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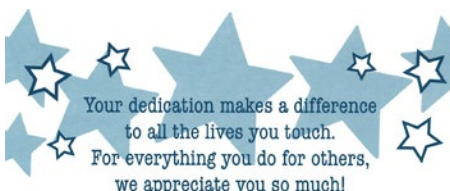
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National Volunteer Week is April 16-22, 2023

OMA CELEBRATES our volunteers and all of the volunteers supporting museums across the state during National Volunteer Appreciate week and all year long. ●●●



Historic Building Glass & Glazing Workshop Offered for Museums



FINDING QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS at your museum is often tough, especially on historic windows. During this in-person workshop, museum staff/volunteers will learn how to repair historic windows on their museum and how to ensure the right products are in the hands of local contractors.

RESCUE Preservation will discuss different products to use and to avoid as well as provide hands-on instruction with cutting glass and putty glazing windows.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 9am – 12pm at RESCUE Preservation at 401 S Blackwelder Avenue in Oklahoma City. Registration is \$35 and limited to 15 participants. Coffee and light snacks will be provided. Register online [here](#).

This is part of RESCUE Preservation's ongoing mini workshops on how to repair and maintain your museum's historic buildings. ●●●

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Brenda Granger
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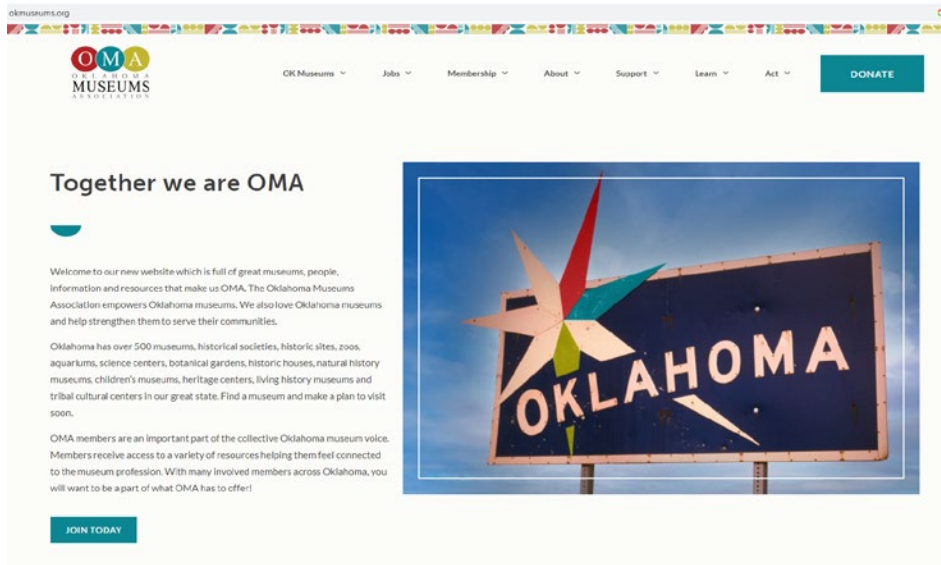
Spring

WHEN THE DAFFODILS BLOOM in their beautiful yellow, that usually means Spring and storm season are here in Oklahoma. Spring is a great time to renew your excitement for what you do, work and volunteer for wonderful Oklahoma museums. It also is a good time to take a look at your emergency disaster plan with Spring being storm season in our state. We have several good resources that I want to remind you about, all of which can be found on our website [here](#). OMA, along with many partners including the

Oklahoma Department of Libraries, lead the Oklahoma Alliance for Response. You can find more about it [here](#). In addition, OMA has a Disaster Response Network (DRN) that can give you great advice when faced with an emergency. DRN along with the American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works (AIC) has a Cultural Emergency Response Team (CERT) and several other contacts can be found here. Also on the website are [Emergency Preparedness Resource](#) list provided by [Rebecca Elder Cultural Heritage Preservation](#) and [Tools for Response and Recovery](#) which were formerly presented by Tracy Bidwell on an OMA Connections Call. OMA hopes your museum never faces an emergency, but if it does, we want you to be prepared. Why not use May 1st, MayDay, for emergency preparedness. ●●●

Brenda

New Oklahoma Museums Association Website Launched



HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW OKMUSEUMS.ORG? We love it and hope you will too. It that it has the latest design trends, responsive to all devices and full of great content. Although the entire website is great, be sure to look at the new [Museum Directory](#) and [Jobs Page](#). We appreciate the OKC Rescue program from The Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City and Allied Arts OKC ARPA funds which made it possible. ●●●

