

Stillwater Muse

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR OUR FUTURE

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This year the Museum Board of Trustees said goodbye to Amy Loch and welcomed Amelia Chamberlain as our Director. Amelia, a long-time museum professional, has an extensive background in programming and community collaborations. I know 2020 will bring exciting new exhibits and programming for all age groups to the Museum.

I have enjoyed working with the members of our talented Board: Gladeen Allred, Judi Baker, Bill Bryans, Dennis Cyr, Mary Ann Grimsley, Joan Hert, Kay Keys, Velda Lorenz, Susan Matlock, David Peters, Judy Ringwall, Debbie Strickland, and Vickie Sturgeon. Each brought unique gifts to help with events and projects throughout the year. As the year ends we say "good bye" to Kay Keys as she completes her Board tenure and to Mary Ann Grimsley, Joan Hert, and Debbie Strickland. We are excited to welcome new Board members Laura Arata, Candace Robinson, and Annette Shamus. Please make sure to stop by the museum and see our new look and visit the new exhibits in **YOUR** Stillwater History Museum.

Stephen Gose, President

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been an exciting four months as I have been learning all the varied aspects of the Stillwater History Museum operations and meeting members of the community.

I look forward to 2020 as a year of discovery during which we will learn how to preserve our family heirlooms and memories, explore the variety of objects Stillwater residents collect, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage and the League of Women's Voters. Members who support the Museum at the \$100 level or higher will find information about a **new member benefit** described inside this newsletter.

We appreciate your continuing support of this special Museum through donations, corporate sponsorship, membership, volunteering, and more!

Amelia Chamberlain, Executive Director

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HISTORY
MUSEUM
AT THE SHEERAR



MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday
11am-5pm

Museum Closed
Sundays, Mondays,
& Holidays

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by appointment

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ADULT

PCHS Annual Meeting

Payne County Historical Society
Preserving the Past—Exploring the Future
 Sunday, January 26, 2 p.m.

Collecting Oral Histories Training

Thursday, January 30, 1-4 p.m.
Reservations required: Call 405-377-0359 or
 email director@sheerarmuseum.org

In 2020 the museum will launch an initiative to gather stories of Stillwater. If you are interested in being part of a team of volunteers to help facilitate this project, join us for this 3-hour workshop. Sarah Milligan, Head of the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at OSU, will be our trainer. Participants will learn about oral history project planning, equipment selection and use, and the practice and ethics of conducting interviews.

Once trained, volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 5 hours per month to record and transcribe Stillwater oral histories.

Exhibits Opening & Reception

Women's Suffrage/League of Women Voters
 100th Anniversary &
 Preserving Your Family Heirlooms
 Thursday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.



League of Women Voters Program

Sunday, February 29, 2 p.m.

Women in American Life is a multicultural women's history 5-part series written and produced by the National Women's History Program. On February 29, the Stillwater League of Women's Voters will present the third story in the series: *1942-1955: War, Work, Housework, & Growing Discontent* and then lead a lively discussion.

Oklahoma Authors Oral History Project

Sunday, March 29, 2-3 p.m.

Deep Roots: Oklahoma Authors Oral History Project, is a project of the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program, at the OSU Library. The project's

goal is to tell the stories of Oklahoma authors and to make those stories easily accessible. It documents first-person perspectives of authors with Oklahoma ties, with a special focus on minority and women authors.

Hear interview clips from well-known authors, such as Joy Harjo and Rilla Askew, and from authors you might not know, but will grow to appreciate. *Deep Roots* helps Oklahoma authors tell the story behind their stories, and it tells the story about who we are as Oklahomans.

Help Us Identify Photographs!

(throughout February during museum hours)

The museum is blessed with many photographs from our community's past; however, many photographs in the collection remain unidentified. We need your help to identify these Stillwater people and places. Please stop by and lend your knowledge to this project.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Quilt Circle Art

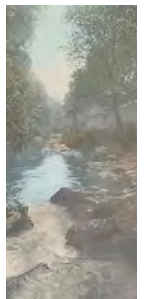
Second Saturday, January 10, 1-4 p.m.
 Third Thursday, January 16, 2-4 p.m.

View the quilt exhibit during its last month at the Museum, and create a 4-square paper quilt.

Hand Tinting Historic Photographs

Second Saturday, February 8, 1-4 p.m.
 Third Thursday, February 20, 2-4 p.m.

Before we had color photographs, black-and-white photos were tinted in different ways. Use techniques to add pops of color to images of historic people and buildings of Stillwater. We will also be demonstrating the Museum's Magic Lantern (a precursor to a slide projector).



Spring Break Fun!

