



# OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2015

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

## CAMPFIRES, CATTLE & COWBOYS GATHERING

Join us from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 'Under the Stars' benefit event for the Heritage Center! Headlining this inaugural event will be Luke Reed, cowboy poet and storyteller. He's a good ol' southern Oklahoma boy returning from New Mexico for this one night event.

"I am so excited about this. I opened for Red Steagall in 2005 (at the Heritage Center)," he shares. Also scheduled are Jay Snider, Ron Secoy and entertainer Steve Ribnikar. Here's the line-up:

5 - 10 p.m. Cowboy Meet & Greet  
Meet your favorite artist, purchase their books or CDs.

6 - 7:30 p.m. Story Swap (Open Mic)  
hosted by Steve Ribnikar  
Bring your favorite pieces to perform. One poem or song per artist, then onto the next in this "Round-Robin" and then get back in line and do it all over again!

All family-friendly material welcome.

7:30 -10 p.m.  
The "Headliners" hosted by Jay Snider

Luke Reed, Ron Secoy and Jay Snider with Steve Ribnikar will share their cowboy humor and wisdom for the main event.

The trail and its history runs deep like the wagon cut you can see from Monument Hill and it's still there ... now called Highway 81

- Luke Reed

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)



Luke Reed will share his cowboy stories and music at the inaugural Campfires, Cattle & Cowboys Gathering, Friday, Nov. 20.

## DYLAN CAVIN'S CREATIVITY EXPANDS HIS MARKET

A big thank you to everyone who has visited to see the featured artist exhibit, Woodland Hymn: Sketches & Paintings by Christen Walden. Also, a thank you to everyone who has purchased her pieces. Her show remains up through Oct. 31. Then it will be a whirlwind task to bring it down and install the holiday show featuring the art of Dylan Cavin that opens Nov. 3.

The Heritage Center's Exhibit, The Art of Dylan Cavin, Nov. 3, 2015 - Jan. 6, 2016, will feature 24-26 pieces, ranging from 9 x 12 to 24 x 36 inches. There will be paintings and sketches featuring bison, grackles and Oklahoma history. Much of it is on antique ledger documents he's collected.

For those who attended and enjoyed Mikel Davison's show a year ago, we are sure you will enjoy this show.



Dylan's work was cover art of the July/August 2012 Oklahoma Today magazine. Since then, Dylan's art has gained popularity across the country. Multiple shows keep him busy and in addition to creating work for his exhibit at the Heritage Center, he's also prepping for the Smithsonian's National Museum of The American Indians Holiday Art Market in December. We asked Dylan about his success at shows and what is

the biggest reward he gains from attending them and selling his art. Here's a portion of his response: "I feel like that is one of the biggest compliments you can give an artist is to buy their art and hang it in your home ... ribbons never hurt either."

He placed first at Cahokia in 2d, has earned honorable mention at Indian Market for a drawing, and a first at SEASAM in graphics, among others. On top of the shows and creating art to keep his inventory ample, he works full time as a graphic design artist.

The complete interview will be in the November newsletter. Meanwhile, like his Facebook page:

The Art of Dylan Cavin.

*An artist reception for Dylan will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. It is open to the public and we encourage members and the public to stop in and meet Dylan.*



# EDUCATION

**Teachers! It is time to book your educational tour or field trip!**

3 Sessions remain this Academic Year

We have Two NEW sessions this year!

Holidays on the Trail begins 11/2 - 12/18/2015

**\*New:** History Heroes: Famous Figures from the Chisholm Trail 1/4 - 3/11/2016

**New:** Pick from - Chisholm Trail or Oklahoma Land Giveaways 3/21 - 5/27/2016

Sessions are filling fast - so Book Early!

Call our Education Coordinator, Leah Mulkey at (580) 252-6692 or

email: [leah@onthechisholmtrail.com](mailto:leah@onthechisholmtrail.com)

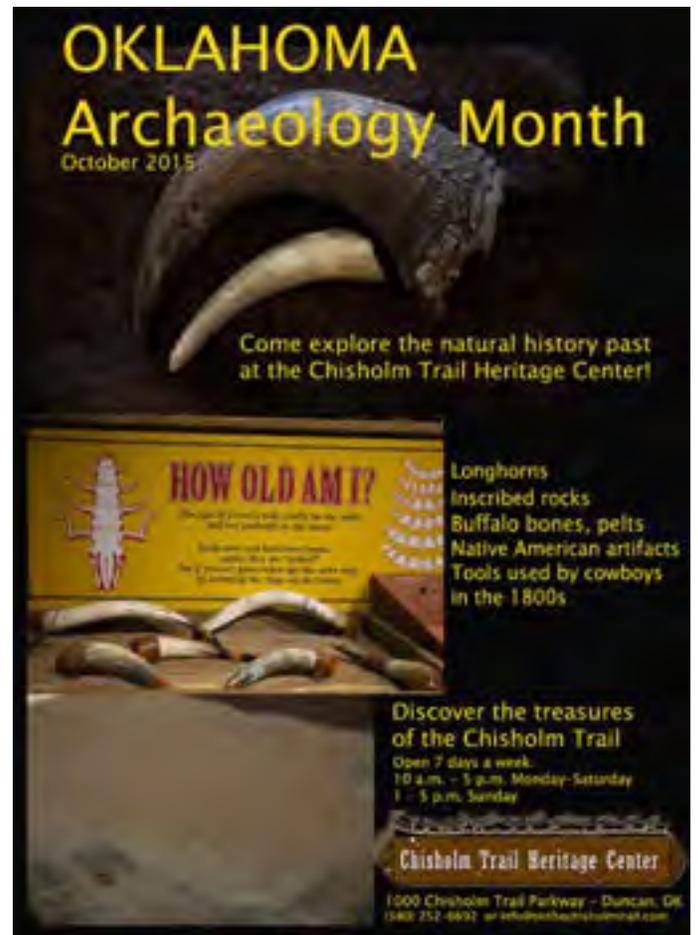
The Holidays on the Trail: Surviving as a newcomer to the Territory, session, will include a historical interpreter, portraying Lizzie Johnson who was the first woman to bring her own herd up the Chisholm Trail from Texas. Also, STEAM principles taught will be: S, the science of scorpions, spiders, ticks; T - the technology of railroads; E, the engineering of barbed wire; A, the art and history of ledger art; and M, the math of the cattle business, using a math game.

