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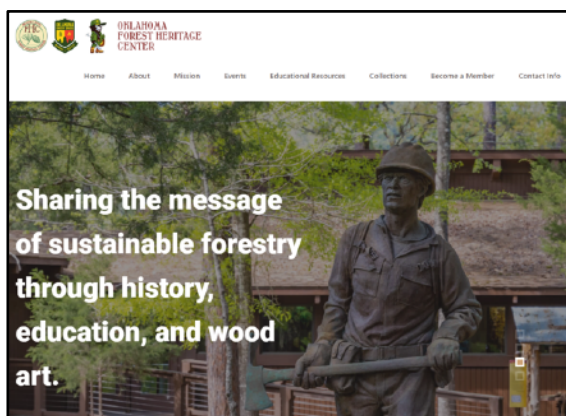


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The Forest Heritage Center Launches Website



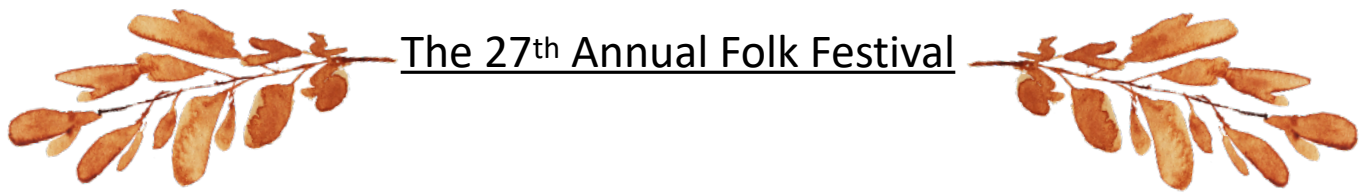
FHC Website Homepage Design

Historical Facility Manager Brianna recently completed the task of launching an official Forest Heritage Center website!

Former Director Calista Stephens had begun the process by partnering with BudBreak Creative and together with web designer Virginia Scirrotto, Brianna continued to stylize and uploaded a whole host of educational materials, helpful links to our tourism and community partners, and museum history.

Brianna hopes that by presenting the FHC in this new, tech friendly light, the museum will become more accessible in our digital world. She highly encourages everyone to visit the website and explore what our museum has to offer. Please keep in mind that the website will be forever evolving and is still in its early stages. <https://okfhc.org>





The 27th Annual Folk Festival



The 27th annual Folk Festival and Craft show experienced a wave of success! After an unexpected two-year hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the event came back with renewed fervor.

Visitors commented on the preservation of traditional elements while also seeing new and exciting attractions. Examples of which included festival goers enjoying delectable Indian tacos and gourmet chocolate treats.



Inside the Heritage Center, visitors could purchase handmade rings from a vendor who uses objects found in nature and children could have their faces painted by a professional. Mountain Fork Brewery also served craft beers and Sparks Winery presented a mulled white wine. Outside there was artisan soap making, sewing and military demonstrations, along with blacksmithing, and pine seedlings courtesy of the Oklahoma Forestry Services.

Fort Towson Historic Site
Manager Calista Stephens and
Historical Interpreter David Reed

“I am beyond grateful for the wonderful team that made the 2022 Folk Festival a huge success. I cannot say enough about the entire Beavers Bend State Park Staff that went above and beyond their normal duties to contribute to the event’s success. I would also like to thank the people that had been involved in the planning of the Folk Festival in the past and whom we were able to lean on for help when needed.” - *Assistant Park Manager Haley Harris*



Oklahoma Forestry Services Battle Wildfire

A round of applause must go out to Oklahoma Forestry Services officials for taking care of our communities, wildlife, and beautiful woodlands. Wildland Firefighters take risks that most of us would rather avoid. They work in extreme environmental conditions and may put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of others. We owe them our thanks and gratitude.



At the time this photo was taken OFS crews were battling 19 wildfires across east-central and southeastern Oklahoma

Wildland fires are a force of nature that can be nearly as impossible to prevent, and as difficult to control, as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods. Wildfire can be a friend and a foe. In the right place at the right time, wildland fire can create many environmental benefits, such as reducing grass, brush, and trees that can fuel large and severe wildfires and improving wildlife habitat. In the wrong place at the wrong time, wildfires can wreak havoc, threatening lives, homes, communities, and natural and cultural resources.

-Article courtesy of Oklahoma Forestry Services

To report wildfire please contact:

Northeastern Oklahoma: 1-800-299-FIRE
East Central Oklahoma: 1-800-375-2056
Southeastern Oklahoma: 1-800-299-2468

All other areas report fires to the local fire department or call 911.



Michelle Finch-Walker Honored



Michelle and State Forester
Mark Goeller

Michelle Finch-Walker was presented a certificate by State Forester Mark Goeller at the annual Forestry Banquet in honor of her 31 years of dedication to the Oklahoma Forestry Services.

Michelle, whose list of achievements and contributions to her community knows no bounds, has spent her career positively impacting the organization she holds so dear.



Michelle, Husband Terry
Walker, and Don Armes



Upcoming events



Christmas at the Museum
A day of festive crafts, with a
presentation over historic
holiday traditions!

December 10th, 9 am – 4 pm



Valentines Market and Craft Day

Visit the FHC on February 4th from 9 am –
3 pm to meet local artisans and purchase
last minute gifts for your sweetheart!



Merry Christmas



Tree Bear



Living History Word Search



J Z V A Z F B M L L M T V G A K Y K
L S F U A J H U A B G B D K I Z I M
Q A K C H Y W U J C R E E N I G N E
N L N R V J N N L M R R Y I I V O L
C E S C T D J W C N E H Q S L S J A
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S S V J O S C A I N Q Q S V R R A T
D A W C U V W E H R H T X A Q U P V
V V E Q W P H F N Y Q M R R U L P I

Blacksmith
Candlemaker
Cooper
Engineer

Laundress
Seamstress
Soapmaker
Sutler



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

Annual Project

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Membership

- Forest Friend \$25 & up
- Forest Patron \$100 & up
- Forest Benefactor \$500 & up

Endowment

- Annual gift
- One time gift

\$ _____

Total Gift Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

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Mail To:

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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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Did you know?

President Franklin Pierce is credited with bringing the first Christmas Tree to the White House.



In the late 19th century, the first glass ornaments were introduced in the United States, courtesy of Germany. They were mostly balls, but later toys and figures became more popular.

Around 1883 Sears, Roebuck & Co. began offering the first artificial Christmas Trees, selling 33 limbs for \$0.50, or 55 limbs for \$1.00!

Are you going to decorate your home at Christmas time?

