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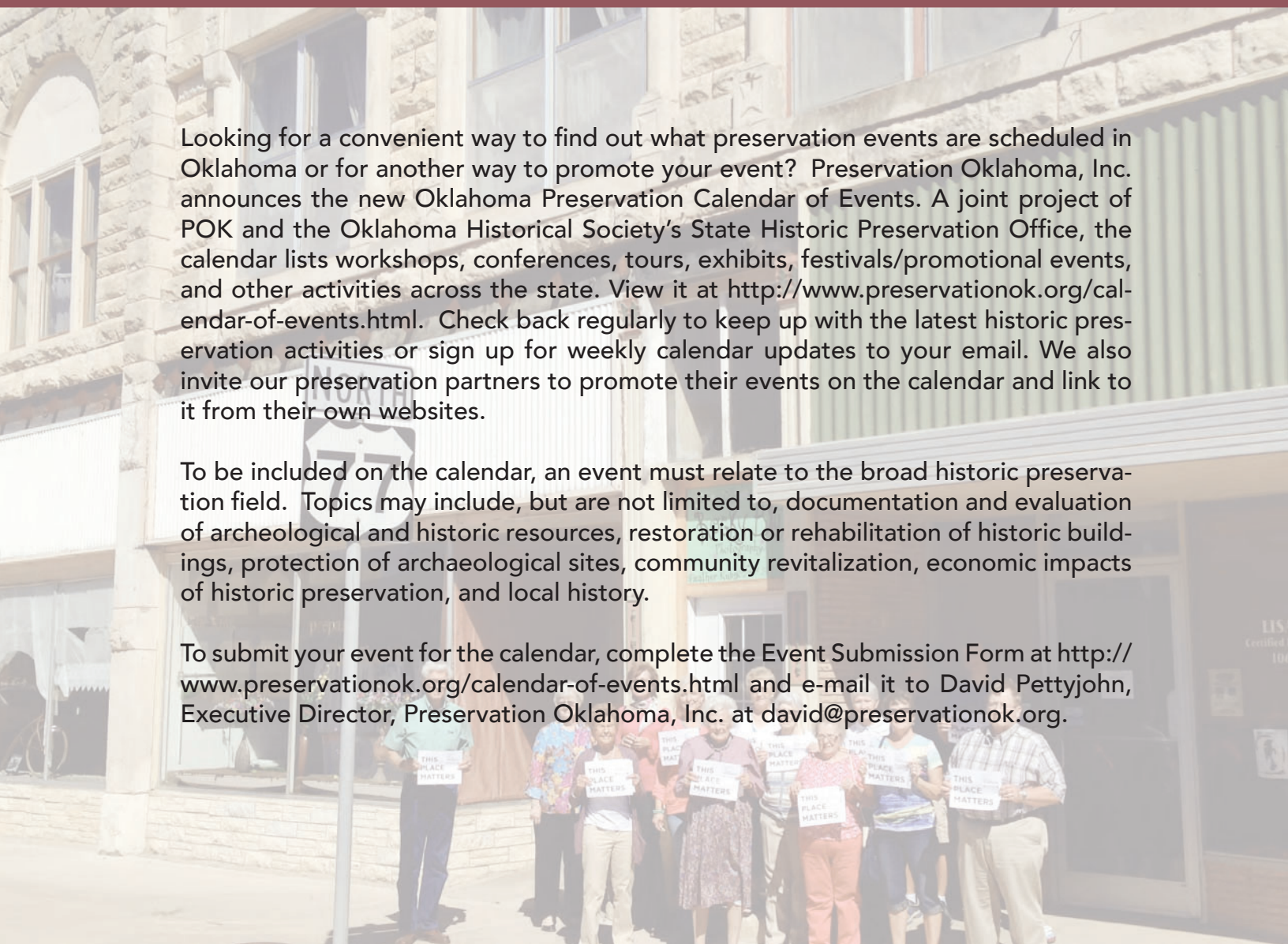


## **Announcing Oklahoma Preservation Calendar of Events**

Looking for a convenient way to find out what preservation events are scheduled in Oklahoma or for another way to promote your event? Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. announces the new Oklahoma Preservation Calendar of Events. A joint project of POK and the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office, the calendar lists workshops, conferences, tours, exhibits, festivals/promotional events, and other activities across the state. View it at <http://www.preservationok.org/calendar-of-events.html>. Check back regularly to keep up with the latest historic preservation activities or sign up for weekly calendar updates to your email. We also invite our preservation partners to promote their events on the calendar and link to it from their own websites.

