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Greg Burns creates *Visions of Reality*

In December, the Gaylord-Pickens Museum opened *Visions of Reality* by Oklahoma City artist Greg Burns in its Tulsa World Gallery. Burns works in ink and watercolor, drawing intricate details first with a pen and following with watercolor. Born with Arthrogryposis, a muscle and joint disease that affects the use of his arms and legs, he draws with the pen in his hand and adds watercolor by holding the brush in his teeth.

"People always say that I paint with my teeth, but I don't; I paint with my brain," said Burns.

Oklahoma landmarks remain a favorite subject for the Oklahoma City artist, and he's well known for his prints of state schools and universities. Though his style appears realistic,

Burns says he interprets what he sees and produces his own version of reality.

"What I strive for in my pictures is to capture the reality of something as truthfully as I can," said Burns. "Like life itself, it's organic. It's not perfect."

Burns also is featured in the Museum's Perseverance exhibit in its Oklahoma Through Its People Gallery.

Burns' exhibit in the Tulsa World Gallery includes pieces specially created for the exhibition and highlights

landscapes and landmarks from Oklahoma to Colorado to Italy that are meaningful to the artist. *Visions of Reality* will be on display through March 12.



Greg and Patricia Burns in front of *Elephants* at the *Visions of Reality* opening.

President's Corner



Spring brings with it a new tradition for the Association and Museum: our annual membership campaign. We will kick off the campaign in Oklahoma City and are looking forward to visiting southwest, south central and northwest regions of the state to share our mission and programs. As it did in 2010, we know this unified approach will help us reach more Oklahomans than ever before.

In December, we were honored to open *Visions of Reality* by Oklahoma City artist Greg Burns in our Tulsa World Gallery. Be sure to visit the gallery before March to see his incredible work. In late March, we will open *Living Legacy* featuring sculpture by the late Willard Stone and his son Jason.

I am proud to share that our Teen Board received the prestigious Outstanding Youth Making a Difference Award from the Oklahoma chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for its work over the past four years. This year's board is hoping to raise \$15,000 through its Battle of the Bands. Our Second Century young professionals group has a number of spring events planned and continues to share our mission with this important age group.

Spring also means the Association and Museum are again offering more than \$500,000 in cash scholarships and tuition grants to high school students around the state. We are grateful to the individuals and universities who make this tradition possible, with special thanks to the late John and Mary Nichols for continuing to sponsor the annual \$10,000 Nichols Scholarship.

I hope you'll consider making a nomination for the 2011 Oklahoma Hall of Fame class. Forms can be downloaded from our website and are due March 5.

Join us on May 7 for free admission at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum. Though hard to believe, we'll be celebrating our fourth anniversary, and we'd love for you to be part of the fun!

-Shannon L. Rich

Second Century plans spring events

Second Century board members have two events slated for the first half of 2011. On **March 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** at the Devon Boathouse, Second Century members are invited to learn more about Core to Shore/ MAPS3 with Tom McDaniel, chairman of the MAPS3 Advisory Council, and Ron Norick. The original MAPS, a project of then-mayor Norick, helped revitalize Bricktown and Oklahoma City's national image. After a successful MAPS for Kids, the citizens passed MAPS3 in December 2009. Norick



Second Century board members Abby Morgan, Stacey Huddleston and Christian Whitney at the *Visions of Reality* opening reception.

and McDaniel, both members of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, will compare MAPS and MAPS3 and discuss how the city and its young professionals will be impacted by the current project.

In May, Second Century is planning a Summer in the City movie party playing *Twister* on the front lawn of the Gaylord-Pickens Museum.

For more information about or to RSVP for either of these events, contact Alexis Lux at 405.523.3207 or alux@oklahomaheritage.com.

Hall of Fame seeking nominations

The Oklahoma Heritage Association is seeking nominations for the 2010 Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor any Oklahoman can receive from the state.

The names of the Hall of Fame members, as well as busts and portraits of these individuals, can be seen at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum. In addition, the inductees are recognized on granite monuments in the Heritage Plaza at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

Anyone can nominate someone to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and nominees may be either living or deceased. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must:

- Reside in Oklahoma or be a former resident of the state

- Have performed outstanding service to humanity, the state of Oklahoma and the United States
- Be known for their public service throughout the state

Individuals who have never resided in Oklahoma may be nominated if they have been distinguished in their profession or if their public service has brought honor or distinction to Oklahoma or contributed to the state's heritage.

Nominations are due to the Gaylord-Pickens Museum by **Friday, March 5 by 5 p.m.** To download the nomination form and specific criteria, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com.

Contact Millie Craddick with questions at 405.523.3203 or mc@oklahomaheritage.com.

Scholarships offered

In 2010, more than \$520,000 was made available to Oklahoma high school students, much of that through the annual Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship Competition. The competition began in 1991, and three years later was expanded to offer at least one scholarship in each county. Also in 1994, John W. & Mary D. Nichols began annually offering a \$10,000 scholarship to a high school senior.

