

DID YOU KNOW?

It became popular to tell old folk tales of ghosts & ghouls during the Christmas season because the days were so long & dark. It is even included in the Christmas Classic, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year-" "There'll be scary ghost stories and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago!"



Marley's Ghost.



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Forest Heritage Center Membership and Giving Form

Thank you for supporting the Forest Heritage Center (FHC). Your membership contributes to sustaining our forest heritage through history, education, and wood art. Please complete this form to join or renew your membership and select your desired giving level.

Help us secure the future of the Forest Heritage Center

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Membership Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Friend (\$25 & up) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Patron (\$100 & up) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Grower (\$250 & up) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Benefactor (\$500 & up)
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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."*

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Celebrating the Season and Looking Forward to the New Year

FOREST HERITAGE CENTER: WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



As the year comes to a close, we at the Forest Heritage Center want to thank our visitors, supporters, and partners for making 2024 an incredible year. From new exhibits to exciting collaborations, we couldn't have done it without you. We're thrilled to share what's coming this winter and beyond!

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY: WINTER IN THE WOODS

Did you know winter is a critical season for forestry professionals? It's a time for forest maintenance, such as clearing invasive species, planting trees, and conducting controlled burns to prepare for healthy spring growth. At FHC, our upcoming Sustainable Forestry Dioramas will highlight these practices and showcase how foresters protect ecosystems year-round. Stay tuned for updates!



OKLAHOMA FOREST HERITAGE CENTER



28TH ANNUAL FOLK FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW



This November, the Folk Festival brought together just over 18,500 people - including artisans, musicians, and the community for a celebration of tradition. From live music to craft demonstrations, visitors enjoyed a glimpse into Oklahoma's rich cultural heritage. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this special event. Special thanks to the Oklahoma Arts Council for their continued support. Mark your calendars for next year's Folk Festival, happening November 14-16th of 2025.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



"Dear Friends of the Forest,
As the year draws to a close, I'm reflecting on the remarkable moments we've shared at the Forest Heritage Center. From new exhibits to community programs, 2024 has been a year of growth and connection. We're excited about what's to come in 2025 and are grateful for your continued support. As you enjoy this festive season, we invite you to visit the FHC to explore our exhibits, join in our programs, and experience the magic of the winter season. Warm wishes for a happy holiday and a joyful new year."

-Shalee Buzan, Director of the Forest Heritage Center

FHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



The Forest Heritage Center BOD awarded a scholarship to Raegan Ward. This scholarship recognizes Raegan’s commitment to Forestry and education, as well as her involvement in community activities. The award was presented to Raegan (by Pete Herron) as part of the FHC’s ongoing efforts to support local youth and their educational journeys. We congratulate Raegan on this achievement and look forward to seeing her continue to excel after graduation in December! Congratulations!

SPECIAL EVENTS

OMA CONFERENCE 2024

In September, Brianna Reed, Museum Curator and Board Representative, and Shalee Buzan, Director of the Forest Heritage Center, attended the Oklahoma Museum Association conference. The event offered valuable insights and opportunities to explore topics such as technology, neurodivergent programs, marketing, educational initiatives, fundraising, and collections care. It was also a great chance to network with other museum professionals and connect with exhibitors offering products to enhance our work at the FHC.

DIRECTOR - IDABEL ROTARY LUNCHEON



In August, Shalee Buzan spoke to the Rotary Club, sharing updates about the Forest Heritage Center and its upcoming projects. Her presentation highlighted the museum’s new exhibits, educational programs, and partnerships, showcasing the FHC’s role in preserving Oklahoma’s heritage and fostering community engagement. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with local leaders and share the FHC’s mission and future goals.



You are cordially invited to the annual *Master Woodworking Artist of the Year* competition and exhibit!

2025 MASTER WOODWORKING ARTIST OF THE YEAR!

As the “Wood Art Capital of Oklahoma,” the Forest Heritage Center has the honor of bestowing the prestigious title. Past winners include Phil Wiles of Norfolk, AR, Jerry Brownrigg of Alva, OK, Kenneth Vonk of Mena, AR, Kevin Walker of Rudy, AR, Wayne Delyea of Granbury, TX, Steven Knott of Mena, AR, and Jim Anderson of Steilacoom, WA. Artists from across the nation will compete in this year’s show with a diverse array of techniques including marquetry, furniture making, woodturning, carving, and sculpture. Many wood artists select their material from Oklahoma’s diverse array of native woods, choosing to harvest dead standing or fallen timber, or knots and burls that are otherwise unsuitable for construction, adding untold value to Oklahoma’s already booming forest industry. **Gallery display dates: March 6 - May 9, Opening reception March 2nd at the Forest Heritage Center.**

EDUCATIONAL CORNER

Did You Know? The Forest Heritage Center now offers audiovisual tours right on our website! Explore our exhibits and learn about the history of sustainable forestry, forestry careers, and more from the comfort of your home or your classroom. These tours provide an engaging, multimedia experience, allowing you to dive deep into the stories and artifacts of the FHC.

Visit our website to start your self-guided tour today!



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STATE PARKS



BEGINNING WOODTURNING

Students will begin with safety and will gain hands-on experience during the six classes. Each night will feature a short demonstration by a master woodturner and opportunities for students to learn to use a lathe under the supervision of an experienced turner. The “learn to turn” techniques that are taught in class will help students successfully transition to turning in their own shops and the class will help new woodturners develop relationships that will provide mentorship long after the classes have ended. **March 2025**



ROTATING EXHIBITIONS

The Forest Heritage Center, keeps its exhibits fresh and engaging by rotating its museum displays. This approach allows the center to showcase different aspects of forestry, conservation, and the rich cultural history tied to the region's wooded landscapes. By featuring a variety of themes—ranging from historical logging practices to contemporary forest management techniques—the rotating displays offer visitors unique perspectives each time they visit.



1ST SATURDAY



The FHC prides itself on offering monthly programs and crafting opportunities for our guests. These events enhance the visitor experience and makes our facility memorable. For the 1st quarter of 2025 we have a chuck wagon cooking event, blacksmithing demonstration, and Tree Bear themed education day! Want to keep up with us? Check out our social media pages for more!



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Kid's Corner



Wildlife

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