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PREPARING FOR PRESERVATION LEADERSHIP

Oklahomans will celebrate the National Historic Preservation Act's 50th Anniversary during *Preservation is Golden: Oklahoma's 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference* (Enid, June 1-3). But, we must do more during the celebration than reflect on past accomplishments. We must consider how to sustain the momentum of the statewide preservation movement into the future and developing strong leadership is the key. Several conference sessions will explore the golden opportunities for individuals to assume leadership roles and strategies for building effective organizations for state and local preservation programs.

On Thursday afternoon (June 2), Ken Culp of the University of Kentucky will present two workshops devoted to establishing an effective board of directors. Ken holds a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations and Administration from Purdue University. He has 27 years of experience in volunteer and nonprofit administration, volunteer development and service activities and leadership development. His research interests include generational and gender differences; volunteer recruitment; motivation; recognition and retention; trends in volunteerism; and leadership development.

First, Ken will present "Effective Boards: Interpreting the Score Board." It focuses on identifying the purposes and function of an effective board of directors. Staff expectations and volunteer and member expectations will be probed and shared. The structure of an effective board, including membership, terms and term limits, proven methods for identifying potential board members, and 10 tips for recruiting new members are presented. The roles of board members are shared, along with an examination of officers and their duties. Finally, a 10-item "score-card" is presented, and participants will determine how their board measures up on the game's scoreboard. (Continued on page 5.)

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Sunset in Dewey. Photo: POK

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POK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR PRESERVATION AWARDS

Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups whose tenacity, courage, and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma. We are eager to compile our 2016 Preservation Award recipients and would like to solicit your assistance. Help us identify candidates whose work in historic preservation is noteworthy!

Four awards will be given: Rural Private Sector, Rural Public Sector, Urban Private Sector, Urban Public Sector. Nomination forms are available online at www.preservationok.org or by calling 405/525-5325. Nominations are due by May 2.

The Preservation Awards will be presented at Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Luncheon held at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Enid on June 3, 2016.



*OCU School of Law, 2015 Preservation Award Winner
Photo: Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Architects-Engineers*

PLANFIRST GRANTS AVAILABLE



PlanFirst Grant Presentation, Muskogee. Photo: POK



PlanFirst Grant Presentation, Duncan. Photo: POK

Do you have an upcoming preservation project? You need to Plan First! Preservation Oklahoma and BancFirst offer PlanFirst grants to assist with planning for a preservation project located in a BancFirst community. The grants are for a maximum of \$1,500 in matching funds, and assist with preparatory work such as feasibility studies, Historic Structures Reports, architect's drawings, etc. – all the "homework" that needs to be done before any good preservation project is undertaken!

To learn more or to request an application, contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or david@preservationok.org.





Preservation is Golden:

Oklahoma's 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

June 1-3, 2016
Enid, Oklahoma

Broadway Tower. Photo: POK.

HEIN/DE MIESS TO ADDRESS PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Preservation is Golden: Oklahoma's 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will be held June 1-3 in Enid. The conference is one of the ways Oklahoma's preservation partners are joining Preservation50, the national celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. Conference sessions will highlight the many accomplishments in the preservation of the Nation's and Oklahoma's heritage that are direct results of the NHPA. Also, we will look ahead to the challenges and opportunities for historic preservation in the coming decades. Two plenary speakers will share their national perspectives on these topics.

Erik M. Hein is Executive Director of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the national membership organization representing "SHPOs" before elected officials, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and the public. He will present "The NHPA at 50: click Here to Save" in the plenary session on Wednesday afternoon, June 1.

Before taking his position with NCSHPO, Erik was the President of and Registered Lobbyist for Preservation Action, the national nonprofit grassroots lobbying organization focused on federal historic preservation policy. Prior to his work in federal preservation advocacy, he worked as a city historic preservation officer, the assistant executive director of a local nonprofit, and a program director at a statewide preservation organization.

The second plenary speaker is Norma Ramirez de Miess. She is Senior Program Officer and Director of Leadership Development for the National Main Street Center, located in Chicago. She will close the conference on Friday afternoon, June 3, with her presenta-

tion, "The Changing Face of Preservation and Main Street," which explores the impacts of increasingly changing demographics on local economies and community revitalization efforts nationwide.