To be included on the calendar, an event must relate to the broad historic preservation field. Topics may include, but are not limited to, documentation and evaluation of archeological and historic resources, restoration or rehabilitation of historic buildings, protection of archaeological sites, community revitalization, economic impacts of historic preservation, and local history.

To submit your event for the calendar, complete the Event Submission Form at <http://www.preservationok.org/calendar-of-events.html> and e-mail it to David Pettyjohn, Executive Director, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. at [david@preservationok.org](mailto:david@preservationok.org).



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*Cheyenne. Photo: POK*

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*Close up of Steel Pocket Doors. Photo: OMES*

## State Capitol Steel Pocket Doors Re-discovered

*Trait Thompson*

As a part of the trial repair phase on the exterior of the State Capitol, architects and engineers have been analyzing historic features such as doors, windows, and light fixtures. In July, a team of architects from Treanor Preservation sought to reveal the massive steel pocket doors at the south entrance to the Capitol for the first time in over twenty-five years. The architects sought to study the condition of the doors in order to make recommendations for their restoration.

Initially believing there to be a crank which opened the door behind a wall in the Lt. Governor's office, a small hole was drilled and a scope was inserted to find its location. The crank did not manifest itself and there are now doubts as to whether such a mechanism exists. In an alternate course of action, the team decided to pull on the doors to see if they would slide along the rollers visible at the top of the door frame. Slowly, but surely, the doors began to roll away from their long-time home behind the protective limestone walls. To say the doors are magnificent is an understatement. Intricately decorated with cast iron rosettes and standing at approximately 18 feet tall, they are a marvel to behold under the grand south portico of the State Capitol.

The steel pocket doors are original to the building and it is said they were added as a defense mechanism. The State Capitol was built during World War I and it was thought there would be a need to defend the building from an attack if the war happened to arrive on American shores. Thankfully, such a scenario never came to pass. The beautiful steel pocket doors can instead be categorized as one of the many impressive decorative elements on the People's House.



*Steel Pocket Doors.  
Photo: OMES.*

# Oklahoma Archaeology Month October 2015

*Cimarron Rock Art. Photo: OAS*



*Dr. Robert Brooks examines artifacts during an Ask an Archaeologist event in Alva.  
Photo: Preservation Oklahoma.*



*Archaeologists digging excavation units at Spiro Mounds.  
Photo: Scott Hammerstedt*

During October, museums, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and individual archaeologists will share information about the special places that tell the story of the state's distant past in celebration of Oklahoma Archaeology Month. Cosponsors of the second annual statewide observance include the Oklahoma Anthropological Society; Oklahoma Archaeological Survey; Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office; and the University of Oklahoma Anthropology Department.

Archaeologists hosting events or providing presentations represent federal, tribal, and state agencies; cultural resource management; academic institutions; and museums. Their goals are to increase awareness of the diverse archaeological and cultural preservation projects occurring statewide and to encompass as many perspectives as possible.

Just a few of these events for public audiences include an archeology workshop held by Open Range Archaeology, LLC of Moore; simulated excavations and meet-an-archeologist events at Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton; a special presentation on the Spiro Mounds at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center; a flintknapping workshop at Rogers State University; an archaeology-based haunted house at the University of Oklahoma; and much, much more. Participants in these events will learn techniques that archeologists use to study the past through hands-on activities and conversations with archaeologists.

For information about these and other Oklahoma Archaeology Month activities, visit <http://www.facebook.com/archaeologymonth>. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Stutts at [sastutts@ou.edu](mailto:sastutts@ou.edu).

# ROUTE 66: THE ROAD AHEAD WORKSHOPS FOLLOW-UP

Over 300 people took part in the Route 66: The Road Ahead - Collaboration Workshops that concluded Wednesday, July 29th. Designed as a way for the Route 66: The Road Ahead Initiative Steering Committee to gather feedback on a set of recommendations for the development of a national framework for collaboration among Rt. 66 stakeholders, the meetings were attended by members of Route 66 associations, tourism officials, economic development professionals, business persons, preservationists, educators, government officials, and others interested in reviving and renewing Historic Route 66.

