
OWASSO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Museum Hours

Tuesday – Friday
Noon – 4:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Other times by
Appointment

918-272-4966

BOARD MEETINGS – The Historical Society Board of Directors meets at the museum on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m., except May and December.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Owasso Historical Museum
Saturday, March 22, 2014
10:00 – 2:00 p.m.

During the last few months, many upgrades have taken place at the museum. New carpet has been installed in all of the showrooms and the office; new flooring has been installed in the workroom, bathroom, and entrances; and several new showcases were purchased. Displays have been rearranged and some new displays added. An open house will be held on Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At around 1:00 p.m. Mr. Henry Bodden will be giving a brief talk on Iwo Jima. Mr. Bodden is an author and Owasso resident. His book, published in 2011, is titled *In The Footsteps of Valor – A Personal Pictorial Diary of WW2 – “Then & Now”*.

Come by any time between 10:00 & 2:00 for a tour of the museum; be here at 1:00 if you would like to hear Mr. Bodden’s remarks.

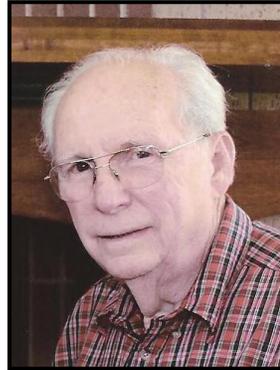
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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms for the two Historical Society scholarships have been delivered to Owasso High School and Rejoice High School. Any Senior graduating from an accredited high school within the city limits of Owasso is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Recipients must enroll as an undergraduate student at an Oklahoma (or adjoining state) college or university, and the \$1000 scholarship is paid directly to the university - \$500 per semester. Students wishing to apply must also visit the museum and the visit must be verified by the Museum Director or a museum volunteer. Consideration will be given to applications postmarked by Friday, April 4, 2014 and received by Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Hand delivered applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2014. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Have you ever had a desire to create a beautiful spray of flowers? If so, now is your chance. Creating wreaths and sprays for Memorial Day is our big fundraising project. We will begin work on the flowers in mid-March & continue until Memorial Day or until we run out of flowers. Volunteers set their own times, working as much or as little as they like. Come on by the museum and give us a hand. Even though you think you don’t have any talent for this type of project, you just might be surprised at what you can create. Funds raised through the project support the annual scholarships, as well as the purchase of items for the museum and incidental society expenses.

**WALTER
ORVAL
TRAPP**



Museum volunteer, Orval Trapp, passed away on December 8, 2013 at the age of 87 years. He was born November 18, 1926 in Owasso to George and Marie Trapp.

Orval attended all 12 years of school in Owasso, graduating with the class of 1945. He was drafted in the Army on January 19, 1945, and served three years in the Army and Reserves. His overseas duty was with the occupation forces in Japan. He joined the Navy in 1948, where he learned electronics and worked in Naval Communications, and was also a photographer with the Stars and Stripes magazine. He received his discharge in 1952.

Following his military service, Orval worked for Douglas Aircraft in their electronics department for about five years. He then took a job with Sperry Univac Division of Sperry Rand, working with computers for over 29 years, until their merger with Burroughs. The years working for this company brought about many moves – from Tulsa to Oklahoma City to Amarillo several times. He retired in Tulsa in 1986.

Orval married Betty Sharp Cunningham in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 28, 1957. They were married for 41 years. Betty passed away in September 1998.

Following Betty’s death, Orval visited the Owasso Library seeking information on the history of Owasso. He was directed to the Owasso Historical Museum, and that was the beginning of many years of volunteering with the museum and the Historical Society. He enjoyed doing research, giving tours, and speaking to groups about the history of the Owasso area. He was also a familiar face during the Historical Society’s annual Memorial Day flowers fundraiser. He loved interacting with the customers, helping them find that perfect arrangement, and then carrying the arrangements to their vehicle.

Orval had a passion for helping people. He volunteered hundreds of hours at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, sorting and repackaging donated food and other grocery items.

Orval always had a smile on his face, and was willing to do whatever was needed. His presence will be missed.