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Legislation to Watch

By Jason Harris

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

participating in OMA's Museum Advocacy Day at the Capitol on February 21. Tourism is now Oklahoma's third largest industry,

generating revenue and jobs across the state, and you are an active contributor to that industry. More than 60 museum advocates met with Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, delivered packets to legislators, networked with colleagues, enjoyed tours of the capitol art collection with Oklahoma Arts Council staff, explored the new Capitol Museum, and more. If you could not join us, please plan to attend next year on February 15 so that you can bring your voice to the capitol. Our personal stories and how our institutions engage with the public provide elected officials with valuable insights into why museums matter.

However, the 2023 legislative session is not over. Here is the legislation we are actively keeping an eye on for you.

SB310, authored by Senator Pugh, did not make it to the full Senate floor. This bill would have extended tax exemption to museums with budgets over \$1 million.

HB1568, authored by Representative Stark, exempts 501c3 nonprofit organizations with budgets under \$3 million from paying sales tax

HB1776, authored by Senator Pugh, will establish the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission. This commission, composed of 22 members, will plan, sponsor, and promote programs, events, and activities to commemorate the United States Semiquincentennial. The committee will dissolve on June 30, 2027. The bill provides some funding for the Oklahoma Historical Society to support staffing.

SB509, authored by Senator Matthews and Representative Lowe, will establish the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail Grant Program to help facilitate the creation of the Oklahoma Civil Rights Trail.

The Oklahoma Arts Council continues to work on an ARPA request for Arts and Culture. Last year, they came close to receiving \$10 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to help rebuild arts and culture organizations statewide. The plan passed both the House and Senate but was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. If approved, this funding will be administered by the OAC and divided between grants to rural and urban cultural organizations.

At the state capitol, Oklahomans for the Arts will host Arts and Culture Day on April 18, 2023. Please consider joining your museum colleagues and other supporters of the arts. You can find more information by visiting ok4arts.org.

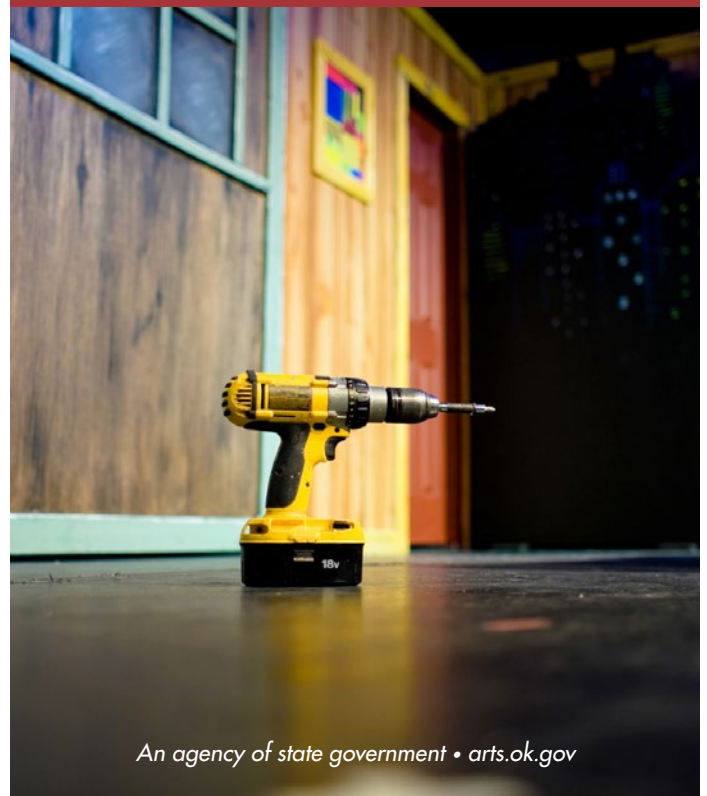
ABOUT JASON HARRIS

Jason Harris is a recognized leader in the museum community with experience in the management of local, state, and national non-profit humanities-based programs and organizations and is currently the executive director of Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.



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Free Quarterly Fundraising Download

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SPRING IS A GREAT TIME to consider making changes to your fundraising program. A few months have passed since the flurry of end of calendar year donations and we're not quite into peak event season and summer programming. But what should you be thinking about changing?

