

# OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

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

## Crooning cowboys get moment in spotlight

The Grand Ole Opry has been an American presence for 90 years this year, but the Chisholm Trail's singing cowboys have the crooners beat by at least 60 years! Yes, cowboys have been singing the cows to sleep since at least before the days of the great cattle drives in the 1800s, but this is one exhibit that we are sure won't put you to sleep!

Thirty historical images of the Grand Ole Opry's iconic moments are the focal point of this special exhibit, which is only here until August 11.

Musical instruments on loan from Allen Wooten and Cowboy Opry in Comanche, and the Woody Creek Ranch in Bray; books; running video on the history of Nashville and more make this an entertaining exhibit.

The images are the work of Gordon Gillingham (1913-1986) who was hired in the 1950s to document the happenings at the Opry. The negatives were eventually purchased by the Opry and after years of storage, they were rediscovered and modern reprints were made for this exhibition.

Your favorite stars - Minnie Pearl, Elvis, June Carter, Little Jimmy Dickens, Hank Williams Jr., Johnny Cash, the Everly Brothers, Roy Rogers and so many more! Envision yourself behind the stage at the Opry as you view these images.



Jordan Santos is a summer volunteer and was instrumental in hanging the photographic exhibit. He is a student at Duncan High School.

Four groups, or groups of 15 or more, should call ahead so we can accommodate your party and provide you with the best museum experience possible. Please call Stacy or Leah at (580) 252-6692 to make arrangements.



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Apache summer school students take turns playing instruments in the Grand Ole Opry exhibit during a field trip.





## Summer Classes - All Supplies Included!

### Illustrated Letters

Instructor Jette Summers  
5:45 to 7:45 p.m. July 14 (Tuesday)  
Sandwiches provided before class, 5 to 5:45 p.m.  
Cost: Members - Free Non-members - \$10  
Ages 14 & up, Ages 8-13 with accompanying adult  
Class includes workshop and lecture with power point



### Loom Knitting

Instructor Neva Kitsmiller  
1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 10 & 12 (Monday and Wednesday)  
Cost: Members \$10 Non-members \$30  
Ages 10 & up, Class size limit - 15



### Zentangle

Instructor Arlyn Brantley  
5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 10 (Monday)  
sandwiches 5 to 5:30 p.m.  
Cost: Members \$10 Non-members \$15  
Ages 14 & up

### STOP MOTION VIDEO

Instructor Geoffrey Smith  
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. October 16 & 17 (Friday and Saturday)  
There will be a 30-minute lunch break each day (bring your own paper bag lunch)  
Cost: Members \$50 Non-members \$70  
Ages 12 & up Class size limit - 24

**SUMMER PROGRAM 'THE SINGING COWBOY'**  
June 1 - Aug. 14

Art project - Music Class    Interactive Area  
Campfire Theater            Experience Theater  
'Grand Ole Opry' exhibit

Cost - \$3 per child  
Teacher/Bus Drivers FREE

Call Leah today to reserve your date  
(580) 252-6692

Event: National Day of the Cowboy celebration - Saturday, July 25  
A free day for individuals and families to celebrate with us the heritage of the cowboy. Live music, games and entertainment. Indoors.

Exhibit: Woodland Hymn: Sketches and Paintings by Oklahoma artist Christen Walden  
Aug. 31 - Oct. 31  
Artist reception TBA. Christen brings out the finer details of nature's still life through her meticulous watercolor paintings.



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SAVE THE DATE!  
Saturday, July 25, 2015  
**National Day of the Cowboy**

Exhibit: Grand Ol' Opry - Celebrating the Singing Cowboy June 16 - Aug. 11  
Features 30 black and white photos of behind the scenes images shot 1952-'69, documenting the WSM radio show and country music business.

## EDUCATION

### Thank you Walmart, Ace Hardware and volunteers!

Walmart Jewelry Repair Center 8866 Marlow made a first time donation, \$500, to our Education Department. Stacy Moore, Leah Mulkey and Toni Hopper visited the facility for the check presentation. From left: Walmart associates, Alicia Tacha, CeCe Williams, Jackye Jones, Sandy Riddles, Toni Hornbuckle, Mona Presswood, Shelly Wade, Angela George, Scott Mader, Michelle York. Stacy and Leah are center, holding the



Ace Hardware in Duncan contributed paint sticks so children in the summer programs could make guitars. The children decorate their guitars and our staff glues them together for a finished instrument which the kids then play with and take home. It's all part of the Singing Cowboy Celebration this summer.



Mark Slagle, Charles and Loretta Donaghe have been hitting the trail, volunteering their time and energy to clean it and help mark a new path for walkers to enjoy. It's members like them which help the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center thrive.  
We also want to thank members Pat Grantham, Diane Ellis and Ann Geurkink for joining the committee to upgrade the Garis Gallery of the American West. They have already started brainstorming ideas and we look forward to working with them over the coming months. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, 580-252-6692.





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- \* 2015 Great Expectations Model School
- \* 2014 Oklahoma Museums Association Exhibit & Publication award winner
- \* 2013 Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Non-profit of the Year
- \* Oklahoma Redbud for Outstanding Attraction
- \* Top 10 Western Museum - True West Magazine
- \* 2012 Chickasaw Country's Best Museum Award

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. [stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:stacy@onthechisholmtrail.com) or 580-252-6692.

# NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY

**SATURDAY - JULY 25!**

It's our annual National Day of the Cowboy celebration. Get in FREE! Beat the heat, have some fun, enjoy games, entertainment and tour the museum. That's right, no admission and everything that happens will be INDOORS!

Allen Wooten and Cowboy Opry band will perform against a photo mural backdrop of Hank Williams Jr. The band will entertain crowds throughout the day with some good old-fashioned country western music. See photos of Elvis, Roy Rogers, Hank Williams Jr., and many more while you listen to the live music.

Our Children's Area is the most popular room in the building on National Day of the Cowboy. Kids get to rope dummy steers, or "shoot" blocks, create art projects, face painting and games. Oklahoma author and interpretive actor Glenda Carlile, will be available with copies of her newest book, "The Year of the Turnip," written for middle grade youth.

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