week-day through May. Educators should call our Education Coordinator Leah Mulkey to book a session. She says this is one of the most popular programs. Children actually run for land or participate in a land lottery and hear stories about what life was like on the plains. In our art session, students learn about quilts and they create a Sunbonnet Sue paper quilt block. Boys and girls delight in seeing the old quilts on display and are fascinated by them. Our instructors do a great job of



entertaining the youth with the many stories and activities.

Students love the land claim race where they stake their land. We have just added many new books for children about Oklahoma history. "The Oklahoma



Beverly Scott, right, and Cindy Parks, left, assist students from OKC Public Schools during Land Run art session.

"Land Run" by Una Belle Townsend is one of them. Una is a teacher and an award winning children's author. The books, which have wonderful illustrations and are entertaining are available in our gift shop.

To book this interactive field trip, or to learn more about this program, call Leah Mulkey at 580-252-6692.

Curators of history, herbs and culinary delights



Oklahoma History Center curators of education were in Duncan and stopped by to see the museum. Leah Mulkey, left, gave them a tour. Sarah Dumas is a Harvey girl, Leah Craig, center, is a pioneer woman, and Keith Rohlman shares history of the American Revolutionary soldier.

Lori Coats, of "My Raggedy Herbs" presents a herb overview workshop, which had about 45 people attend.



Those attending the Jason Cytacki reception enjoyed a bowl or two of our Santa Fe soup!

SUMMER CAMPS

Discover. Create. Learn.

We know you are already busy planning your summer vacations and many of you have indicated you plan them around our camp schedules! We love to hear that and hope this will help you in your planning efforts.

We have four weeks of camps scheduled for July and one single day camp set in early August. Here's an overview of each camp and its instructor. Each camp has a different cost and being a member of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center offers plenty of savings.

July 7-11 **VIDEO CAMP** instructor Geoffrey Smith. This camp is now in its third year at CTHC and offers two sessions - morning and afternoon.

Morning session, 9 a.m. to noon, is for ages 11-13 years. Afternoon session is 1-4 p.m. for teens 14 to adult. Students learn how to shoot, edit and complete a video during these five days. Since 2002, Smith has been offering these camps at museums throughout Oklahoma.

Camp fills fast. Enroll today! Only 12 participants per session. Members, \$100; Non-members, \$150.

July 14-18 **CROCHET** with Neva Kitsmiller, is 2-4 p.m. daily and available for all ages and skill level.

Neva returns this year and finds great joy in teaching others how to crochet.

The art of crochet has made a resurgence with such popular forums as Pinterest and Etsy. Neva, who hails from Comanche, will teach basic skills. This class is perfect for beginners, but advanced crocheters are welcome to enroll and bring their projects. Members, \$20; Non-members, \$35.



July 19 – **FLIP BOOKS**, instructor Daniel Lay. 10 a.m. to noon, ages 5-7; and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-11.

Class participants will get to create and complete an animation project in a flip book. When Daniel was 12 years old, he started creating animated shorts, using action figures and homemade backdrops. He has a degree in media production from Oklahoma Baptist University and he works at the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art designing exhibits.

“The great thing about flipbooks is that it takes you right to the heart of animation. You're learning the same techniques that film pioneers like Thomas Edison discovered. It's science, creativity and entertainment, all in a single exercise.”

Members, \$10; Non-members, \$15

July 21-22 **DRAWING I** Instructor Brenda Phillips. Ages 11-13 are from 10 a.m. until noon; and ages 14 and older, 1-3 p.m. Members, \$30; Non-members, \$45.

JULY 23-24 WATERCOLOR I; instructor Brenda Phillips. Ages 11-13 are from 10 a.m. until noon; and ages 14 and older, 1-3 p.m. Brenda is a Duncan High School art teacher and has been teaching youth about art for 17 years. She has helped her students create portfolios of their work for exhibition. Members, \$30; Non-members, \$45

July 28-Aug. 1 **PORTRAITS** with Crystal Mayes. The first session is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 11-13; and the second session is 1-3:30 p.m. for ages 13 and older. This is Crystal's second time at CTHC, and she has worked with area youth during Art is Gr8. Crystal pursued her fine arts degree at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and her interest is in 3D design and ceramics.

Members, \$35; Non-members, \$50

August 5 **ADULT CANVAS PAINTING** with Jana Oakman. This class will be 1-4 p.m. Jana is an art instructor who hosts her own paint and party sessions. She uses vivid colors and easy subject matter, no matter what your skill level, you leave feeling like you are an artist.

You will have a painting to take home and display.

You may discover new friends in the process. Ages 10-16 are welcome with adult partners in this class. Members, \$25; Non-members, \$50

To register for a summer camp, call Leah at 580-252-6692. Also, see facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events for details.

Western Installation: The Art of Jason Cytacki, continues through May 8. We had an attendance of about 40 people for his opening exhibition reception. We added two diorama displays for our patrons to create their own versions of cowboy drama. Interactive exhibitions are popular these days. If you come see his work, please create your own diorama and then share it via social media.



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Are you a member?

For those of you who have been members for some time now, you probably noticed something new in your mailbox recently. Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore created beautiful new membership cards for every member of the museum. The cards provide all the information you need, what type of member package you have, how many people can enter with you per visit, gift shop discount and renewal date so you will know when it is time to renew.

If you haven't become a member yet, what are you waiting for? There are plenty of advantages to membership, including behind the scenes events, discounts on summer



camp and other workshops, to name a few. Become a member today by calling or visiting us. You'll receive your membership card and welcome letter in the mail within a couple weeks, but you can start taking advantage of your membership immediately.

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Association is a 501c3 non-profit.

Your contributions to our programs and exhibits are tax deductible.

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