Through the generosity of individuals, organizations and universities from across the state, the Association and Museum now makes available more than \$500,000 in cash scholarships and tuition grants each year through the competition. To compete, Oklahoma students in grades nine through 12 take a test on Oklahoma's history, geography and people. Four institutions offer tuition grants in all 77 counties: Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Christian University, Bacone College and the University of Science and Arts.

The 2011 test will be given at 16 locations across the state on **Saturday, April 2**, and students will compete in the county in which they attend school. The high scorers in each county receive a cash scholarship or tuition grant. Each county has at least four tuition grants available, and some have as many as 16 cash scholarships and tuition grants. Students must be preregistered for the test by March 23 to participate, and registration forms can be downloaded from www.oklahomaheritage.com.

Also online, students can download a study guide to help prepare for the test and review the scholarships available in their county.

For more information about registering to take the test, proctoring a test site or becoming a scholarship donor, contact Gini Moore Campbell at 405.523.3202 or gmc@oklahomaheritage.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the universities and individuals across the state who make the competition available by generously providing tuition grants and cash scholarships. Special thanks to Griffin Communications for its donation of television time to help spread the message about the program. Watch KWTU or visit www.news9.com to view our scholarship commercial.

\$10,000

John W. & Mary D. Nichols Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship available to high school seniors

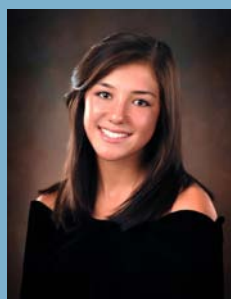
The Oklahoma Heritage Association is taking nominations for the \$10,000 John W. and Mary D. Nichols Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship, which is available to high school seniors interested in attending an Oklahoma college or university.

Students may be nominated for this scholarship by teachers or administrators not related to the student.

The scholarship is based on the student's demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of Oklahoma history, as well as academic achievement, citizenship and leadership. As the name implies, the scholarship is generously funded each year by the late John W. and Mary D. Nichols. Applications are due to the Gaylord-Pickens Museum by **Friday, March 5 at 5 p.m.** and can be downloaded from www.oklahomaheritage.com.



Devin Pinaroc receives first Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship



The Association and Museum awarded Bishop McGuinness High School senior Devin Pinaroc the first Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is based on the student's leadership roles, civic and community involvement, academic achievement, and knowledge and pride of Oklahoma. Pinaroc was recognized at the 2010

Oklahoma Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony.

Pinaroc is a member of the 2010-2011 Oklahoma Heritage Association Teen Board, serves on the Youth Council of Oklahoma City, is a National Hispanic Recognition Scholar, serves as president of the Spanish Club, and gives tours to new and potential students as a Presidential Ambassador. She plans to attend the University of Tulsa in the fall to study biology or biochemistry.

"I love the sense of community in our state," said Pinaroc in her application. "It has given me a place to not only grow but also to develop into a person who gives back to my community."

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Association releases newest title

The newest title published by the Oklahoma Heritage Association, scheduled for release later this month, is the autobiography *H. Dale Cook: Born to Serve Honorably*.

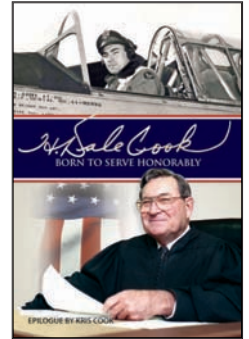
Born and raised in Guthrie, Cook was a fighter pilot instructor during World War II, after which he earned undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Oklahoma. He served as County Attorney of Lincoln County and an Assistant United States Attorney before going into private practice.

He served as legal counsel to the first Republican governor of Oklahoma and later as director of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals in Washington, D.C. He was appointed by President Gerald Ford and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a United

States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma in Tulsa. The Honorable H. Dale Cook served for more than 33 years.

His sense of integrity, duty, honor and love of country guided his approach to the many challenges he faced. His quiet, unassuming story telling, sprinkled with humor and joy, teaches life lessons for his readers to share.

Born to Serve Honorably retails for \$29.95 and can be purchased in the Gaylord-Pickens Museum Store, online at www.oklahomaheritage.com or in bookstores statewide.



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Celebrate with the Museum on May 7

On **Saturday, May 7**, the Gaylord-Pickens Museum will open its doors free of charge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in celebration of its fourth anniversary.

Visitors will enjoy tours of the Museum's high-tech, interactive exhibits, as well as fun activities for the whole family. The Museum's I AM OKLAHOMA children's station gives kids the opportunity to dress up like and be inspired by

their favorite Oklahoma heroes. Accompanying handouts direct children to exhibits in the Museum where they can learn more about these Oklahomans. Book signings with some of the Association and Museum's most popular authors will take place throughout the day.

For more information, visit www.oklahomaheritage.com or call 405.235.4458.

Membership campaign gears up for spring events

The Association and Museum's 2010 membership campaign's success in both spreading the mission of the organization and gaining support from across the state has encouraged a similar campaign for 2011. Events



Stan Stamper, Larry Minks and Scott Stidham enjoy the 2010 membership event in Durant.

were held in each region of the state, and the host cities were Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Lawton, Ponca City, Durant, Norman and Okmulgee.