One of the seven workshops was held in Oklahoma City on Thursday evening, July 23. More than sixty people attended. Workshop attendees participated in a series of small group discussions, during which they considered a suggested mission statement, a set of strategic outcomes/goals, and a draft structure for a new organization that would function as a national framework for collaboration. Participants also considered the idea of seeking Federal designation of Route 66 as a National Historic Trail.

The 2.5-3 hour workshops were lively affairs, with participants actively engaged in discussing the ideas proposed by the Steering Committee. Bill Thomas, Chairman of the Steering Committee, facilitated the meetings, which began with Aaron Mahr, Superintendent of the National Park Service (NPS) National Trails

Intermountain Region, and Kaisa Barthuli, Program Manager, NPS Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, providing background information on the role of NPS in its partnership with the Steering Committee, as well as a brief overview of how and why the Steering Committee was established. John Conoboy, retired management specialist on National Trails, presented background information and facilitated the discussion regarding the proposed National Historic Trail designation for Route 66.

Those in attendance were asked for direct input regarding all the ideas proposed by the Steering Committee, with written comments, questions, and recommendations collected from them at the conclusion of each meeting. The feedback will be synthesized and presented in a report. The report and next steps will be distributed to stakeholders and the general public by the end of November 2015.

The Route 66: The Road Ahead Initiative is a response to recommendations from the *Route 66 Economic Impact Study* (2012) and the *Route 66: The Road Ahead Strategic Roundtable* (2013), organized by the World Monuments Fund and NPS with funding support from American Express. For additional information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/66roadahead>, or contact Mr. Bill Thomas, Steering Committee Chair at: [rt66th-roadahead@gmail.com](mailto:rt66th-roadahead@gmail.com).



Oklahoma Workshop. Photo: NPS



# Historic Shawnee Alliance Forms

Bell Street Historic District: Photo City of Shawnee

Susie Clinard



Santa Fe Depot. Photo: HSA

Historic Shawnee Alliance, Inc. (HSA) recently formed a 501 (c)(3) to assist downtown building owners to preserve and improve their historic structures, attract new businesses, encourage downtown living, promote arts and entertainment and make improvements to enhance the quality of life for Shawnee citizens.

Shawnee was selected as one of the first Oklahoma Main Street communities in 1987. The early success of that effort resulted in being designated a *Preserve America* Community in 2004. Some highlights of that period were the completion of the Phase I Streetscape, establishment of a TIF District, renovation of the Aldrich Hotel and many other façade improvements within the downtown district, culminating in hosting the Statewide Preservation Conference in 2004.



419 E. Main. Photo: HSA

As happens in many communities, focus on the revitalization of downtown stalled several years later. Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, City of Shawnee and individuals recognized the need to jump start revitalization efforts once again. They turned to the University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities in 2013. The semester long study provided a long list of recommendations to refocus and renew the future of historic DT Shawnee. A Chamber task force was formed to begin implementation of the OU recommendations.

With the encouragement of the Chamber and City, this task force recently transitioned into the Historic Shawnee Alliance, Inc. To date the group has worked with the City of Shawnee on several projects.

The new Property Maintenance Ordinance to eliminate blight, and to maintain buildings in a sanitary, safe and good condition was one of the first projects of HSA. As a companion piece to the ordinance, HSA is working with the City Planning Department to produce Shawnee Downtown Design Guidelines. The Guidelines will also be helpful for those applying for Façade Grants. DT Business District Database and Bike Patrol were also implemented by the City working with HSA.

HSA also completed an Economic Incentive Package, website, Pocket Guide for DT Businesses and the first DT Seminar (February 2015) to attract investors. Keep Oklahoma Beautiful awarded HSA their Paint Day Grant which was implemented in September. The second DT Seminar for property owners and investors is scheduled for October 15th.

Future projects in the works for downtown are the \$2.5 million Phase II Sidewalk Streetscape Project for Main St. (January 2016), Wayfinding Signage, another round of Façade Grants, and the \$1 million expansion of the Pottawatomie County History Museum (Santa Fe Depot building).

Through the years, Shawnee has remained committed to saving and improving their historic downtown. Preservation remains the catalyst to preserving this culturally diverse community. For more on HSA and details on these projects, see [www.historic-shawnee.com](http://www.historic-shawnee.com).