Create a Pop-Up Card

March 14, 17, & 18, 1-4 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to create a pop-up but you weren't sure where to start? Then join us during spring break. A variety of templates and supplies will be available for you to create your own one-of-a-kind card.

A LOOK BACK AT 2019 ...



- Hosted 31 auditorium events serving 7,228 people
- Continued to offer 2nd Saturday, 3rd Thursday family activity programming throughout the year
- Over 600 students participated in “How Oklahoma Began,” the annual 3rd grade field trip experience, sponsored by BancFirst in celebration of 125 years in business.



- Offered a variety of adult programs from an antique car show and talk to Cool Classics concerts to a Quilts of Valor presentation



- Welcomed over 2,873 visitors from Stillwater, 41 Oklahoma cities, 27 states, and 16 countries

- Featured 5 temporary exhibits, including Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma in Stillwater and Solid Color Quilts



- Successfully completed the 3rd annual Datebook fundraiser
- Refreshed the entrance to the Museum, the Museum arches, and the Museum Gift Shop



Volunteers are Our Lifblood!

In 2019, the volunteers listed below logged over 1,500 hours (nearly the equivalent of one full-time employee) assisting with fundraisers, teaching elementary students attending *How Oklahoma Began*, working with collections, raking leaves, and more. The Stillwater Museum Association and staff thank you for your time, talents, and enthusiasm!



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Programs, Exhibits, & Activities in 2020

The Stillwater History Museum at the Sheerar’s focus in 2020 is on **preservation**; in particular, **preservation of family heirlooms**. Throughout the year, a variety of changing exhibits, programs, and demonstrations will assist Museum visitors in caring for their families’ cherished objects, memories, and memorabilia. Each month will a different theme. **January’s** focus is preserving memories through oral histories; **February**, photographs and slides; **March**, books (with an emphasis on cookbooks, family recipes, and the stories behind them).

Visitors will be able to view a variety items from the museum’s collection relating to these themes, **AND**, enjoy a new changing exhibit called “Stillwater Collects.” A different collection owned by a Stillwater resident will be on display for about 4 weeks. Discover a few interesting facts about the objects and learn why the person started collecting this particular item. The first exhibit in the series was “Christmas Past,” on display now through January 10. From January 21 to February 29, view “Striking Images,” a collection belonging to philumenist Mary Ann Grimsley, followed by “Who Stole the Cookie ...” from March 3 to March 28, featuring cookie jars from Marilyn Wilson’s collection.



If YOU have a family recipe and story or a personal collection to share, please call or email us for details (405-377-0359 or director@sheerarmuseum.org).

2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income

Contributions	\$ 56,000
Earned Income	\$ 22,000
Grants and Contracts	\$ 18,000
<i>End of Year Investment Balance</i>	<i>\$295,000</i>

Expense

Administration	\$48,000
Building Maintenance and Utilities	\$30,000
Other	\$17,000

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The Stillwater History Museum at the Sheerar museum has **BOTH** investment funds and an endowment to help protect the future of the organization. **You can help ensure that future. Please remember us in your will and trusts.**

**Donations given by Associates are the foundation
of the museum's operations budget each year.**

Thank you to our 2019 Associates!

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to the following Associates who have **already** made their annual donation for 2020*
(as of the printing of this edition of *Stillwater Muse*).

* Associate membership is for the calendar year. Renewals made in October or later were considered to be for 2020

If you have not yet given in 2020, please do consider becoming a 2020 Stillwater Museum Associate.

For Associates at the Donor level and higher, we will soon be issuing membership cards with a gold NARM sticker to 2020 Associates so that they may take advantage of a new member benefit—**FREE ADMISSION to participating museums across North America!**



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If we have inadvertently left your name off of one of the lists in this newsletter, we hope you will let us know!

New for 2020: Benefits for all levels include invitations to special events and exhibit openings, the quarterly *Muse Newsletter*, and e-mails highlighting current information, events and activities.

DONOR and higher levels will now receive reduced or free museum admission as well as discounts at museum shops at participating organizations **across North America** through the North American Reciprocal Museum association. Visit narmassociation.org/ for additional information about this program.

The **MISSION** of the **Stillwater History Museum at the Sheerar** is to receive and collect the material culture of Stillwater, Oklahoma, dating from prehistoric times, but especially from the 1880s to the present; to preserve those materials for the future; to study them to derive information about the past; and to use the knowledge resulting from such study to present to the public the history and culture of the area through all effective means.

PLEASE JOIN US! WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Your donations allow the Stillwater History Museum at the Sheerar to remain open, free to the public, and to offer quality educational and cultural programs to the Stillwater Community.

/we accept your invitation to become a 2020 Stillwater History Museum Associate.

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