Many museums and historical societies make the mistake for trying to do EVERYTHING. We have great news for you! Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to master every fundraising technique out there to raise significant revenue for your organization. You don't even have to use every fundraising technique. In our experience, you only have to do these seven things REALLY WELL to create a stream of predictable, growing and sustainable contributed revenue.


These seven things are outlined in this quarter's free fundraising download, [The 7 Keys to Fundraising Success](#).

Check out Productive Fundraising's [Free Resource Library](#) for even more free fundraising templates and samples. ●●●




ABOUT CHAD BARGER


Chad Barger, CFRE, CNP helps nonprofit professionals across the US and Canada fundraise more efficiently and effectively. He is a top rated speaker, master trainer and coach. Chad owns the firm Productive Fundraising which specializes in teaching the latest research-based fundraising tactics and making them approachable for small, community-based nonprofit organizations.




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THE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE for loan directly from the Oklahoma Museums Association office for free. To see a complete list of books available through the lending library and instructions how to check out the books, please visit the OMA website [here](#).

Gallagher Nalls, Andrea. **Come, Stay, Learn, Play: A Guide to Making the Museum Experience.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2021.

Fritz, Angela. **Sustainable Enterprise Strategies for Optimizing Digital Stewardship: A Guide for Libraries, Archives, and Museums.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2021.

Decter, Avi Y, Marsha L. Semmel, and Ken Yellis. **Change is Required: Preparing for the Post-Pandemic Museum.**

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Higginbotham, Colleen. **Creating Great Visitor Experiences: A Guide for Museum Professionals.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2022.

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Simmons, John E. and Toni M. Kiser. **Museum Registration Methods, 6th Edition.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2020.

Zickuhr, Kristine. **Beyond the Numbers: Budgeting for Museum Professionals.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2022.

Vanderwarf, Sandra and Bethany Romanowski. **Inventorying Cultural Heritage Collections: A Guide for Museum and Historical Societies.** Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2022. ●●●





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To find the latest conference information, please visit the OMA website [here](https://www.okmuseums.org). To become a sponsor or exhibitor, download the information [here](https://www.okmuseums.org).

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The Oklahoma Museum Conference host hotel is Stoney Creek Hotel and

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Need more information, contact OMA at info@okmuseums.org or 405.424.7757. Additional information will be posted to this page as it becomes available.

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Lankford Introduces Bill to Expand Charitable Deduction



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NONPROFITS reported on March 1, a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators, with leadership from Senator James Lankford (R-OK) and Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) introduced the [Charitable Act \(S.566\)](#) that would create a non-itemizer, universal charitable deduction. Specifically, the bill would enable taxpayers who take the standard deduction (about 88% of taxpayers) to deduct charitable donations of up to one-third of the standard deduction, about \$4,600 for individuals and \$9,200 for married couples based on the current standard deduction. The bill was introduced with 10 bipartisan cosponsors; a House version of the measure is expected in the coming weeks. OMA appreciates Oklahoma museum advocate Eriech Tapia for being at this Press Conference in Washington D.C. which took place the day after Museums Advocacy Day in which Eriech represented OMA and Oklahoma museums. He is an OMA member and Edmond History Museum board member. 🇺🇸🇨🇦🇫🇷

Meet Our New Office Assistant



MAYA FITCH IS EXCITED to work for OMA doing what she loves, supporting museums. She has lived in Oklahoma for 12 years and is proud to call it her home. Maya is an emerging museum professional with a passion for advocacy and community service. She currently works with the Laboratory of History Museum and Women's Research Center at UCO. Maya is completing a Bachelor's degree in Museum Studies at The University of Central Oklahoma. After graduating in July, she hopes to continue enriching her community through museums. 🇺🇸🇨🇦🇫🇷

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OMA Awards Deadline is May 19

HAS YOUR MUSE-UM unveiled a new exhibit, developed an education program, launched a new website or revamped a newsletter since the beginning of 2022? All of these projects and more can be entered to the OMA awards program. Best of all, size doesn't matter when it comes to the OMA awards. Small, rural museums have just as much chance to win as large, metropolitan museums.

Do you have a valuable volunteer, board member, or funder that you would like to recognize? The OMA awards program provides a great avenue for honoring these individuals.

Entries for the 2023 OMA Awards Program are now being accepted. Download all the information [here](#) and get entered today! The deadline to submit is around the corner and award entries are due Friday, May 19, 2023.