420 E. Main. Photo: HSA



Downtown Shawnee. Photo: HSA



102 E. Main. Photo: HSA



## Hopewell Baptist Church Undergoing Rehabilitation

*Laura Marshall Clark*

*Hopewell Baptist Church. Photo: Hopewell Heritage Foundation*

On a corner in rural northwest Edmond, a sentinel rises 80 feet above the prairie. Locals called it the wigwam—the tepee—a watchtower. Hopewell Baptist Church was designed by noted Oklahoma architect Bruce Goff, and journalists labeled it a “cathedral of spiritual force” and “the most unusual church in America. The visionary congregation members completed the construction themselves. The historic 12-sided ‘tepee’ was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 14, 2002, through the support of The Hopewell Heritage Foundation, Inc.’s trustees.

The Foundation’s vision is to fully rehabilitate this one-of-a-kind building as a continuing gift to Oklahoma and the world, honoring the unique architectural design of Bruce Goff and the legacy of community that built Hopewell Baptist Church. Significant for its remarkable history and artistic qualities, the tepee will soon serve as a unique events center. The rehabilitated building will offer beautiful space for public use with quality acoustics, the latest technology and staffing for events and programming, including

the creative arts, workshops, education and business training, celebrations, and charitable programs. The new facility will also provide artistic and educational components throughout to connect visitors with the history of Oklahoma and tribal heritage, architectural appreciation and more.

“This building has had a great impact on many people in both the Edmond community and in the field of architecture,” said Terry Ward, president of The Hopewell Heritage Foundation, Inc. “It is an exciting undertaking,” Ward continued, “to honor the great work of Bruce Goff and to revive the uniqueness of the tepee whose spiritual legacy shaped many families.”

Having nearly completed work on the exterior, the board is focused on interior spaces and building systems upgrades, while preserving the historic character of the church. For more information, visit [www.goff-hopewell.com](http://www.goff-hopewell.com), or email [yearofthetp@engineer.com](mailto:yearofthetp@engineer.com).

## CITY OF SAPULPA RECEIVES ROUTE 66 GRANT

The National Park Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, recently announced the recipients of the 2015 cost-share grant awards. The City of Sapulpa received one of the grants for rehabilitation of the Sapulpa National Guard Armory.

Three other projects were also funded, including Women on the Mother Road: Route 66 Interactive Website and Oral History Project (covers entire route), Boots Court Architectural Neon Restoration (Carthage, Missouri), and Lake Shore Motel Structural Rehabilitation (Carthage, Missouri).

The cost-share grant program provides grant assistance for eligible historic preservation, research, oral history, interpretative, and educational projects. Grants are offered through an annual, competitive grant cycle. Since 2001, 122 projects have been awarded \$1.8 million with \$3 million in cost-share match, totaling \$4.8 million in public-private investment toward the revitalization of the Route 66 corridor.

For more information, visit <http://ncptt.nps.gov/rt66/cost-share-grants/>.

## DETERMINATIONS OF NRHP ELIGIBILITY IN OKLAHOMA NOW ONLINE

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), announces that its list of buildings, structures, sites, districts, and objects determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is now available online. The searchable DOE list is found at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/section106.htm>. Click on the graphic link on the right side of the screen, Search the DOE List. The list will be updated on a quarterly basis.

The properties on the DOE list are not included in the NRHP. However, each of them was determined eligible for the NRHP through one of two processes outlined in federal regulations. The Keeper of the National Register issues a formal Determination of Eligibility (DOE) whenever a majority of private property owners object to the listing of their property in the NRHP (36 CFR Part 60) or when a federal agency and a SHPO disagree about NRHP eligibility during consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800).

A Consensus Determination of Eligibility results during a federal agency's consultation with a SHPO pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. If the federal agency and

the SHPO agree in writing that a property within a federal undertaking's area of potential effect is eligible for the NRHP, the property is treated as if it were listed in the NRHP or was formally determined eligible by the Keeper (36 CFR Part 800).

The DOEs are arranged alphabetically first by County, then by City or Vicinity, then by the Property Name. Each entry includes the following information: the Property Location (unless this information is restricted); the Type of DOE (Consensus or Formal); the National Register Criteria Code(s) under which the determination was made, followed by "(CR)" if the property is a Contributing Resource to an eligible district; and the date of the determination.

The online DOE list, combined with Oklahoma's National Register Handbook (<http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrhandbook.htm>) and the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory (<http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/oli.htm>), provides convenient access for federal agencies and their applicants/designees planning federal undertakings. Preservation professionals and other researchers will also find the information useful. For further information, contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249.

