



Calendar of Events

April 19-25 - National Volunteer Week – Celebrate Museum Volunteers

To assist your museum in celebrating National Volunteer Week, a promotional toolkit is available from the Points of Light Foundation at www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm. The 2009 National Volunteer Week toolkit has the necessary information and resources to recognize your volunteers!

May 2 - Oklahoma Museums Reception at the American Association of Museums Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

OMA members and friends are invited to a reception during the AAM annual meeting. The reception will be Saturday, May 2 from 5pm-6:30pm at the Loews Philadelphia. The reception is sponsored by Oklahoma Museums Association and Museum of the Red River.

May 7 - Tourism Workshop, Oklahoma City Zoo Education Center, Oklahoma City

The National Tourism Week Educational Workshop, sponsored by many tourism organizations including the Oklahoma Museums Association, will be held on May 7 from 8:30am-1:30pm. Dr. L. Lee Manzer, Marketing professor at Oklahoma State University, will share his "The Game is Played Away From the Ball" lessons, which will focus on satisfying and retaining "old" customers through enhanced relationships. Learn the single most important activity that all employees do daily in their jobs; the rise and concept of relationship marketing; suggestions for managers, in all areas and at all levels, regarding building external and internal customer relations; and building a service culture. OMA members may register at the Advanced Member Rate of \$65. Register at www.otia.info.

May 17-23 - Oklahoma Museums Week, statewide

The purpose of Oklahoma Museums Week is to recognize contributions that museums and related institutions make to their communities and to the state. OMA promotes this celebration to remind Oklahomans that museums and related facilities are important centers of education, research, and preservation of history and culture. The week is co-sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council.

June 9 - Museum Board Member Orientation Workshop, Sarkeys Conference Center, Norman

The Sarkeys Foundation is partnering with the Oklahoma Museums Association to meet a great need and host an orientation workshop for members of the board of directors and executive staff. This workshop, presented by Sen. Paddock and Diana Hartley, will train museum board members in stewardship, basics of nonprofit management and overall accountability, including how to evaluate sound financial management. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, June 9 from 10am-4pm. The cost of the workshop is \$50 for OMA members and \$60 for non-members and lunch is included. Scholarships are available.

June 22 - Care of Paintings Workshop, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Norman

The Amigos Imaging & Preservation Service in collaboration with OMA and the Oklahoma Registrars Association Standing Professional Committee of OMA is presenting the workshop on Monday, June 22 from 9am-4pm at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. The speaker will be Alexis Miller of the Balboa Art Conservation Center (BACC), San Diego, California. This workshop will cover the specific factors to consider while caring for your paintings, whether you are establishing new procedures or making improvements to existing policies. Topics include environmental issues, such as temperature, relative humidity, and pollutants, as well as storage and display options, "best practices" for handling and transporting, and housekeeping procedures. Participants also will learn practical remedial care methods and be provided with guidelines to consider while working with a conservator. The cost of the workshop is \$155. One scholarship is available from OMA and one from OKRA. Register at www.amigos.org

June 25 - OMA Award Nominations Due

The OMA Awards Program honors the excellence and quality of projects accomplished by institutional members. Also, the program recognizes individuals and groups whose contributions have impacted Oklahoma museums and the museum profession. OMA encourages nominations to the annual Awards Program.

September 23-25 - Oklahoma Museums Association Annual Conference, Lawton. Oklahoma Museums: On the Move: Join the Ride. There will be a keynote speaker, 15 educational sessions, a pre-conference tour and workshop, one networking luncheon, one awards banquet, two evening events and several exhibitors. The popular small museums track will continue.