

## Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

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# OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

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

## Learning the technology of digital animation STOP MOTION ANIMATION 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 - 12



Digital video and film producer Geoffrey Smith is returning in October and this time he's bringing his 1970s toy collection.

Geoffrey will guide you through a two-day workshop for ages 12 and up, where you will learn the detailed process of creating an animated film with today's technology. While that technology enhances the art of animation, it still begins with a sheet of paper and the outline of your film.

Hand drawn exercises are the starting point of this course, but you do not have to be an artist.

"There's a process we have to go through before we can even begin creating an animated film," says Geoffrey.

To simplify the process, he'll be bringing a set of 1970s Fisher Price toys.

"They are really easy to move and we'll be creating a Main Street scene. The toys move easily across the scene."

And while Geoffrey is a great teacher and breaks it down for you, he'll be the first to tell you that creating a film is "not an easy thing. It's a time consuming magnet."

Geoffrey's classes book fast and there are limited spaces. If you are interested, you should call early to reserve your space in this special two-day workshop. This is the first time for Geoffrey to offer this workshop at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.

## Book Your Party Today!

Relatives need a fun outing?

Coworkers tired of the same boring restaurant?

### Why Choose the Heritage Center?

- Fun for all ages
- Personalized tours available
- Flexible Scheduling—Open 7 days a week
- Bring in your own food and beverages
- Can accommodate small groups up to 100+
- Several room options to fit your needs
- Beautiful grounds for outside activities



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\* 2015 Great Expectations Model School

\* Oklahoma Redbud for Outstanding Attraction

\* 2014 Oklahoma Museums Association Exhibit & Publication award winner

\* Top 10 Western Museum - True West Magazine

\* 2013 Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Non-profit of the Year

\* 2012 Chickasaw Country's Best Museum Award



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## Cowboy poets get set to gather "On the Trail"

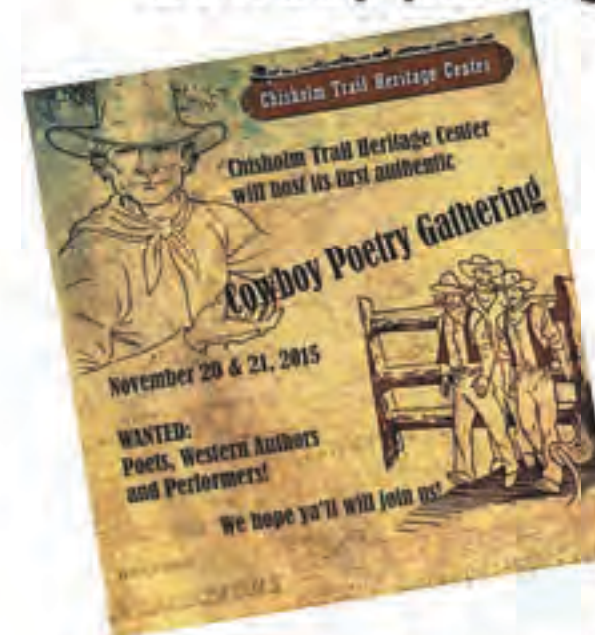
Come spin your verbal yarns with us this November. We're having a Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Because you see.

In Oklahoma, we're alive  
and we're well,  
and we're living  
on the Chisholm Trail.\*

Cowboy poet/author Ron Secoy and our Executive Director, Stacy Cramer Moore, have gone from scratching the outline in red dirt, to branding the details in ink.

"It's really going to happen," says Stacy. There will be a few performers, a few authors and hopefully plenty of poets who will want to network during this two day gathering.

To learn more, call Stacy at (580) 252-6692, or visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events](http://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events)  
\*(Excerpt from Ron Secoy's Cowboy Psalms)



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## EDUCATION



Marlow Elementary third grade students discover wolves in the "Abernathy Boys" room during a recent education session. Teachers can still book a fall session for their classroom. Call Leah today, (580) 252-6692.



Johnnie Abernathy, (educator Edie Stewart) engages students about what it was like to be the sister of Bud and Temple Abernathy. "Why didn't I get to travel?"