Last year 91 districts attended with 98 percent returning from the previous year. Visit our website for full details and skills matrix. Click the 'Educators' tab where you will find the schedules and Teacher's Club information.

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All sessions are designed to fulfill the current standards set forth by the Department of Education for subject and grade level.

The Heritage Center is Oklahoma's only non-profit Great Expectations Model School, certified since 2007. Our instructors are all GE certified. Holidays on the Trail education sessions are filling fast, so call Leah, (580) 252-6692, to book your session.



**OKLAHOMA Archaeology Month**  
October 2015

Come explore the natural history past at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center!

Longhorns  
Inscribed rocks  
Buffalo bones, pelts  
Native American artifacts  
Tools used by cowboys in the 1800s

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Open 7 days a week  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
1 - 5 p.m. Sunday

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October is Oklahoma Archaeology Month. Oct. 15, was National Fossil Day! On display in the lobby are buffalo bones and a buffalo pelt. Children and adults can touch the items, which are also identified for learning purposes. In our Abernathy Boys education session, students learn about wolves and can touch the pelt in our collection. The Abernathy session ends Oct. 30.

*"The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center allows my students to understand Oklahoma art and culture in a way that can't be taught in a classroom. My students experience learning on an all new interactive level. Unfortunately, visiting (CTHC) is the only time some of my students will ever see a museum. The students talk about the museum all year. I believe the experience is leaving a positive lasting impression." -- Mr. Gorbet, 4th grade teacher at Pioneer Park Elementary, Lawton, OK*

## Artist Exhibits

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.

If interested, please call Toni or Syvonna at (580) 252-6692.

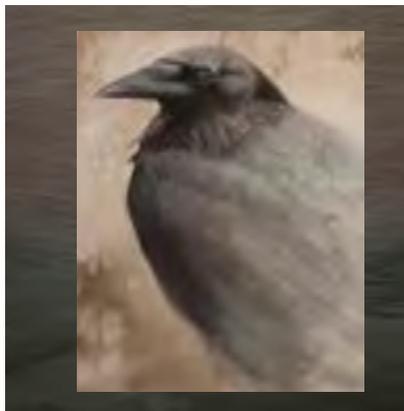


Exhibit: The Art of Dylan Cavin  
Nov. 3, 2015 - Jan. 6, 2016  
Artist Reception, 4-6 p.m. Nov. 7

Dylan Cavin will be our featured artist during November and December. His whirlwind schedule lately has included shows around the country. We are sure you will find something in his show that inspires you.



## Heritage Center stays open late for Newcomers' Night

Our first Newcomers' Night, held Oct. 15, was well attended by newcomers and local representatives.

We had newcomers from Walters, OK; St. Louis, MO; and Texas. Some even brought children with them, and the youngsters entertained our education team, Cindy Parks and Kaley Presgrove, while the parents mingled and learned about some of the great organizations in Duncan and southern Oklahoma.

Representatives were available from Duncan Chamber of Commerce, Great Plains Tourism, Beautiful Day, Gabriel's House and Duncan Public School District.

The next Newcomers' Night event is set for 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2016.

The casual event is about an hour long. If you are bringing children, an RSVP is requested, so the education team has age appropriate activities for your children.

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## A peek at 'behind-the-scenes' at CTHC!

Once in awhile you may wonder what happens in a routine day at your Heritage Center. Well, our days are far from routine. In October, we've had workshops for students and adults; or tasked with general maintenance of the ecosystem (see photo below); and even had a major film production company on-site, and in the air! Here's a sneak peek at some of the scenes.



The helicopter flying overhead multiple times on Oct. 19, was shooting aerial images for an AdventureRoad project. Prior to its arrival, earlier that morning, a fleet of vehicles arrived on the property, with a film production crew, and security escorts. It was definitely interesting to watch!

Geoffrey Smith explains to a group of students why he uses Fisher Price toys to teach stop motion animation. The group attended his two-day workshop during Fall Break, at the Heritage Center. By mid-afternoon on the first day, the students were already creating their first stop motion animation film.



CTHC Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, and taxidermist, "Mr. Bob" work to install a new bobcat and quail display in the ecosystem diorama, earlier this month. This is just one of the many behind-the-scenes activities that happen daily at the 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
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### Be sure to visit us! We are a ...

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\* 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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