GRANT RECEIVED

The Owasso Historical Society is the recipient of a \$5,000 grant awarded by the Wayne and Jo Anne Moore Charitable Foundation. The grant was awarded by the Foundation Board (all Moore family members) in September 2013, and must be used within one year of receiving the funds. The Historical Society Board of Directors is considering the best use of the funds.

Wayne Moore’s parents, James Moore and Henry Ester Moore, moved to Owasso in about 1901. They had six children - Nova, Ann, William, Dale, Wayne, and Edwin – all now deceased. Their home was a two-story house on what is now Main Street. Moore Funeral Home (no relation) now is on the site.

James (Jim) Moore was in the oil and banking business.

Some of you will remember the “Jim Moore Garage” building, located across the street east of what is now the Owasso Historical Museum. Mr. Moore built the brick building in approximately 1920. It was torn down in June 1995.

MUSEUM “WANTS”- We are looking for donations of several items to add to our displays & information.

- Halsell Ranch – Information & Photos
- S & H Green Stamps Catalog
- Owasso High School Yearbooks
- Progress Days Photos

If you have photos, but don’t want to part with them, we can scan them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We are always looking for volunteers who can spend some time at the museum greeting visitors and being available to show them around and answer their questions. We also need people who can be on call to help with tour groups – both during the day and evenings. If you have just a couple of hours once a month, we would be glad to have you. The museum is open Noon – 4:00 Tuesday – Friday, and 10:00 – 2:00 on Saturday. If you have an interest in volunteering, give Marilyn a call at 272-4966 or stop by the museum and talk to her.

Owasso Museum e-mail address
owassomuseum@tulsacoxmail.com

RECENTLY DONATED ITEMS

Don Kerr donated a Meat Cleaver that was used by "Peg Leg" Vanfleet at his market for vegetables and meat. The market was located on the southwest corner of 76th and Main, where the old First Bank of Owasso was located. The blade on the cleaver is 21" long and 6½" wide.

Shirlene Kerr donated a Glass Jar Butter Churn (Dandy Deluxe) that she purchased at a garage sale because it reminded her of the churn her mother used. The churn was manufactured by the Taylor Brothers Churn and Manufacturing Co of St. Louis, MO. The company was purchased by Jack Dazey in 1945.



The cornerstone from the first Masonic Lodge in Owasso, located at Main and 87th. The building was sold to the Owasso School District, and was used as the John Hurt Band Building until the current high school was built.

Two Irish Tea Cups brought back from Dublin, Ireland were donated by Missy Shields. She got the cups when the Owasso High School Band made their first visit to Ireland in 1979.

DISPLAYS

A new display book of World War II Ration Coupons has been put together by Velma Smock, a scrapbook volunteer. She has arranged the many different stamps, books, application forms, & tokens from the United States & other countries.

Sue Hatfield from Surcee Home Gifts store has volunteered several hours to assist in putting together displays in our new showcases.

If you are an "Annual" member of the Historical Society, your 2014 dues are due.

REASON TO SMILE

I was out walking with my grandson. He picked up something off the ground & started to put it in his mouth. I took the item away from him & asked him to not do that.

"Why?" my grandson asked.

"Because it's been on the ground; you don't know where it's been, it's dirty, and probably has germs, and sometimes germs make little boys sick & not feel good." I replied.

At this point, my grandson looked at me with total admiration & asked, "Grandma, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart."

I was thinking quickly & said to him, "All grandmas know stuff. It's on the Grandma Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Grandma."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but he was evidently pondering this new information.

"Oh...I get it!" He beamed. "If you don't pass the test, you have to be the Grandpa."

"Exactly," I replied with a big smile on my face.

Don Bobino & his dog, Tex



J B Hamby originally owned Tex. Mr Hamby was with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Department. When he transferred to Rogers County, Tex was given to Don. Tex was the first police dog in the state of Oklahoma.

Effective January 1, 2014 Annual Membership Dues are on January 1st of each year.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Owasso Historical Society

Date _____

Name _____

Business/Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New _____ Renewal _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES (circle one)

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| • Individual Annual Membership | \$25 | • Student Annual Membership | \$1 |
| • Family Annual Membership | \$35 | • Life Membership | \$100 |
| • Business Annual Membership | \$25 | • Business Life Membership | \$250 |

Make checks payable to Owasso Historical Society

Please complete the above form and mail with your membership fee to:
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