



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

Join us for a free writing workshop

"Writing from Historical Objects"

Sunday, Oct. 21 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oklahoma Poet Laureate Dr. Jeanetta Calhoun Mish will lead the workshop

Many American poets have used historical documents, images, and stories as a basis for powerful poems that explore "cultural memory," the place where personal and cultural history intersect.

Plan on using an item in the Heritage Center collection or bring your own "historical"—personal, familial, or cultural—photo, document, or object for you to use with the writing prompt.

Jeanetta Calhoun Mish is a scholar, poet, and prose writer. She is the 2017-18 Oklahoma State Poet Laureate. Her most recent books are "What I Learned at the War," a poetry collection (West End Press, 2016) and "Oklahomeland: Essays" (Lamar University Press, 2015). Dr. Mish is director of The Red Earth Creative Writing MFA @ Oklahoma City University where she also serves as advisor to Red Earth Review and as a faculty mentor in writing pedagogy, professional writing, and the craft of poetry.



Consider entering your poem in the Poetry Contest for youth and adults and/or presenting your poem at the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Poetry Gathering, November 16. Full details and information in the events tab at Facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail or on our website www.onthechisholmtrail.com.



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Registration for the workshop is not required, but is appreciated. To register, call (580) 252-6692, or email: info@onthechisholmtrail.com

Please visit Mish's website: www.tonguetiedwoman.com

See page 3 for more Cowboy Poetry related events!

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Upcoming Events & Exhibits

Oct. 18 - Jan. 6, 2019 - Tiger Art: The Legacy Lives On

Oct. 21 - Free Writing Workshop with Jeanetta Calhoun Mish

Nov. 1 - Deadline for Student Cowboy Poetry entries

Nov. 11 - Jan. 7, 2019 - American Farmer exhibit

Nov. 16 - Chisholm Trail Cowboy Poetry Gathering and contest

Follow us on Facebook for Events updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail>

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.

Cowpokes and Brush Strokes



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We began Cowpokes and Brush Strokes, an enrichment program in September 2016, for 2-4 year olds and a parent/grandparent. This eight week program, offered twice a year, provides the children a safe environment where they can explore art, music, storytime and building their social interaction skills. There are still available openings. Please call us at (580) 252-6692 to enroll your child!

Photos from sessions can be seen on our Facebook page in the photo albums.

Thank You for contributing to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center during our 2018 **Texoma Gives Campaign!**

With your help, we raised **\$8,420.03**, matched with a whopping **\$7,080** in **bonus prize money**, nearly doubling your gifts! This happened in **ONE DAY!** In total, 189 nonprofits in Southwest Oklahoma and northern Texas - received \$1,212,572.87!



We work better when we work together!

Still time to see Patsy Nixon's art!



Patsy Nixon, left, and Virginia LaQuey, enjoy a laugh together at Patsy's opening reception. A few pieces were purchased by members and guests, but there are still more to choose from. Show ends Oct. 11.

Patsy Nixon's opening reception for her show, "Gems, Junk and Rainbow Shards/ Young at Art" was a great success, with more than 80 people attending in the two-hour event. A few of Patsy's new mixed-media pieces sold, but we still have more you can choose. Perfect for a holiday gift for those art lovers who love to collect! Patsy has a traditional background in fine arts, but this year, at age 90, she decided to try something new. The result is a colorful mix of found objects and great design. We hope you will visit and see her show before it ends Oct. 11. After that, we'll be busy preparing for two more grand exhibits to close out the year!

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/onthechisholmtrail/events/>

COWBOY POETRY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS! ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1



Free to submit an entry or participate.

Winner guaranteed a performance spot at the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Gathering, Friday, Nov. 16. Winner not required to attend or perform. It must be your own original poem. Open to contestants under age 18.

Entries Emailed, Hand-Delivered or Postmarked by Nov 1.
Send to: 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan, OK 73533 or toni@onthechisholmtrail.com

Visit [Facebook.com/OnTheChisholmTrail](https://www.facebook.com/OnTheChisholmTrail) event tab or our website at OnTheChisholmTrail.com for full details and information about the poetry contest. Trophies will be awarded for first through sixth place. All participants will receive a certification of participation. Winners will be notified by Nov. 12, and will be guaranteed a performance spot in the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Poetry Gathering that is Friday, Nov. 16, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Winners are not required to attend or perform their entries.

Students can also participate in the open poetry performance contest, Nov 16, at the Duncan Public Library with proper forms and registration fee. Full details and information in the events tab at [Facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail](https://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail) or on our website: www.onthechisholmtrail.com. Questions at (580) 252-6692 or email info@onthechisholmtrail.com. This event paid by financial assistance from members just like you.

COWBOY POETRY CONTEST - ALL AGES! PERFORMANCE, JUDGED EVENT

Friday, Nov. 16 Noon - 4:00pm Duncan, Oklahoma Public Library

\$25 Participant fee: All Ages - Preregistration recommended.

To enter: Submit your entry with release form and \$25 registration fee as directed: OntheChisholmTrail.com website or [facebook.com/OnTheChisholmTrail](https://www.facebook.com/OnTheChisholmTrail). Winners will be awarded belt buckles, prizes, and/or trophies. All ages - youth to old timers welcome to enter, but you must appear afternoon of Nov 16 to perform. One class. Winners receive guaranteed performance spot later that night, during the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Nov 16. Poetry may be original or credited to the author.

CHISHOLM TRAIL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING

Fourth annual gathering - Join us, 5-9:00pm Friday, Nov. 16 - Bring your lawn chairs & blankets!

Visit our website or Facebook page for more details. Open Mic performances, register upon arrival.

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COWBOY POETRY CONTESTS

CHISHOLM TRAIL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING!

FREE WRITING WORKSHOP

Two Poetry Contests:

Youth: Original poetry,
written. Entry deadline Nov. 1
Free to Enter! Prizes!

All Ages:
Performance, judged event,
Noon - 4:00pm
Friday, Nov. 16
Duncan, Oklahoma Public
Library. \$25 entry fee.
Preregistration recommended.

See Inside for Information or
visit our website:
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It's our fourth annual Chisholm Trail
Cowboy Poetry Gathering
5 to 9:00pm Friday, Nov. 16

We've got a great line-up of
performers and you can perform
in open mic or just kick back and
watch the show.

This year's show is co-hosted by Jay
Snider and Ron Secoy. Our featured
performers are Robert Beene,
Smokey Culver, Daryl Knight
and Curtis Krigbaum.

This is a fundraiser for the
Heritage Center, the show is free,
but donations are encouraged!

Be sure to join us!

1:30-4:30pm Sunday, Oct. 21.

See all the details on page 1
of this newsletter.

No registration required,
but if you think you will be
attending, please drop us an
email or call.

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