Norma has found a unique niche in community-driven revitalization. Her direct experience in local Main Street leadership and her ongoing work with hundreds of communities across the country provide a depth of knowledge that helps communities come together to build consensus, define strategies, and implement successful revitalization programs. Through her entrepreneurial upbringing, Norma understands the needs and challenges of small business development. Her civil engineering education makes a strong connection with planning and implementation of physical improvements. And her experience in heritage tourism offers insights on the promotion of communities' unique characteristics. Norma's multicultural background and bilingual skills are solid assets in understanding increasingly changing demographics and helping communities implement strategies that build more inclusive organizations and capitalize on the value of diversity for local economies.

Full conference program and registration information will be available in late April.

Follow conference developments at
<http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm>
and
<http://okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>

If you may have questions, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO (405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org) or Kelly Tompkins, Director, Main Street Enid, Inc. (580/234-1052 or Kelly@mainstreetenid.org).

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Next, he will present "Developing an Effective, Contributing Board of Directors." A functional board of directors is a critical key component for a successful organization. Identifying, recruiting, empowering and developing the board of directors into an effectively working decision-making group are fundamental steps. The board of directors is the rudder of the ship. Without strong leadership and guidance from the board, the organization will be set adrift without a clear purpose or destination. Participants will learn how to identify, orient and educate new and current Board members to help them understand their duties and the function of the board. Additionally, they will learn how to develop an executive committee, a contributing committee system and an annual program of activities, all of which will strengthen your organization and its programs.

On Friday morning (June 3), the first session features two important membership organizations that help strengthen local historic preservation programs. Amanda DeCort, member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' (NAPC) Board of Directors, will discuss the role and programs of the organization. NAPC is the national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local historic preservation commissions and the historic resources they protect through local preservation zoning ordinances and design review. Then, David Pettyjohn, Executive Director of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., will talk about the statewide nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of Oklahoma's historic and prehistoric properties through advocacy, public education, and technical assistance. Both organizations rely on well-informed, volunteer

board members and a dedicated membership to accomplish their missions and goals.

Ken Culp concludes the series of sessions with "Recruiting Youth Volunteers for Community Service." If the preservation movement is to have sound leadership in the coming decades, we must ensure that a new generation is getting involved. Youth can be the easiest of all demographic groups to target for engagement in community service activities. However, many volunteer coordinators and staff members, being from a different generation, lack the knowledge, skills, expertise and contemporary communication skills to successfully approach and recruit teens for involvement in service or programmatic activities. This workshop will prepare volunteer coordinators and staff members who are interested in targeting youth for volunteer service to adapt their marketing message to appeal to teens, to tailor service activities to fit the likes and interests of this demographic audience, and to promote volunteer service as a component of teen activity.

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<http://www.facebook.com/okshpo>;

<http://www.twitter.com/okshpo>;

and <http://okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>

If you may have questions, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org

*Buildings on Randolph
Photo: Main Street Enid*





SHPO ANNOUNCES MAY WORKSHOPS

May 4-5, 2016
Tulsa

Third Street, Tulsa. Photo: POK

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office, is pleased to announce its May Workshop series. The sessions will be held May 4 and 5, 2016, in Tulsa in the Bureau of Land Management, Oklahoma Field Office, Main Conference Room, 7906 E. 33rd St, Suite 101, Tulsa. There is ample free parking available. Attendees must enter through security as this is a federal government facility.

The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, April 27. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. To register, contact Jesse Dearman at 405/521-6249 or jdearman@okhistory.org. You may also register online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php.

Design professionals who attend the workshops will 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. A certificate of attendance will be e-mailed to participants after the workshops. Self report your attendance to the board. If you have questions about any of the workshops, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

Workshop Schedule and Descriptions:

May 4 (10:00am-12:00noon) - The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview (presented by Cate Wood, Historical Archeologist/Section 106 Coordinator)

The workshop provides the basics about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and how the process works in Oklahoma. Specific topics include who is responsible for Section 106 compliance, when does Section 106 apply, what is the State Historic Preservation Office's role in the process, what other agencies

are involved, what is a historic property, and what happens when a project will affect a historic property. The workshop is designed as a stand-alone session and as a companion to Determination of Eligibility under Section 106.