Award winners will be celebrated at the OMA Awards Celebration Dinner on September 14, 2023. Contact the OMA office with awards program questions at info@okmuseums.org or 405.424.7757.



Museum Accessioning and Registration of Collections Online Course

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and Registration of Collections Online Course, developed by the Oklahoma Museums Association and made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, is an on-demand course that can be completed at your own pace. This course teaches a solid foundation of basic museum collections knowledge and is great for staff, board members, or volunteers working with museum collections, artifact donations, exhibit loans, and much more. The online course can be found [here](#).

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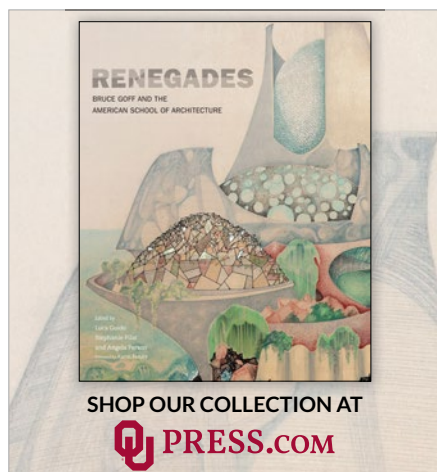


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Tax Opportunity Still Available for Oklahoma Museums

REMINDER - Museum Law Started Nov 1, 2021 - 501c3 Museums with budgets under \$1 million should submit application for exemption

SEVERAL OKLAHOMA MUSEUMS still have not taken advantage of this opportunity, and OMA encourages you to apply for this exemption today if your museum meets the criteria. On November 1, 2021, Oklahoma's new law that allows Oklahoma museums with budgets less than \$1 million to be exempt from paying sales tax on sales of tangible personal property or services to a museum took effect. A museum meeting the criteria must complete the following steps to make application for this exemption from the Oklahoma Tax Commission:

- 1)** Download the Oklahoma Sales Tax Exemption Packet [here](#). Check the box for non-accredited museums.
- 2)** Complete the entire form and submit it along with the following documentation:
 - 501c3 letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Bylaws
 - Previous year's audit or 990 tax return showing your budget is under \$1 million

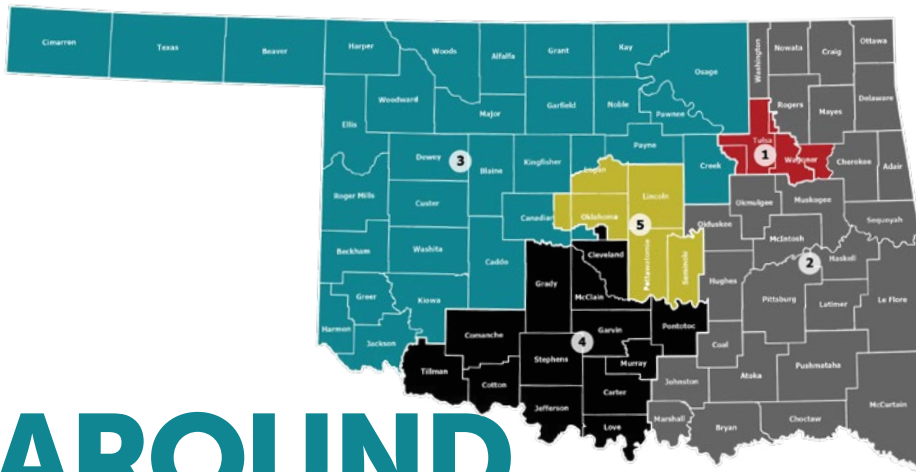
Once the Oklahoma Tax Commission receives your completed application and documentation, they will be in contact with you regarding your application.

OMA is currently working on this exemption for museums with budgets over \$1 million that are not accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Stay tuned. 🌈



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AROUND THE STATE

What's new and happening in Oklahoma museums

District 1

Raymond Doswell is the new Executive Director at [Greenwood Rising](#), Tulsa.

Sofia Thornblad is the new Director of Collections and Exhibitions at [Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art](#)

Art in Bloom at [Philbrook Museum of Art](#), Tulsa, April 7-9, 2023.

Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium, Tulsa, is hosting their annual fundraiser, **The Aviator Ball**, April 22, 2023.

Stories of Survival at [Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art](#), Tulsa, through August 6, 2023.

District 2

Choctaw Cultural Center, Calera, hosts **Peh Toli – Youth Stickball Tournament**, June 3, 2023.

