



MARCH 2019 Chisholm Trail Heritage Center AND THE GARIS GALLERY OF THE AMERICAN WEST

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

‘Your Art, Your Story’ Youth Art Month show continues through end of March



Chance Taylor, a senior at FAME Academy, in the Comanche Public School District, stands by a mosaic tile he created as part of his academic studies. Each year, the FAME Academy students, under the guidance of instructor Glenna Pace, create a variety of art for the show.



Above, Patsy Nixon, an artist, and a friend; and at right, Rick Duncan, longtime member, and a current board member look at the art on display.

Mosaics, scratch board art, paintings, mixed media and drawings are on display at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center highlighting “Your Art, Your Story” in this year’s national Youth Art Month theme.

The 140 pieces of art from 96 area art students attending Duncan High School, FAME Academy in Comanche, and Marlow High School will be available to see at the Heritage Center, until March 31.

This is the ninth year that the Heritage Center has hosted the annual art exhibit. A public reception was held for the youth on March 7.

Artist Patsy Nixon was one of those who attended the reception. “I just can’t believe it. These students are so good,” she said. Nixon’s “art” gears were engaged as she admired the variety of work on display.

“This is such a good thing the Heritage Center does. People need to come and see this show. These young people need this exposure.”

The Heritage Center is open seven days a week. Please visit our website to see this article in its entirety and a full list of students who participated this year.

We will also share this on our Facebook blog, under the Notes section.

Upcoming Exhibit: Sandy Magrath, Dogs of the Southwest



Sandy Magrath: Dogs of the Southwest art exhibit will open May 1 - June 30, 2019.

A meet the artist reception will be 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Heritage Center.

Magrath, a Norman native, is inspired by the designs and colors of the Southwest, and by her dogs.

“Most of my subjects are current or past personal companions that will live forever in my heart. I love all animals, but have a crazy love for dogs,” she said. Magrath is an advocate for adopting dogs from animal shelters. Visit our website ‘Coming Soon’ to learn more!

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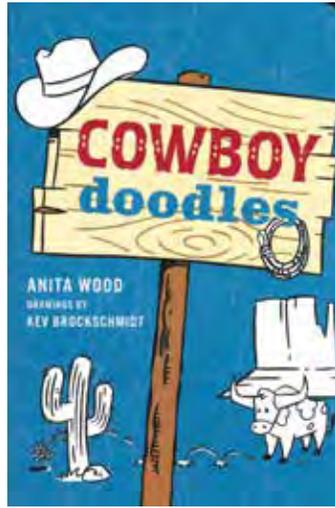
Upcoming Events & Exhibits

- Ends March 31: Youth Art Month**
- May 1 - June 30: Sandy Magrath: Dogs of the Southwest**
- May 9- Meet the artist reception**
- May 24- July 28: Regional Artist Spotlight in the Garis Gallery (Dee Dodson)**
- May 24- July 28: Bison: Ancient. Massive. Wild. exhibit.**

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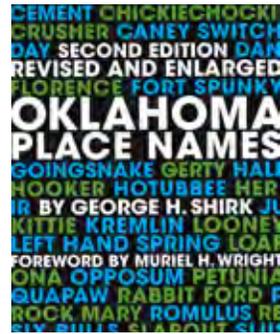
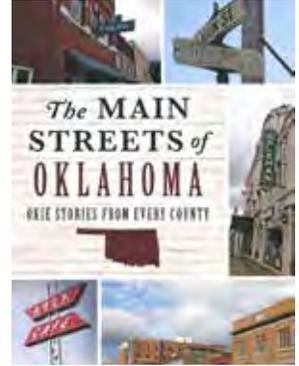
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Plan spring break with these books



If you are hitting the road, then grab a copy, or maybe more than one so the youngsters don't fight over it - of **Cowboy Doodles by Anita Wood, with 'starter drawings' by Kev Brockschmidt.** Perfect for the car and it has plenty of "starter" pages that should entertain for hours. It's also a favorite for teaching the alphabet as those are also included. Also fun for adults! \$9.99

Grab a copy of **The Main Streets of Oklahoma 'Okie Stories from Every County' by Kristi Eaton** and visit communities that put an emphasis on local history, with a twist - like Elmore City's "Foot-loose." Or visit Grant County to see "Twister" movie memorabilia. Duncan's chapter shares the history of markers. \$19.99

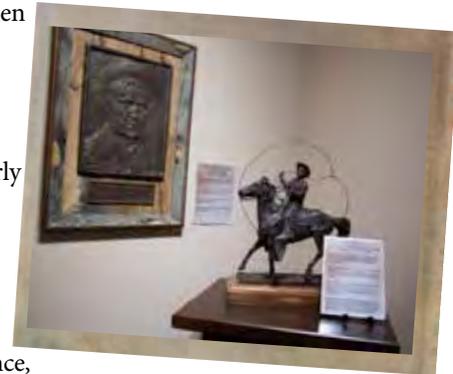


Oklahoma Place Names by George H. Shirk could have you wondering how these "old timers" came up with names like Goingsnake, Turkey Ford, Hot Tubbee and Bear's Glen. If you are adventurous and want to road-trip around the state, get this book. It's basically an index listing of towns, with directions (some detailed, and some like, "Bowman" in northwestern Logan County, 5 miles south of Marshall, no longer in existence). \$19.95

Garis Gallery has a 'slightly' new look!