May 4 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (presented by Lynda Ozan, Architectural Historian/National Register Coordinator)

The session provides a step-by-step description of how to document standing structures for the State Historic Preservation Office's review. Specific topics include a discussion of the National Register of Historic Places Criteria for Evaluation, how to complete the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form, photograph requirements, what a determination of eligibility means, how differences of opinion about eligibility are resolved, and when consultants may be helpful to agencies in preparing documentation for the Section 106 process. The session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview.

May 5 (10:00am-4:30pm) - Working with the National Register of Historic Places (presented by Lynda Ozan, Architectural Historian/National Register Coordinator)

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND 2016 STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE NOW AVAILABLE

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for Oklahoma college and university students to attend *Preservation is Golden: Oklahoma's 28th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference*. It will be held June 1-3, 2016, in downtown Enid (full registration and program details available in late April).

Twenty (20) scholarships are available on a first-come basis to those who qualify. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee, and the application deadline is 5:00pm, Friday, May 6. For details and an application form contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org, or visit the SHPO's website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm.



Enid Streetscape
Photo: Main Street Enid

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Tickets: www.preservationok.org

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION GRANTS ROUND 2

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), is now accepting applications for Round 2 of its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations. The SHPO reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2016 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for these grants. The deadline for Round 2 applications is 5:00pm, June 3.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000.00, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700.00. Grant recipients will use the funds to retain an appropriately qualified professional to complete an individual property nomination for the NRHP.

The NRHP is the catalogue of our nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes. While listing in the NRHP is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property

owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To obtain an NRHP nomination grant application, just go to www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm. You may also obtain the application from the SHPO by calling 405/521-6249.



*Logan Branch Creek Bridge
Photo: SHPO*

ACHP OFFERS WEBINARS ON SECTION 106

Registration is now open for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) spring Section 106 Webinar Series. Topics featured include the popular advanced level course on "Innovative Approaches to Section 106 Mitigation" as well as intermediate level programs on "Understanding 36 CFR 800.12: Disaster Response and Emergencies" and "Managing Confidential Information and Section 304." A complete list of course dates, program descriptions, and registration instructions are posted at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

ACHP staff instructors lead these hour-long learning experiences. A small group format of 25 participants allows for student interaction with colleagues and the instructor. Intermediate level programs assume basic familiarity with the Section 106 review process, while advanced topics are designed for experienced users of the regulations.



Gravestone Conservation Workshops in Altus and Tahlequah

*2015 Gravestone Workshop, Tahlequah Public Cemetery.
Photo: POK*

Preservation Oklahoma is pleased to offer two gravestone conservation workshops in May. Jonathan Appell, a member of the Preservation Trades Network, will lead hands-on, interactive training for participants, covering topics including how to re-set stones, repair to fragmented stones, appropriate repair materials, use of infill material, and methods for re-pointing and cleaning masonry.

On May 3, 2016, Preservation Oklahoma, in partnership with the Museum of the Western Prairie, the Southern Prairie Library System, and the Western Trail Historical Society, will offer a one-day workshop at the Frazer Cemetery. The workshop will take place from 9 am to 4 pm. That evening, Appell will offer a presentation on the symbolism of historic gravestones at the Museum of the Western Prairie. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and that includes lunch and materials. The evening presentation begins at 7 pm and is free and open to the public. Both events are possible due to the generous support of the Kirkpatrick Foundation.

On May 5-6, 2016, Preservation Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, and The Saline Preservation

Association will host a two-day workshop at the Tahlequah Public Cemetery. The workshops will take place from 9 am to 4 pm each day. The cost is \$45 for both days and that includes lunch and materials. Participants may attend one or both days, but space is limited. This workshop is possible due to the generous support of the Cherokee Nation.

Mr. Appell is a professional gravestone and masonry conservation specialist with expertise in cemetery preservation planning. He has performed gravestone preservation and planning projects on many historically significant cemeteries throughout the United States, including Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC; The Granary in Boston, MA; Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Tarrytown, NY; The First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greensboro, NC; and The New Haven Crypt in New Haven, CT.

Please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or visit www.preservationok.org for more information and to register for the workshop; space and supplies are limited.



Frazer Cemetery. Photo: NPS



Museum of the Western Prairie. Photo: POK

OKLAHOMA ARCHEOLOGICAL STAFF CHANGES

The Oklahoma Archeological Survey (OAS) at the University of Oklahoma is the state agency responsible for the identification and preservation of the state's archeological resources and for the permitting of archeological investigations within the state. OAS and the State Historic Preservation Office work together in a variety of programs, including the review of federal projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As several staff changes have recently occurred at OAS, the SHPO extends its appreciation to its long-time colleagues who are retiring and welcomes their replacements.