## Join Us for Scary Tales!

### Overholser Mansion

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30

7 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

\$15 adults/\$10 children

*(May not be suitable for young children)*

Visit [www.overholsermansion.org](http://www.overholsermansion.org) for more information.



# REGISTER FOR SHPO'S DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

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The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is pleased to announce the schedule for its Fall 2015 workshop series. Each workshop is devoted to one of the SHPO's federal preservation programs and is designed for preservation professionals, government agency representatives, and concerned citizens. The sessions will be held Wednesday, December 2 through Friday, December 4. All sessions will be held in the Classroom, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City (just northeast of the State Capitol). The workshops are free and open to the public, but the SHPO requests that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 25. Space is limited for all sessions and will be reserved on a first-come basis.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

## **December 2 (10:30am-12:30pm) - Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings**

In this workshop participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. This session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

## **December 2 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings**

This half-day workshop is dedicated to a thorough discussion of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*. Generally referred to as The Standards, these common sense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether you are involved in a rehabilitation project for the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or just wanting to know the best approach to rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find this session invaluable. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop

and as a companion to Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation.

## **December 3 (10:30am-4:30pm) - The Section 106 Review Process: A Workshop for Agency Officials and Cultural Resource Management Consultants**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act provides that Federal agencies must consider the effect of their undertakings on archeological and historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Topics addressed in this day-long workshop include the basic requirements of Section 106, the regulations which govern the process, how to determine National Register eligibility, what constitutes adverse effects, mitigating adverse effects, and streamlining Section 106 review.

## **December 4 (10:30am-4:30pm) - Working with the National Register of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

**NOTE TO DESIGN PROFESSIONALS:** These workshops qualify for HSW hours needed to fulfill requirements of the State of Oklahoma's Board of Governors of Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. The SHPO will provide a certificate of attendance, and participants must self-report their attendance to the board.

If you may have questions about workshop content, contact Melvena Heisch at 405/522-4484 or [mheisch@okhistory.org](mailto:mheisch@okhistory.org).

To register for any or all of the workshops contact Jesse Dearman at 405/521-6249 or [jdearman@okhistory.org](mailto:jdearman@okhistory.org) by 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 25. You may also register online at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php>.

# BLACK HERITAGE AND ROUTE 66

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The National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program has announced the results of the Green Book Project. It included a survey of Route 66 properties listed in the historic Negro Motorist Green Book and other black traveler's guides, and the production of a video to introduce viewers to some of the experiences that black travelers faced on Route 66.

While history is not always comfortable or easy, it is important that the stories of Route 66 are representative and inclusive of the diverse experiences of everyone who worked and traveled on the road. Never has this work been more important as we strive to engage the next generation of travelers and stewards of the historic highway.

Historian Frank Norris of the NPS National Trails Intermountain Region office led the research effort, and numerous state/municipal agencies; nonprofits; and private individuals assisted with field research. With the survey complete, it will be used to identify properties eligible for National Register listing and for historic preservation and commemoration activities. Candacy Taylor of Taylor Made Culture produced the companion video. Stay tuned, as an interactive map of the Green Book sites will be posted soon. For details about the project and to see the video, go to <http://ncptt.nps.gov/rt66/green-book/>.

## Seeking Nominations for 2016 List of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places

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It is time to compile Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2016, and we need your input. Help us identify Oklahoma's threatened historic resources. While the listing does not ensure the protection of a site or guarantee funding, the designation has been a powerful tool to help local organizations raise the awareness of their endangered places. The Selection Committee will announce the 2016 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places List in early 2016.

Nomination form is available online at [www.preservationok.org](http://www.preservationok.org) or by contacting the POK offices.



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### Membership Benefits

In addition to being a part of Oklahoma's preservation community, members of Preservation Oklahoma receive newsletters and email updates on preservation news and issues, invitations to members-only events, free admission to tours and programming throughout the year, and much more!

### Membership Levels:

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| Sod House:         | \$25 Individual  | \$75 Family    |
| Bungalow:          | \$100 Individual | \$300 Family   |
| Victorian Mansion: | \$500 Individual | \$1,500 Family |

Corporate, Institution, and Senior/Student Levels are also available.

To join, please visit <http://www.preservationok.org/become-a-member.html> and join through our secure online payment form. You can also join by calling the POK offices!