The 2011 campaign will kick off again in Oklahoma City with a reception at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum on March 31 from 5 to 7 p.m., with spring events to follow in the southwest, south central and northwest

regions of the state. The campaign will focus on sharing the Association and Museum's programming opportunities with community members, businesses and educational institutions, providing information on both how they can benefit from membership and what their membership contributions would support. Each reception also will provide attendees with information on how the Association and Museum already are impacting that community.



Jason and Connie McCullough at the Okmulgee membership event.

For information on joining the Association and Museum, attending a membership reception or helping host an event in a certain area of the state, contact Alexis Lux at 405.523.3207 or alux@oklahomaheritage.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dena Drabek

Dena has been a member of the Association and Museum since 2007 and has served as a Second Century board member since 2010. She became a member because she's proud of her Oklahoma roots and wants to help ensure that Oklahoma history is being preserved for future generations.

Dena is extremely committed to her Second Century board membership, personally recruiting a number of other young professionals to join. She appreciates the opportunities she's had to meet notable and influential Oklahomans through the program and enjoys sharing her enthusiasm with others. Dena is also a regular at Museum exhibit openings and events.

Through her service, she has witnessed firsthand the impact the Association and Museum have on others: "I think the Association and Museum stand to have the greatest impact among youth and young professionals in our state. Events and exhibits can inspire them to pursue their dreams right here in Oklahoma. Fostering that pride in the next generation will help ensure that they make their lives here, and that is the greatest gift we can give back to our state."

Dena is the director of communications for the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City.

Upcoming Events

February

5: Heritage Keeper volunteer orientation
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

12: Battle of the Bands auditions
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

March

4: Oklahoma Hall of Fame nominations due

5: John W. & Mary D. Nichols Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship nominations due

18: *Living Legacy*, by Willard and Jason Stone, exhibit opening reception
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

23: Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship Competition registration forms due

26: Teen Board Battle of the Bands
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

April

2: Oklahoma Heritage Scholarship Competition
16 sites statewide

May

7: Free admission in honor of the Museum's fourth anniversary
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

12: Oklahoma Hall of Fame Reunion & 2011 Class Announcement Luncheon
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

June

23: *Pure Color*, by the Oklahoma Society of Impressionists, exhibit opening reception
Gaylord-Pickens Museum

Get details on all Association and Museum events through our bi-monthly e-update, *Heritage Headlines*. Sign up to receive it at www.oklahomaheritage.com.

Battle of the Bands set for March 26

Since August, the Oklahoma Heritage Association's Teen Board has been planning to wow their peers and the community at the 2011 Battle of the Bands. The 20-student group has been hard at work raising sponsorship dollars, recruiting bands and publicizing their event, all while gaining a greater appreciation of their roots.

"The Battle of the Bands is a great opportunity for us to showcase the talent of other young people in our state," said 2010-2011 Teen Board Chairman Morgan Roberts, a senior at Westmoore High School and a third-year board member. "This event is put together by students who love Oklahoma, with the money raised helping other students learn all there is to love about Oklahoma, too."

Proceeds from the Battle will benefit educational programs at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum.

Last year's board gave more than \$15,000, allowing more than 1,600 kids to tour the Museum for free, continuing a \$1,000 scholarship for a high school student and supporting summer camp programming.

Selected bands will battle it out for a \$1,000 prize on **Saturday, March 26** at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the competition begins at 7:30 p.m. In addition to great music, a raffle will give guests an opportunity to score prizes from gift cards to memorabilia signed by famous Oklahomans.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets or sponsorships, contact Erin Page at 405.523.3208 or ep@oklahomaheritage.com.

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Oklahoma through its people



(above) Jordan Tang and Kandy and Ron Norick enjoy the Hall of Fame reception.



(left) Santa makes guests smile during Downtown in December's Oklahoma City Community Foundation Free Museum Sundays.

(below) Volunteer Mary Flynn helps children in the craft room during Downtown in December, sponsored by the OKC Community Foundation.



(below) Teen Board members Hannah Hutchison, Morgan Roberts, Devin Pinaroc, Britton Stowell and Sarah Bedell enjoy meeting 2010 Hall of Fame inductee Kristin Chenoweth.

(right) 2010 Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductees Mike Turpen, Kristin Chenoweth and Ed Keller.



(left) Nancy Payne Ellis and Gini Moore Campbell present Devin Pinaroc with the first \$5,000 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Scholarship.



(right) Heritage Week winners thank representatives from IBC Bank for their contributions to the program.



(right) Elena Trejo, a fourth grade student at Choctaw Elementary School, shows off her winning Heritage Week poster, depicting gymnast Bart Conner.



(above) Nic and Laura Geautreaux congratulate Greg Burns at his opening reception.

(below) Second Century board members Abby Morgan and Christian Whitney sit on the bench of the Oklahoma Supreme Court before a discussion with Chief Justice Steven Taylor at the group's fall event.



(above) Bob Marshall, Erin Page, Jordan Page and Debbi Marshall enjoy the Greg Burns reception.