

2022 Master Woodworking Artist of the Year Named

2022 Master Woodworker was awarded to Wayne Delyea of Grandbury, TX for his *Bluebird Days* cabinet. This was Delyea's third time winning the coveted title.





2nd place was awarded to Jim Anderson of Steilacoom, WA for his bent lamination titled *Event Horizon* and 3rd place went to Steven Knott of Mena, AR for his intarsia wall hanging of *Noah's Ark*.







Special Events



Beginning Woodturning took place between March 15 – March 31 at Broken Bow High School. The class was presented in a way that allowed each attendee one-on-one instruction by the SE Oklahoma Woodturners. Many beautiful pieces emerged along with new talent!



Women's Woodturning took place April 22 – 24. Participants were honored with being taught by experts who aspire to expand the number of women taking up the art form. The talented instructors were Janice Levi, Mary Brewer, and Sarah Clinesmith.



The **Hochatime Hideaway** grand opening saw many smiling face. Guests enjoyed light snacks, received souvenir water bottles and a special appearance by Tree Bear!

When you visit the FHC, be sure to stop by the gift shop and say hello to the wonderful staff. They've worked very diligently to make it a world-class store.





Samantha Stephens walking hand in hand with Tree Bear

1st Saturdays



Jason Harris of the Chisholm Trail Museum

On March 5th, Jason Harris from the Chisholm Trail museum and Lynn Shackelford, coordinator of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's annual chuckwagon cooking competition, set up their chuckwagon at the Forest Heritage Center and demonstrated traditional chuckwagon cooking. This program kicked off a series of monthly activities to be held at the Forest Heritage Center on the first Saturday of each month.

On April 2nd, Naturalist Frank Griffith led guests on a tour through time. The event left visitors with newfound knowledge over the history of the area and inspired them to explore the past behind present-day Beavers Bend.

That afternoon, museum guests had the opportunity to visit with local author Tom Pike and discuss his new book, *Forgotten Promises*.

On May 7th, Todd Branda of Paratus Critical Knowledge taught the basics of 'psychology of survival.' Topics he covered dealt with first aid, finding water, navigation, building shelters, tying knots, fire starting, and signaling. The course was designed to improve situational awareness, assist with critical thinking, and provide students with the knowledge needed to survive during a stressful situation.



Celebrations at the FHC

A scavenger hunt was held at the FHC on April 14th and 15th. Visitors sought out real wooden eggs hidden throughout the museum and returned to the office with photographs of the eggs to receive festive Easter prizes!

Guests who arrived on the 15th were also treated to a craft where they could paint bisque porcelain eggs as a lasting souvenir. The eggs were graciously donated by the SE Oklahoma Woodturners.



This group had a competition where Brianna named the most creative egg!



For Earth Day, visitors were invited to pick up trash while they camped and explored the park. They were given special trash bags that when returned to the museum full, they received a gift!

On Arbor Day, visitors were given seedlings courtesy of the OSU Research Station and the State Nursery.





Mark your calendars. The annual Beavers Bend Folk Festival

Meet Renee Schuette, winner of the Fred Dierks Educational Scholarship for forestry students!

"I started at OSU pursuing a degree in wildlife ecology, but a professor by the name of Dr. Thomas Kuzmic (recently retired) convinced me to take some forestry classes. I've been taking forestry courses since fall of 2019, and I am pursuing a wildlife ecology minor instead.

My passion and goal in forestry is to be able to work for the US Forest Service or National Park Service as a forest/park ranger. I would love to work as a recreation manager, but forest health, and wildlife are also careers I would enjoy being a part of.

Receiving this scholarship helps me to be able to continue going to OSU. I am an out-of-state student (from Texas) and I pay out-of-state tuition, which is not cheap!"





Camp Discover July 5 -7



Forestry Youth Camp



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Pencils Photographs Spices

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Forest Heritage Center Membership and Giving Form

The success of the Forest Heritage Center is due in large part to the memberships and contributions of those who support our mission of "sustaining our forest heritage through history, education and wood art."

We know you are familiar with memberships and donations, but are you aware of our third option of giving? An endowment with the McCurtain Community Fund, an affiliate of the Tulsa Community Foundation, has been established for the FHC. The FHC endowment fund is designed to generate and ensure a stable financial future for the Museum.

Three ways to help secure the future of the Forest Heritage Center

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Thank you for being a part of the Forest Heritage Center family!

If you are ready to leave your legacy, donate to the museum or to our endowment in your will or trust, use the giving form in this newsletter or call us at 580-494-6497. Donations are always appreciated and are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the law.

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Brianna partnered with the McCurtain County Wildlife Refuge to band Red-cockaded Woodpecker chicks.









Did you know?

Americans consume as many tons of wood products as the total tons of most other raw materials combined!