When was the last time you visited us? If it's been awhile, then you may not realize that we've been slowly and quietly upgrading certain elements in our Garis Gallery of the American West.

Replacing old lighting in the gallery began in 2015 and nearly all of that has been completed. Now, clean, energy efficient LED bulbs are shining a new light on the art, making us appreciate the intricate details, like that in Lloyd Harting's "Indians Attacking Train" watercolor.



The Garis Gallery also has a new fresh, streamlined appearance, and we're sure you'll see the difference. New artist stories and signage complement the overall design.

We tip our hat to Cindy Parks!



Earlier this year, our CTHC staff member, Cindy Parks, earned recognition from another Duncan non-profit, for her contributions in the arts community. Cindy, an education instructor and long-time member of CTHC, received the Chisholm Trail Arts Council Ambassador Award. She joined our team in 2014, and has brought a great wealth of art instruction and music to all of our student programs - field trips, summer art and Cowpokes & Brush Strokes for 2-4 year olds. "I love the staff here (at the Heritage Center). I really enjoy working with the kids. I am glad we incorporate the principles of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) in our programs," Cindy said.



Cowpokes create art, giggles and have hair-raising fun

Cowpokes & Brush Strokes continues to be one of our most popular youth programs. We just completed another 8-week cycle for the 2-4 year old age group.

During the winter 2019 session, the youngsters created art using everything from play tools, to cereal pieces.

They took adventures as zookeepers and had some hair-raising experiences when they removed their safari hats off their heads. Marching with musical instruments they created, they danced, sang songs and kept things lively around here every Monday afternoon.

None of this would be possible without the funding of Oklahoma Arts Council and members like you!

We first began this program in September 2016 and just completed our sixth session. The program is offered each fall and winter. To date, 803 youth have participated. They learn art, music and social skills for the 45 minute classes.

If you know of someone who might enjoy this program, please tell them to give us a call. Enrollment is open now for the fall session. \$16/additional child \$8. Non-Chisholm Trail center members, \$24. To enroll, call Leah at 580-252-6692 or email: leah@onthechisholmtrail.com



See our [facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail](https://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail) page for photos from previous sessions. If you'd like to donate art supplies for our youth programs, please call Leah or Stacy, 580-252-6692.

Regional Artist Spotlight - Dee Dodson

Two years ago, we began a *Regional Artist Spotlight* to provide area artists with a venue for displaying a limited number of pieces (1-3) for four to eight weeks. Their work is usually displayed in the Garis Gallery of the American West (when it doesn't interfere with current exhibits). Artists can choose to sell their work.

Photographer Dee Dodson has six of her pieces on display through the end of April. Dee's work is much like our mission, *"To celebrate and perpetuate the history, art and culture of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy and the American West."*

Dee said, "I was always drawn to the cowboy way of life, and all the work and pride it entails. The cowboy way of

life holds a huge place in my heart. To me it means strength, courage, determination and respect.

She's been published in *The Circle Ranch*, an online magazine that covers women in agriculture. She attends horse shows, rodeos, anything related to the cowboy lifestyle.

Dee recently photographed cowboy poet Jay Snider at his home in Cyril.

"Jay is a true definition of a cowboy, whom I admire very much. From the crease in his hat, to the spurs that jingle at his feet. His kind words and warm smile and loving heart epitomize the Cowboy at its truest form." Snider and his wife, Sandi are CTHC members.



Dee Dodson reflects on her work in the Garis Gallery of the American West. If you are an artist interested in having your work exhibited, please email: toni@onthechisholmtrail.com



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Inside Your March Newsletter!

Youth Art Month - there's still time to see the show!

A peek at the next exhibit: Sandy Magrath: Dogs of the Southwest May 1-June 30

Cowpokes & Brush Strokes - 803!

You'll have to open the newsletter to see what that number means.

Three book picks from our gift shop for Spring Break reading and road-tripping through Oklahoma



John Coleman relief resins now share a place together in the Garis Gallery of the American West. These large and magnificent white sculptures are some of Coleman's earliest works. The Prix de West winner continues creating great works from his Arizona studio. Left: Man's Prelude To Honor, and right: A Song for the Spirit.

This Summer, Mark Your Calendars!

Bison-Ancient. Massive. Wild. May 24 - July 28

Award-winning Texas artist Larry Lemons, July 4 - Sept. 22

National Day of the Cowboy, July 27

When was the last time you visited? Your paid membership entitles you to a year of free admission, and a 15% discount on gift shop purchases!

Hope to see you soon!