Will Rogers Memorial Museum, Claremore, hosts **Overnight at the Chuck Wagner**, July 7, 2023.

Civil War Era Historical Days, a weekend of Living History at [Har-Ber Village Museum](#), Grove, April 21-23, 2023.

Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, Locust Grove, hosts **Wonder City Wordfest**, April 15, 2023.

The 13th Annual Bass Reeves Western History Conference, held at [Three Rivers Museum](#), Muskogee, June 22-24, 2023.

The [J.M. Davis Arm & Historical Mu-](#)

[seum](#), Claremore, recently reopened following a renovation of their lighting system.

District 3

The artist **Amber Andersen** will be on exhibit at [Plains Indians & Pioneers Museum](#), Woodward, May 6-May 27, 2023.

3rd Annual Santa Fe Trail Tour at [Cimarron Heritage Center Museum](#), Boise City, June 17, 2023.

Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experience in WWII at [Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center](#), Enid, May 9 – August 5, 2023.

District 4

Dr. Janet Braun, has been named Director of [Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History](#), Norman.

[Chisholm Trail Heritage Center](#), Duncan, hosts the third annual **Reining in the Arts**, April 8, 2023.

District 5

Western Heritage Awards at [National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum](#), OKC, April 14-15, 2023.

True Nature: Rodin and the Age of Impressionism at [Oklahoma City Museum of Art](#), OKC, opens June 17, 2023.

Artspace at Untitled, OKC, hosts **6th Annual Steamroller Festival**, April 22, 2023.

[McLoud Historical Society](#), McLoud, will hold their **Annual Sunday Dinner Fundraiser**, April 30, 2023. 🌈🌈🌈

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What Time is It?

It's Smarties Time!

WE ARE GEARING UP for the Smarties Virtual Trivia Fundraiser that will take place on Friday, June 9 and you should too. Now is the time to gather your team and plan your Smarty Party!

Your Smarty Party can include co-workers, family, friends, or neighbors playing together as a team. Have fun and get creative with your team name or plan costumes to show your team spirit. Invite others to create a team of their own and challenge them to see who is a bigger smarty pants. Keep reading for all the details and on how you can help OMA make this a successful fundraiser!

NOTE: If you participated in Smarties Trivia Night last year, listen up. OMA staff and president, Ken Busby, will be coming to you from a new location with improved connection and sound. Get ready to see, and hear, the round updates, answers, door prize winners, and more. Hooray!

WHEN: Friday, June 9, 2023. Individuals must login to the online trivia platform at 6:30pm to join their team's virtual room and the first round of trivia play will start at 7:00pm. This is a live virtual event. Times listed are Central Time.

WHERE: Anywhere you have internet access. Your team can be together in the same room or you can have individual team members in different locations as the team will be grouped in a private virtual room during trivia play.

WHY: To have fun and win prizes while supporting OMA. Prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded as gift cards to each registered team member. In addition, all registered participants logged in that night also will have the opportunity to win gift cards as door prizes.

WANT TO START A TEAM? Great! You get the fitting title of captain. As a captain, we have made it easy for you to invite others to join your team. Download the invitation [here](#). There are two options available, one if you pay the registration for all team members and another if team members will register and pay for themselves.

READY TO SIGN UP? Registration is required and the deadline to register is May 31, 2023. A team can have between 1 and 8 players. Max is 8 players to keep the competition fair, no exceptions. Tickets are \$25 each player or \$200 for a full team of 8. Register [here](#).

How you can support the Smarties Trivia Night Fundraiser.

We want Smarties Trivia Night to be a fun and successful fundraiser and we need your help to make it happen. Here are the ways you can support OMA during the Smarties Trivia Night Fundraiser:

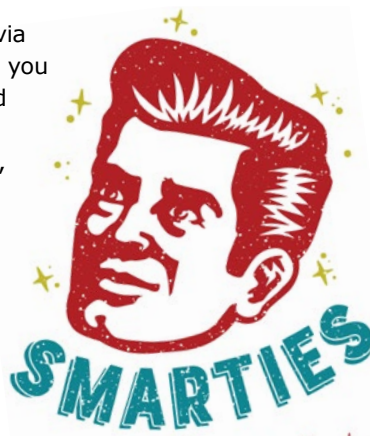
START, OR BE A PART, OF A TEAM AND GET REGISTERED.

PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR USE AS WINNING TEAM AND DOOR PRIZES.

Gift cards from national places like Amazon, Netflix, Home, Depot, Target, or even VISA are preferred. You can view the Smarties registry wish list on Amazon [here](#). Physical cards should be sent to OMA, 2020 Remington Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 and virtual cards emailed to sodaniel@okmuseums.org.

PROVIDE TICKETS/PASSES TO YOUR MUSEUM. All tickets/passes will be used as door prizes for participants. Physical passes should be sent to OMA, 2020 Remington Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 and virtual passes emailed to sodaniel@okmuseums.org.

BE A SPONSOR OF SMARTIES VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT. The sponsorship form appears on page ?? of this newsletter or can be accessed online [here](#). Current event sponsors include Quail Creek Bank and West Oklahoma City Rotary. ●●●



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Smarties Virtual Trivia Night Fundraiser

Friday, June 9, 2023 • Site opens at 6:30pm - Trivia begins at 7:00pm

Smarties Virtual Trivia Night is a fundraiser to support the programs and services of the Oklahoma Museums Association, which in turn, benefits ALL Oklahoma museums and the communities they serve. Join us in our mission to empower Oklahoma museums by becoming a Virtual Smarties Sponsor today!

Door Prize Sponsor - amount up to \$250 (unlimited)

Direct monetary donation or donation of gift card from Visa, Amazon, Netflix or other nationally recognized entity.

- Recognition on sponsor slide during event
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Trivia Round Sponsor \$1,000 (four available)

- Team of eight during event
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- Name included on pre-event email to attendees

Smarty Pants Sponsor \$5,000 (one available)

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- Recognition on sponsor slide during event
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- Name included on pre-event email to attendees
- Up to 60-second prerecorded video at start of event
- Social media shoutout

Head of Class Sponsor \$500 (four available)

- Recognition on sponsor slide during event
- Logo with link on Smarties webpage
- Name included on pre-event email to attendees

Knowledge Bomb Sponsor \$2,500 (one available)

- Team of eight during event
- Recognition on sponsor slide during event
- Logo with link on Smarties webpage
- Name included on pre-event email to attendees
- Up to 30-second prerecorded video at start of event

Trivia Master Sponsor \$10,000 (two available)

- Team of eight during event
- Recognition on sponsor slide during event
- Logo with link on Smarties webpage
- Name included on pre-event email to attendees
- Up to 90-second prerecorded video at start of event
- Up to 90-second prerecorded video on Smarties webpage
- Social media shoutout

Pay online at <https://okmuseums.wufoo.com/forms/smarties-virtual-trivia-night-fundraiser-sponsors/>.

Sponsor Level Selection

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NONPROFIT WORKFORCE RESEARCH, TRENDS, AND POLICY THEMES

The nonprofit sector and our employees have faced significant labor force challenges in the past few years, including recruitment, retention, and burnout. In order to better understand our own human capital needs and trends, [Independent Sector](#), the [Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action](#) (ARNOVA), and [Nonprofit Policy Forum](#) convened the [11th annual Nonprofit Public Policy Symposium](#). The symposium brought together nonprofit practitioners, academics, and a record number of attendees to discuss the latest research and trends in the field. [Research Findings and Trends Here](#)

REDBUD AWARDS

The RedBud Awards are open to all Oklahoma tourism entities, including museums. Entries should represent tourism and/or travel opportunities in Oklahoma. The timeline during which entries must have been produced, published, broadcast, or held must be between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. Entries must be submitted online by 5:00pm on April 15, 2023. [Read More](#)

MAKING HISTORY AT 250: THE FIELD GUIDE FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

AASLH has published [Making History at 250: The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial](#), a new resource with guiding themes and inspiring ideas to help you prepare for 2026.

Whether you're already planning or are still unsure if you'll take part, this publication will help all of us fulfill the potential of this anniversary. Complete the form [here](#) to download your free copy of the guide.