Doug Rather rolls in the Brush vehicle, the same model that Abernathy boys, Bud, 6, and Temple, 10, drove from New York to Oklahoma, in 1910. It took them 23 days. The vehicle is used as a teaching tool for the Abernathy Boys fall session.



Neva Kitsmiller shows Allie Foster, 7, how to count and use a loom knitting tool, during a class in August. Students of all ages, young and old, created headbands and scarves with a loom knitting tool.

Exhibit: Woodland Hymn: Sketches and Paintings by Oklahoma artist Christen Walden continues until Oct. 31.

Her work is available to purchase. Smaller items can be taken immediately and can also be ordered and shipped. If interested, please call Toni or Syvonna at (580) 252-6692.



Jennifer Steil, owner/artist of Cedar Cove Studio Arts and Christen and Shawn Walden visit during Christen's art reception. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Exhibit: The Art of Dylan Cavin Nov. 3, 2015 - Jan. 6, 2016 Artist Reception, 4-6 p.m. Nov. 7

Dylan Cavin is busy creating many new works for his holiday show at the Heritage Center. Already award-winning and quickly becoming a sought-after artist, Dylan transforms authentic ledgers, bank notes and other historical items into unique pieces of art.



## Newcomers' Night kicks off in October

Social event offers information about area, will provide children's fun

The Board, staff and members of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center want all newcomers to Stephens County to know how much we appreciate them in our community.

The first Newcomers Night will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, at 5:30pm, at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, just north of the Simmons Center or catacorner across the street from Duncan Middle School on Chisholm Trail Parkway.

The approximately hour long event will allow newcomers to ask questions and meet community members to help in their transition to Stephens County. Local organizations are welcome to "send an expert" to the reception to visit about their services and ways to join.

Newcomers, whether they moved across the street or across the globe,

are welcome to attend. Children are welcome, and will be entertained by our certified instructors in our 4D theater and will create an art project.

"This won't be a lecture or a sales-pitch. We want to build relationships between new people in our area and all of the wonderful activities and organizations," says Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Director Stacy Cramer Moore.

"It is a casual and fun way to ask questions about our community. As a newcomer only six years ago, it was hard to know where to find out basic information on how or where. The CTHC Board saw this need, and is looking forward to hosting these events. We may have one newcomer, we may have a hundred. Either way, we hope this type of welcome event grows and becomes part of our community culture."

"There's no time limit on being 'new!' We are targeting those who have been in Stephens County less than a year. Sometimes when you move to a new place, you're working a lot, trying to get your house in order, and don't have time to get out. I'm still learning about great things to do in our community, like the Chisholm Trail Community Band or the new Cedar Cove Studio Arts center. All are welcome."

Other newcomers nights (2016) are scheduled for Friday, January 15; Friday, April 15; and Friday, July 15.

Newcomers or organizations can RSVP to [info@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:info@onthechisholmtrail.com) or (580) 252-6692.

This is an inclusive event, so please come out even if you don't have a chance to RSVP.

## Come see what's new 'On the Chisholm Trail!'

### Winner of county fair drawing - Lee Damm!



Heritage Center's Executive Director, Stacy Cramer Moore, left, presents Lee Damm of Duncan, with a Chisholm Trail lap throw. Lee recently moved to Duncan from out-of-state. Lee was excited to win the door prize drawing that he entered at our trade show booth during the Stephens County Free Fair in August. Congratulations Lee and welcome to Duncan!



Chisholm Trail Heritage Center received and accepted three new items - an 1860 inscribed sandstone, a Barbary Sheep taxidermy mount from 1984, and a charcoal rendition of John Wayne. Ryan Hinsley of Duncan (soon to be Comanche) found the rock in February buried on untouched land he purchased. Inscribed with a signature and "1860 June 16, on my way to Oregon" it can be seen in our ecosystem diorama.

Jolene Hays of Comanche wanted a secure home for "Skeesix" which her late husband, William "Lindsey" Hays bagged in a 1984 expedition; and Bud Akers donated "The Duke" created by his sister, Sonya Akers William. If you haven't been to the Heritage Center lately, we hope you'll come and discover some "new old west!"