In December 2015, Dr. Robert L. Brooks retired as Director of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and State Archeologist after more than thirty years of service. He worked closely with the SHPO in the development of the statewide preservation plan, made major progress in the computerization of the archeological site files, participated in the review of federal undertakings, and contributed through publications and in many other ways to our further understanding of Oklahoma's distant past. His accomplishments provide a solid foundation for his successors.

To meet the changing needs of OAS, the duties of Director of OAS and State Archeologist will now be carried out by two people. Dr. Amanda Regnier was named Director of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in January 2016. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology/Archeology from the University of Alabama in 2006 and joined the OAS staff in July 2007. Her major archeological fields of study are Caddo sites in the Red and Arkansas River drainages dating between A.D. 900-1700 and post-Removal sites in eastern Oklahoma. Since 2007, Amanda has conducted excavations or geophysical survey at sites including the Clement and Ramos Creek sites in McCurtain County, Fort Gibson, Rose Hill Plantation, the Murrell Home, Spiro, and Fort Washita, among others.

Dr. Kary Stackelbeck joined the OAS staff as State Archaeologist on March 1, 2016. She previously worked for the Kentucky Heritage Council, most recently as the Site Protection Program Administrator. Her extensive experience coordinating Section 106 activities and conducting reviews of archeological projects will benefit Oklahoma cultural resource preservation programs. Kary received her Masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Kentucky, where her research focused on Late Holocene hunter-gatherers in both North and South America. For her dissertation, she conducted survey and excavation along the northern coast of Peru.

Dr. Deborah Green will join the OAS staff as Assistant State Archaeologist on May 1, 2016. Deborah comes to OAS from North Dakota, where she works as a Project Manager for Metcalf Consulting. She received her MA from OU and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Chicago. While completing her studies at OU, she worked as a graduate assistant in the OAS's Community Assistance Program Office, which she will supervise in her new position. Deborah's primary research interest is geoarchaeology, which uses analytic methods, concepts, and field techniques drawn from geology to understand the archeological record. She has done geoarchaeological research in Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, North America, and the Caribbean.

As Assistant State Archeologist, Deborah assumes the duties of Dr. Marjorie Duncan, who is retiring after more than twenty years of service to OAS. Marjy received her Ph.D. from OU, and she has served as a research archeologist with OAS, as well as Assistant State Archeologist. Her specializations include Hunters and Gatherers, Middle Archaic Calf Creek sites on the southern Plains, and cultural resource management. Marjy has worked closely with the SHPO staff in the Section 106 review process, spoken at the statewide preservation conference, and completed archeological survey projects.

To learn more about OAS and its programs, visit <http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/>.



OKIE MOD SQUAD PRESENTS OKLAHOMA MODERNISM WEEKEND

Aiming to heighten awareness of our state's exciting mid-century architectural heritage, the Okie Mod Squad will be hosting the Sooner State's first-ever Oklahoma Modernism Weekend on May 20, 21, and 22. The majority of the events will take place at one of Oklahoma's most iconic mid-century buildings, the egg-shaped First Christian Church at NW 36th and Walker Avenue in Oklahoma City. An informative and fun-filled weekend is in store, including various mixers, a vintage car show, a mid-century modern market, a fashion show, architecture tours, and, of course, an ultra-lounge dance party.

The Okie Mod Squad wants attendees to not only have a great time throughout the weekend but also to leave with a greater appreciation for mid-century modern design and the rich history of Oklahoma's mid-20th century built environment and those who helped to create it. As a bonus, maybe those who attend can take home some mid-century treasures to boot!

If you'd like more information about becoming a vendor, a sponsor, or joining as a guest for the weekend, please visit okcmod.com and look under the Events tab. There, you can also find information about area lodging and dining options. And you can find the group - Okie Mod Squad - on Facebook.

We hope to see you there!



*First Christian Church
Photo: Okie Mod Squad*



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By becoming a member of Preservation Oklahoma, a 501(c)3 organization, you are demonstrating your commitment to historic preservation in our state and your willingness to get involved in the critical issues of preserving Oklahoma's heritage for future generations. Each member increases the strength, power, and presence in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national level. Your membership is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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:

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!