"PERSPECTIVES IN HISTORY": THE OKLAHOMA HISTORY SYMPOSIUM APRIL 22

The Oklahoma Historical Society will present "Perspectives in History," the 2023 Oklahoma History Symposium, on Saturday, April 22, at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. This one-day symposium offers scholars, historians, authors, and museum professionals a forum to share their work with history enthusiasts through presentations centered on topics in Oklahoma's history. Three professional development sessions also will be offered for museum professionals, volunteers, and students. The Oklahoma History Symposium is free and open to the public, but attendees must register in advance. [Read More](#)

SLOW ART DAY APRIL 15

Slow Art Day Makes You Happy. Slow Art Day is a global event with a simple mission: help more people discover for themselves the joy of looking at and loving art. Why slow? When people look slowly at a piece of art they make discoveries. The most important discovery they make is that they can see and experience art without an expert (or expertise). And that's an exciting discovery. It unlocks passion and creativity and helps to create more art lovers. [Read More](#)

2023 AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF MUSEUMS ANNUAL MEETING & MUSEUMEXPO MAY 19-22 IN DENVER

The AAM meeting brings together museums to share ideas and make connections in person. [Read More](#)

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ANNUALLY FILE WITH OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

As a reminder, all charitable organizations (which include most museums) are required to submit their registration renewal with the Oklahoma Secretary of State annually. They accept the filing online now. The Charitable Organizations section represents a subsection of the Secretary of State Business Filing Department. [More information here](#)

UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) UPDATE: TRANSITION FROM DUNS TO SAM

Another reminder to have your UEI in place before you start a federal and some state grant applications. Even if you do intend to apply for a grant now, you should still get your UEI. In April 2022, the federal government transitioned from the use of the DUNS Number to a new SAM.gov Unique Entity ID (UEI) as the primary means of entity identification, which is required to apply for and receive federal awards (grants). What to Know: If you have a current or inactive registration in [SAM.gov](#), your UEI has already been assigned and can be viewed on [SAM.gov](#). New applicants are able to register for a UEI number directly through [SAM.gov](#), with or without a full SAM registration. ●●●

CALENDAR

APRIL

Historic Building Glass & Glazing Workshop at Old Home Rescue, OKC

April 5, 2023 9am-12pm CT

MAY

Deadline to Submit OMA Award Entries

May 19, 2023

Deadline to Register for Smarties Virtual Trivia Fundraiser

May 31, 2023

JUNE

OMA Board of Directors Meeting

June 6, 2023

Smarties Virtual Trivia Fundraiser

June 9, 2023 6:30pm-9pm CT

Deadline for Oklahoma Museum Conference Exhibit Hall Space

June 30, 2023

SEPTEMBER

OMA Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2023

Oklahoma Museum Conference

September 13-15, 2023

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



TO THE 2024-25 OMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OMA PRESIDENT, KEN BUSBY, has issued a call for nominations to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors. OMA members are invited to submit names to the Nominating Committee for consideration. This year, the Committee will present a slate of candidates for the following positions:

At-Large Representatives (11 positions)

Richard Ellwanger, OMA Immediate Past President, is the Nominating Committee Chair. Contact Richard, or any committee member listed or the OMA office by May 3, 2023, if you have suggestions for nominees, you are interested in serving, or would like more information. Several positions open for election may have incumbents who will be invited to serve a second term.

According to the bylaws, all persons nominated to a board position shall have been members of the Association for at least one year. A copy of OMA's board member expectations, responsibilities and job descriptions are available [here](https://www.okmuseums.org). You may also contact the OMA office by e-mail at info@okmuseums.org or phone at 405.424.7757 to request a copy.

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Three Rivers Museum &
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of Art
Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum
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Museum
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Education Center
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Will Rogers Memorial Museum
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Lincoln County Historical Society
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From the American Alliance of Museums

Reopenings: What Museums Learned Leading through Crisis

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, museums have faced widespread and systemic challenges that have fundamentally changed the way our institutions serve their communities.

The American Alliance of Museums is pleased to share the release of [Reopenings: What Museums Learned Leading through Crisis](#), a special series of in-depth reports with case studies and multimedia examining some of the long-term lessons, mindsets, and practices museums have learned and adopted from their handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore the series' first report, titled Reboot, and its accompanying case studies, to discover how museums accelerated their digital transformation over the past several years and the lessons they will carry forward into our hybrid future.

Part two, titled Reflection, examines those museums who used the pandemic crisis as an opportunity to work with their communities to become institutions that have social impact.

The third and final report, titled Responsibility, highlights those museums whose embrace of human-centered leadership practices during the pandemic offer a new way for museums to manage their most valuable asset: their people.

Special thanks to the National Endowment for the Humanities for its support of this project through its Sustaining Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) program. ●●●



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Registration will open soon at OKMuseums.org
For more information contact Gretchen Jeane at
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FOR INDIVIDUALS

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